



NSEA General Rules 2018-19

including

NSEA Competition Rules for 2019

see also

NSEA Additional Rules for

NSEA National Qualifiers & NSEA Championships at Addington 2019

General Rules

The General & Competition Rules apply to membership, all competitions and include specific rules applying to particular events including the following: -

- 1) Grass Roots Qualifiers & Regional Championships (Pages 7 & 8) for Dressage & Show Jumping
- 2) Regional Points Leagues (for team competitions incl Grass Roots) (Pages 9 & 10)
- 3) County Show Jumping & Dressage Qualifiers & Championships (Pages 10 - 12)
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For competitions which are NSEA National Championships Qualifiers for Addington October 2019 (NCHQ) and for the National Championships themselves, please also see the Additional Rules – (NSEA Dressage, Arena Eventing (JwS) & Show Jumping National Qualifiers)

The Rules in Sections A to F are General Rules and apply to all NSEA competitions.

A) Eligibility and Membership

A1) All Competing Schools must be current members of the NSEA.

A2) Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st inclusive each year, and must be renewed before competing at NSEA competitions held after August 31st.

A3) To be eligible to compete at NSEA competitions, riders must be in full time education at the school they represent (see Competition Rules D2 for more information).

A member school must have registered the rider's name with the NSEA, as part of their riding squad. New riders coming into the school must be added to the affiliated list before they compete. Once a rider has been named as a member of the riding squad and a membership number has been given, they cannot be swapped for another, within the current membership year.

A4) Riders who are Home Schooled may compete as individuals and the Home School is registered in the usual way; a Home Schooled group may compete as a team provided this is agreed with the NSEA Membership Office

A5) Each School must obtain the consent of the Head Teacher or a member of the Senior Management Team in order to compete on behalf of their school; this consent should take the form of a signature on the Membership Application form.

B) Team Managers

B1) Each School must nominate a Team Manager. More than one may be nominated if necessary and can be a parent. If the Team Manager changes, please inform the NSEA promptly.

B2) The Team Manager will be expected to know these general rules and the rules of the competition at which their School is competing. We understand that many Schools' Team Managers are volunteer parents rather than professionals, so please note that, although these vary between competitions, the rules are kept as clear, easy to understand and concise as possible. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the team manager enters their son/daughter in competitions at an appropriate level, commensurate with the child's ability and experience. The Team Manager also needs to ensure that all their horses have up to date flu vaccinations recorded in their passports.

B3) ONLY the Team Manager is to deal with the Secretary and/or officials of an event. Changes to team members / individuals must be made before the day of the competition and preferably before start times have been published. Changes on the day, may only be made before the start of the class and only if there is an injury or incident which prevents a horse or rider from competing and will be at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.

B4) In the event of an objection, the Team Manager must lodge a written objection with the Secretary within five minutes of the end of the class. This must be accompanied by a £20 deposit, which may be forfeited in the event of an unsuccessful appeal.

B5) The Team Manager is responsible for the conduct of all riders, parents and persons associated with their School, which includes the use of social media (See C4).

C) Codes of Conduct

C1) Team Managers.

The Team Manager is the school representative on the day.

They need to ensure that riders and parents from their school display good sportsmanship, horsemanship and equine welfare at all times and adhere to the NSEA rules.

C2) Competitor's Code of Conduct

Competitors need to be aware of and abide by the rules of competition.

Competitors need to be correctly turned out, according to the rules.

Competitors must be aware that they are representing their school at all times and they need to be polite and considerate to all officials and fellow competitors.

The welfare of their horse/ pony is of paramount importance.

Competitors are expected to attend official Prize Givings, **dressed in appropriate competition dress** ie show jackets for show jumping and dressage and XC kit for arena eventing. If a competitor is unable to attend, they will need to send a representative to attend for them. Competitors will forfeit any prizes / rosettes not collected at the prizegiving.

Competitors are encouraged to thank the show organisers of the competition, before they leave. It is much appreciated.

C3) Parents' Code of Conduct

Parents need to be aware of the NSEA competition rules and abide by them.

There should be no outside assistance, except in Grass Roots classes (40 & 50cm) and in

Dressage. See specific Grass Roots and Dressage Rules for guidance.

The Team Manager acts for the school. Parents must defer to the Team Manager at all times, including when making enquiries.

Parents should be reminded that whilst NSEA events are competitive, it is the rider and not the parent who is competing.

Sportsmanship and respect for officials, Team Managers, other competitors and fellow Parents is of utmost importance.

The welfare of the horse/pony and child is of paramount importance.

All siblings need to be under the control of their parents at all times and may not ride if they are not competing.

C4) Social Media

Whilst the NSEA recognises the need for communication through social media it must not be used as a medium to undermine the NSEA's reputation in any way nor to compromise the NSEA's confidentiality and child safeguarding policies.

Competition Rules that apply to ALL NSEA events

NSEA competitions will be run under the NSEA General Rules plus the rules set out below. The following rules are for all competitions listed on the NSEA website.

For those competing in NSEA National Championships Qualifiers and at the NSEA Championships at Addington in October 2019, please also see 'The Additional Rules'

In addition, the following will also apply to the relevant discipline:

Show Jumping – British Show Jumping Rules 2019

Dressage – British Dressage Rules 2019

Eventing – British Eventing Rules 2019

Jumping with Style – NSEA JwS Rules 2019 for scoring, British Eventing Rules 2019 for tack etc

D) Horses and Riders

D1) The 30cm Rule (General)

Any combination of horse and rider cannot compete in a jumping class at an NSEA competition, except hors concors, where the height is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed, (1st round height) in **any** competition (not just NSEA competitions). This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open classes. Therefore, Horse/Rider combinations jumping 1.30m or over may compete in NSEA Open or Advanced Open classes. If competing in a County Challenge Competition, please also see rule CchJQ1

Please note: a rider competing hors concors in one class is not automatically excluded from competing in other classes (above that height) at the same competition.

D2) Changing Schools

The definition of the word "Championships" as used in sub paragraphs a), b), c) & d) below includes Grass Roots Regional Championships, County Challenge Championships (April), Eventers Challenge Championships in May, Hickstead Elite Championships in August, NSEA team & individual Eventing Series Championships and the National Championships (October).

a) A rider who changes schools in 2018/19 can only then compete for their new school, unless they qualified with their previous school, for the 2019 Championships, prior to moving schools, in which case, they can represent their previous school, but only at the Championships, with the Head Teacher of the previous School's permission.

b) If a rider qualifies for one school, then changes school, they may ride at the Championships for the original school (see "a)" above). However, if they also qualify, in the same class, for their new school, they may compete for either school but not for both in the same class.

c) If a rider has changed schools since originally qualifying, they may compete for their old school at the Championships (see "a)" above) and also qualify for other classes for their new school. However, a rider may only compete for one school per class at the Championships. Riders may, therefore, represent more than one School at the Championships, if the qualifications are in different classes and the necessary permission is obtained from each School.

d) Once a rider leaves a school, they may no longer compete for that school (except at the Championships and providing they have qualified to do so, as detailed above). They may not, therefore, be used as a team "Wild Card" substitute for the Championships without prior qualification, as detailed above. A rider may not compete for their new school until they are enrolled at that school, and the School Year has started.

D3) School logos may be placed (in moderation) up to the maximum dimensions as follows:-

Saddlecloths – 200 sq cm

Hat covers – 3cm x 3cm

Jackets – 3cm x 3cm on the breast pocket

XC tops – 200sq cm (or 100 sq cm per arm)
Breeches (left leg only) – 20cm long, 4 cm wide

Sponsors logos may only appear once on either the horse or rider but not both and must be smaller than the school logo dimensions above.

D4) Horses & ponies must be a minimum of 4 years of age and must be entered in NSEA classes under their BD/ BE/ BS registered name. In most cases this will be the name shown in their Equine Passport and not their stable name and may only compete once per class.

D5) Stallions may only compete in NSEA competitions with prior written permission of the competition organiser and should be identified on the competition entry form. This must be sought in advance of the entry closure date. The stallion must then wear a stallion disc. Please also be mindful that not all competitors will realise that the horse is a stallion.

D6) All competitors and horses should look clean, neat and tidy. Long hair should be put in a hairnet for Dressage, One Day Events, Arena Eventing and Show Jumping.
Hair should not be worn below collar length in any NSEA competitions.

D7) Hat Rules

For Dressage & Show Jumping:

British- PAS 015 1998 or 2011

European -VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kite Marked

American – SEI marked ASTM F1163 2004a onwards and SNELL E2001 onwards

Australian & New Zealand – AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards

For Cross Country, Arena Eventing (JWS), Eventers Challenge:

Only a “Jockey’s Skull” may be worn, this must have **no peak**, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required. Cameras may not be worn on any hat whilst riding.

All Competitors are strongly advised to check their hats regularly, or take them to a reputable hat supplier to be checked. We recommend that hats are replaced following a fall and checked after any impact.

D8) Tack should fit correctly and all safety equipment should be of working standard and worn at all necessary times.

D9) The NSEA recommends that any competitor who falls off during any sort of warm up should always find a Medic and be checked over before they compete. Any official attending will be able to advise of the location of the Medical Team.

D10) Boys and girls will compete in the same classes.

D11) All competitors attending prize givings must be correctly dressed. An Organiser reserves the right to withhold rosettes and prizes if they see fit.

D12) Horses may only be ridden by NSEA competitors at an NSEA competition. A horse is not to be ridden or warmed up by anyone other than the rider who is competing that horse at that competition.
Horses may only be lunged in designated lunging areas, by prior permission of the Show Organiser.

E) Teams/Individuals

E1) Teams to consist of at least three or, at most four riders, unless the rules that are specific to a particular competition state otherwise.

E2) At competitions where both teams & individuals are taking part, the scores of all team competitors obtained whilst riding as a team member, will automatically also count as their individual score, when determining the individual placings. This also applies to team riders competing at the NSEA Championships, who have also qualified to compete as individuals. Please note that all horse/rider combinations must have pre-qualified to compete as individuals at the Championships.

E3) The best three scores count in a team competition. A team which does not register at least three valid scores will be eliminated. Any individual scores registered as part of an eliminated team will still be counted in individual competitions, where applicable.

E4) All riders must be from the same Member School and be registered with the NSEA as named members of the riding squad of that School. (see Competition Rules D2 for more information)

E5) Riders may only compete once in a team, so may not ride two horses in the same team, except in Grass Roots competitions – see specific Grass Roots rules.

E6) At local level (GR & RPL) jumping, an individual may ride 3 different horses in any one class, and those horses may be ridden in up to 3 classes. Therefore, a horse/rider combination may compete in 3 teams at different heights – see specific Grass Roots and RPL rules.

E7) In County qualifying Competitions (Cchq), a rider may ride a maximum of three different horses in any one class. A horse/rider combination may compete in 2 teams at the county qualifier, providing that they are at 2 different adjacent heights. (ie 70cm & 80cm, 80cm & 90cm, 90cm & 1m, 1m & 1.10 but not 70cm & 90cm or 80 & 1m see rule CchJQ1)

No rider may compete in 70cm & 1m classes.

E8) Each team of four at a Championships must include two out of the original qualified four horse/rider combinations. However, if, in exceptional circumstances, a previously qualified team has only one of the original horse/rider combinations remaining, the School may be permitted, at the discretion of the NSEA, to substitute two new horse/rider combinations to make up a team of three.

A Team Manager may have up to two wild card substitutions providing they fulfil the following criteria and all other restrictions listed in these rules:

a) The substitute horse/rider combination, should have successfully completed a NSEA Competition in the same year or a B.E, BS or Pony Club competition, at the same level or above, or may, in some cases, be included at the discretion of the Team Manager providing the circumstances have been discussed with and agreed by the NSEA.

b) A team may qualify with a team of only three riders, then take a fourth as one wild card, providing they fulfil the above criteria (see 'a')

c) If a team rider is eliminated at a qualifier and their team goes on to qualify, that rider may not compete at the Championships unless they successfully complete at another competition, at the same level or above and their entry is sent with an authorising letter from their Team Manager.

d) A school, having qualified a team, may not qualify the same team of horse/rider combinations again, in the same class (same discipline, same height) and then split that team, to create two teams comprising two of the original horse/rider combinations in each team and drafting in two wild card substitute combinations into each, in order to turn the original qualified team of four horse/rider combinations into two teams for the Championships.

E9) Individual qualification refers to the horse/rider combination and therefore, neither the horse nor rider may be substituted at a Championships.

F) Powers of Judges/Show Organisers

F1) The Judges and Show Organisers have the right to stop any competitor during their round and/or subsequently eliminate them if they deem the following:

That a rider, horse or combination is unsafe or poses an unacceptable risk to themselves, their horse or others.

That a rider is unfit to compete.

That a horse is unsound or distressed.

That a rider or person associated with the rider, has used any unacceptable force on a horse, anywhere at an event.

That a person has, in the opinion of the Organiser or Judges, forced a child to compete against their express wishes

This is not to discourage encouraging the child to challenge their abilities.

Any rider who has benefited unfairly from outside assistance. This is not to discourage support and encouragement.

Any rider, or Team Manager, supporter or other associated person who is abusive, uncooperative, or rude to any Official.

In the event of a dispute, the NSEA will act as the final arbiter.

F2) The Judges and Show Organisers have the right to require any competitor to satisfactorily complete the following before they are permitted to compete:

- An examination of the rider by a member of medical staff.
- An examination of the horse by a vet.
- An examination by an official of any item of equipment or tack.
- An examination of evidence of their Membership of their School's Riding Squad.

F3) The NSEA Knockdown/Late Drop Rule

The 'knockdown rule' is to be applied in all NSEA Jumping competitions. It is to be used over the British Eventing and British Show Jumping rules covering knockdowns and 'late drops'. The rule is designed to bring clarity and uniformity to NSEA jumping competitions.

A 'knockdown' is interpreted as the lowering of the height of a fence caused by the competitor. The lowering of the fence must have occurred before the competitor crosses the finish line.

The pole does not need to actually strike the ground, merely come to a position lower than its starting place.

Knocking down lower poles or planks will not count as a penalty- only the upper pole.

The below examples are hoped to provide some 'practical application' of the rule - all are taken from real scenarios.

Example 1 - the pole falls onto a filler, not the floor.

4 faults as the fence's height was lowered by the competitor.

Example 2 - the pole does not leave the cup, but the retractable wing/stand's height is reduced by an impact.

4 faults as the fence's height was lowered by the competitor.

Example 3 - planks begin swinging in the cup due to an impact from a competitor, but actually leave the cup and fall AFTER the competitor has crossed the finish line.

No faults. The alteration in the height of the fence occurred after the competitor had crossed the line, even if the cause of that alteration occurred prior to the finish.

F4) Balloting

A) If entries at Qualifiers for Eventers Challenge, Hickstead Elite, Grass Roots & Windsor Qualifiers are over-subscribed, balloting out will take place in the following order:

- 1) Entries that are received after the 'entries closure' date and any entry without the current NSEA Membership number correctly quoted, or without payment of the correct entry fee being received prior to the ballot date.
- 2) Third teams per school per class and those from the same school who are entered only as individuals in that class.
- 3) Second teams per school per class.
- 4) First teams per school per class, and remaining individuals who are not part of a team.

B) Balloting at County Qualifiers

1) Entries that are received after the 'entries closure' date and any entry without the current NSEA Membership number correctly quoted or without payment of the correct entry fee being received prior to the ballot date.

2) All teams / individuals from schools situated outside the relevant county will balloted out before 3 & 4

- 3) Third teams per school per class, and those from the same school who are entered only as individuals in that class.
- 4) Second teams per school per class.

C) Online entries

The online entry system for most events is set up on a first-come, first served basis.

In the event that any one of the above exclusions reduces eligible entries to the class to below the number of maximum entries allowed, the Show Organiser will draw names out of a hat, from those who were previously ineligible, to fill the class

F5) The end of the show is deemed to be when the show is cleared down ie approximately half an hour after the last horse has jumped.

F6) Entering NSEA Competitions

Only pupils currently registered with the NSEA, as named riders included in their schools' riding squad may be entered into any NSEA competition.

Pupils may only compete if they have permission from the Head Teacher / Team Manager.

The NSEA will not be held responsible for any financial loss incurred by any entrant, their associates or attendees as a result of a cancellation or postponement of a competition.

Rules for Specific Competitions

- 1) Grass Roots Qualifiers & Regional Championships (Pages 7 & 8) for Dressage & Show Jumping
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The number of teams / individuals to qualify for different championships

Qualifying Competition	Teams to qualify per section	Individuals to qualify	Rider Age
Grass Roots (Regional Championships)	6	6	U19 1 st Jan 2019
RPL (NSEA Championships)	3 per Region	Team only	
County Show Jumping & Dressage (County Championships)	1	1	70cm U14 on 1 st Jan 2019 80 upwards U19 on 1 st Jan 2019
Eventers Challenge (Hickstead) May	2	2	U19 1 st Jan 2019
Windsor	2 teams (1 team per school ONLY) at Windsor	Team only	U19 1 st Jan 2019
Hickstead Elite (Aug 1 st) (HEQ)	2	2	U19 1 st Jan 2019
Pop Up Dressage	Individual only	8 in each section	U19 1 st Jan 2019
Eventing Championships (ECQ)	3	6	U19 1 st Jan 2019
BE Points league (NSEA Championships)	Individual only	Top 10 in each section	U19 1 st Jan 2019
National Championships (CHQ) DR, SJ, Arena Eventing (JwS)	2	4	70cm U14 on 1 st Jan 2019 80 upwards U19 on 1 st Jan 2019
Championships Plate	3 – 8th	5 – 8th	70cm U14 on 1 st Jan 2019 80 upwards U19 on 1 st Jan 2019

1) Grass Roots Competitions (GR)

The purpose of the Grass Roots program is to provide very novice riders with the opportunity to experience the excitement of competition. The rules are, therefore, kept as flexible as possible but, please embrace the “spirit” of the rules. Don’t use Grass Roots competitions as an easy opportunity to “pot hunt”. The top 6 teams & individuals at qualifiers will be eligible to compete at any Regional Grass Roots Final.

GR1) Riders are U19 on 1st Jan 2019. There is no further age / height restriction on classes.

GR2) Novice riders may be assisted and/or led at 40cm and assisted (not led) at 50cm with the Team Manager’s permission. People entering the ring to assist do so at their own risk. 60cm and above are not allowed to have any assistance whilst in the arena.

40cm classes are judged on style only over a simple course of fences.

50cm classes and above will be single phase competitions. However, in addition to this there will be an award for the best rider.

GR3) Up to 3 refusals are allowed in these classes.

GR4) Apart from at the Championships (see rule GR11 below), **no rider may compete at Grass Roots Competitions, except hors concors, if they have completed an 80cm course or higher at any competition** (not just NSEA competitions), or have competed in any jumping classes at the NSEA October National Championships or at 80cm or above at the National County Championships. However, riders who are eliminated, whilst attempting an 80cm competition course, are still eligible for Grass Roots.

GR5) If a rider/horse combination, whether competing as an individual or as a team member, jumps in the 70cm or 75cm class they may not also compete in the 40cm class.

GR6) A rider may ride two ponies/horses in the same team, at a Grass Roots competition, providing the school has only one team in the class.

GR7) Two riders may ride the same pony/horse in the same team, at a Grass Roots competition, providing the school has only one team in the class.

GR8) At local level, a horse/rider combination may compete in 3 teams at different heights (but not 40cm if they jump at 70cm or 75cm).

GR9) The 30cm Rule does apply at all Grass Roots competitions.

GR10) A pony may jump a maximum of 3 rounds in a day at any Grass Roots qualifier or Regional Championships.

GR11) Grass Roots Regional Championships.

Team Qualifications

Each team of four at a Grass roots Regional Championships must include two out of the original qualified four horse/rider combinations. **However, if, in exceptional circumstances, a previously qualified team has only one of the original horse/rider combinations remaining, the School may be permitted, at the discretion of the NSEA, to substitute two new horse/rider combinations to make up a team of three.**

Individual Qualifications

Individual Qualifications for the Grass Roots Regional Championships apply to the horse/rider combination. Therefore, you may not substitute either the horse OR the rider to compete at the Championships.

Horse/rider combinations who have qualified to compete at the Grass Roots Regional Championships but, have since jumped 80cm, are still eligible to compete at the Championships, but only in the 60cm, 70cm & 75cm classes. They may, therefore, use their previously gained 40cm or 50cm qualification to compete in one of the 60cm, 70cm & 75cm classes only.

Once a **rider** has competed at 80cm they are no longer eligible to compete in further Grass Roots competitions (see rule GR4 above), except at the Championships for which they have qualified, as stated above. If a **rider** competes at 90cm or above they will forfeit any previously held Grass Root qualifications and are ineligible for Grass Roots Regional Championships.

All of the above applies providing the 30 cm rule isn't breached.

Grass Roots Heights

40cm	Teams & individuals. May be assisted and/or led. Judged on style only.
50cm	Teams & individuals. May be assisted (not led). Single phase. Additional style prize awarded.
60cm	Teams & individuals. No assistance. Single phase. Additional style prize awarded.
70cm (Introductory)	A simple course to prepare riders for 70cm RPL. No assistance Single phase. Additional style prize awarded.
75cm (Introductory)	To help bridge the gap between Grass Roots and Championship Qualifiers. No assistance. Single phase. Additional style prize awarded.

2) Regional Points Team Leagues (RPL)

RPL is a TEAM competition. The disciplines listed below are included in the RPL Points Leagues.

RPLs include:

- Dressage, Show Jumping, ODE's
- Grass Roots team classes
- County Dressage & Show Jumping team Qualifiers
- Eventers Team Challenge series
- Windsor & Hickstead Elite Show Jumping Qualifiers
- National Championships (Addington) Team Qualifiers

The competitions listed below are not included in the RPL Points Leagues.

RPLs do not include:

- National Championships, Plate Championships, County Championships
- Eventers Team Challenge Championship, Hickstead Elite Championships,
- Individual classes
- National Schools/BE Eventing Points League

RPL1) Regional Points are allocated in the region where the competition is held and NOT where the school is located. It is possible to be included in two or more league tables if you compete in different regions. However, the points awarded are specific to a region and therefore, points gained in more than one region cannot be added together.

Region	Counties included in each region:
1 South West	Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Avon, Dorset
2 South Central	Surrey, Berks, Bucks, Hertfordshire, Greater London
3 South East	Hants, Isle of Wight, W Sussex, E. Sussex, Kent
4 Central West & South Wales	Wilts, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, South Wales
5 East	Cambs, Norfolk, Essex, Suffolk
6 Midlands West & North Wales	Hereford, Worcs, W Mid, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Cheshire, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, North Wales
7 Midlands East	Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire & Rutland, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire & Milton Keynes
8 North	Yorkshire, Co Durham, Cleveland, Northumberland, Cumbria
9 Scotland	Scotland

RPL2) Points shall be awarded as follows 1st = 6pts, 2nd = 5pts, 3rd = 4pts, 4th = 3pts, 5th = 2pts, 6th = 1pt.

RPL3) The winning team from each Region, at the end of Aug 31st, shall be deemed the Regional Points League winner. The top 3 schools in each region will qualify to compete in the 'NSEA Regional Points Leagues Team Mixed Height Finals' at the NSEA Championships in October 2019

A squad of up to 8 riders may be entered to compete in the RPL final at the Championships, but must comprise horse/rider combinations which have represented the School at RPL competitions, during that qualifying year. The squad may comprise of up to two riders at each of the following heights-2 x 70cm, 2 x 80cm, 2 x 90cm & 2 x 1m, the best 4 scores to count.

The final at the championships is a show jumping competition but the squad riders may have represented the School at any RPL qualifying discipline, height or level and can be combined to form one team to represent the School at the Championships.

RPL4) A horse/rider combination may compete in 3 teams at different heights (but not at 70cm if they jump at 1m).

RPL5) Regional Points Leagues competitions are single phase.

RPL6) Up to 2 refusals are allowed in these classes.

RPL7) Riders may only compete hors concors in 70cm classes, if they are aged 14yrs or over on 1st January 2019.

RPL8) The 30cm Rule (General) applies Any combination of horse and rider cannot compete in a jumping class at an NSEA competition, except hors concors, where the height is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed, (1st round height) in **any** competition (not just NSEA competitions). This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open classes. Therefore, Horse/Rider combinations jumping 1.30m or over may only compete in NSEA Open or Advanced Open classes. If jumping in a County Challenge Qualifier see additional rule **CchJQ1**

70cm	Riders U14 1 st Jan 2019. Combinations may not have jumped 1m or above
80cm	Combinations may not have jumped 1.10m or above
90cm	Combinations may not have jumped 1.20m or above.
1m & 1.10m	Open to all competitors and combinations

3) County Show Jumping & Dressage Qualifiers (CchQ) & Championships

NSEA Competition & BS Rules.

County Dressage Championships – Bury Farm 18th April 2019

County Show Jumping Championships – Bury Farm 18-20th April 2019

Riders competing in the 70cm class must be U14 on 1st Jan in the year of the County Championship

Therefore, riders must be U14 (aged 13 or less) on 1st Jan 2019 for ANY Mini (70-75cm) 2019 County Qualifier. Please take particular notice if a qualifier is held in autumn 2018.

CchQ1) To be eligible to gain a qualification in this competition, the school must be situated in the County for which the qualifying competition is held.

CchQ2) There is only ONE County Challenge qualifying competition per County. The venue of the competition might not be located in the County for which the competition is a qualifier. (ie the Hampshire County SJ Challenge Qualifier is being held at a venue in Berkshire). Schools may also compete in County Challenge Qualifier Competitions, which are not qualifiers for their County, however, their results will only count towards their RPL total.

CchQ3) **The highest placed Team and Individual, from a school located in the relevant County, will qualify to represent their school and their County, at the NSEA National County Challenge Championships 2019.** At a competition, that is a Qualifier for more than one County, the highest placed Team & Individual, from a school located in each relevant County will qualify.

NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - further Qualifications

National Championships (Addington in October)

At the County Championships, the winning and second placed teams & individuals (National County Team & Individual Champion and Reserve Team & Individual Champion) in both the dressage & show jumping disciplines will qualify to compete at the NSEA National Championships in October 2019

Nations Cup (Addington in October)

For the England Nations Cup qualifier only, at the County Championships, the scores of both team and individual riders will be recorded and compared. The riders with the top 2 results, whether achieved whilst competing as a member of a team or as an individual, at each Show Jumping height and in each Dressage class will be invited to compete as members of the England team in the NSEA Nations Cup competition, to be held at the NSEA National Championships in October 2019.

3A) County Challenge Show Jumping Qualifying Competitions (CchJQ)

CchJQ1) Qualifying heights for teams and individuals County Challenge competitions are 70, 80, 90cm, 1m & 1.10 (individual only) Horse/Rider combinations may only compete in two consecutive classes and these can be 70cm & 80cm, 80cm & 90cm, 90cm & 1m or 1m & 1.10, but not 70cm & 90cm or 80 & 1m etc.

A rider may compete in more than two classes, providing they are not riding the same horse. Therefore, they can compete at 70cm & 80cm riding one horse and also at 80cm & 90cm riding another.

No rider (even if they are riding a different horse) may compete in both 70cm & 1m County classes.

An individual may ride a maximum of three different horses in any one class.

CchJQ2) Riders must be U14 on Jan 1st 2019 to be eligible to compete in 70cm qualifying classes for the 2019 County Championships.

CchJQ3) County Challenge Show Jumping Qualifiers will be single phase competitions. However, the format may be changed at the Championships.

CchJQ4) Up to **2 refusals** are allowed in these classes.

CchJQ5) Each team of four at a Championships must include two out of the original qualified four horse/rider combinations. **However, if, in exceptional circumstances, a previously qualified team has only one of the original horse/rider combinations remaining, the School may be permitted, at the discretion of the NSEA, to substitute two new horse/rider combinations to make up a team of three.**

Any wild card riders who are substituted into a team must either have completed a competition, at the relevant height, or be at the discretion of the Team Manager and confirmed by the NSEA.

Individual qualification refers to the horse/rider combination and therefore, neither the horse nor rider may be substituted at the Championships.

CchJQ6)The 30cm Rule (General) applies Any combination of horse and rider cannot compete in a jumping class at an NSEA competition, except hors concors, where the height is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed, (1st round height) in **any** competition (not just NSEA competitions). This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open classes. Therefore, Horse/Rider combinations jumping 1.30m or over may compete in NSEA Open or Advanced Open classes.

CchJQ7) RPL points will be awarded – but riders must be U14 in mini classes to be eligible for CchJQ. RPL points will NOT be awarded at the County Challenge Championships.

CchJQ8) No outside assistance is allowed in the arena.

Mini (Team & Individual)	70cm	Riders Under 14 on Jan 1 st 2019. Horse/rider combination cannot also compete at 90cm County Qualifier.
Novice (Team & Individual)	80cm	U19 on Jan 1 st 2019. Horse/rider combination cannot also compete at 1.00m County Qualifier. Also see 30cm Rule
Intermediate (Team & Individual)	90cm	U19 on Jan 1 st 2019. See 30cm Rule Combination may not have jumped 1.20m
Open Team & Individual	1.00m	U19 on Jan 1 st 2019. Horse/rider combinations competing at 1m are not eligible for individual qualification at 70cm or 80cm Also see 30cm Rule

3B) County Challenge Team & Individual Dressage Qualifying Competitions (CchDQ)

There is a team and individual competition at Prelim level and an individual competition at Novice level.

CchDQ1) Two horse/ rider combinations from the original qualifying team **MUST** be included and declared at the Championships. Individual qualification refers to the horse/rider combination and therefore, neither the horse nor rider may be substituted at the Championships.

CchDQ2) Dressage teams are made up of 3 or 4 riders, all riding the same Prelim test. All team rider's scores also automatically count for individual Prelim placings. A rider who is not a part of a team, may compete as an individual.

CchDQ3) The test for 2019 Team and Individual Prelim Qualifiers is Prelim 14 (2006) revised 2016

CchDQ4) The test for 2019 Individual Novice Qualifiers is Novice 27 (2007)

CchDQ5) The County Dressage Team and Individual Prelim qualifier is open to horse & rider combinations that have not competed at British Dressage Elementary level or above and is open to horse & rider combinations with 21 BD points or less, gained together at novice level. Therefore, horse & rider combinations may compete at BD bronze prelim and silver prelim level and may have gained Prelim points.

CchDQ6) If a horse/rider combination gains further points after qualification and it takes them over the threshold, they will forfeit their qualification to compete at the County Championships.

CchDQ7) The County Dressage Individual Novice qualifier is open to rider/horse combinations not to have competed at BD Medium level or above or BE Intermediate level.

CchDQ8) Dressage tests may be called at qualifiers, however, not at the Championships. Headphones may be used in the warm up area but not during any test at any competition. Dressage whips may be carried in warm up arenas and during tests at qualifiers but not during the test at the County Championships.

4) NSEA Eventers Challenge Series 2019 (EC)

The Eventers Challenge Championship 2019 is at the All England Jumping Course, Hickstead 25-27th May 2019
Show jumping & arena XC fences with an optimum time & no style marks. See Glossary for more detailed information.

There are four height classes 70/75, 80/85, 90/95, 1m-1.05 to qualify for. Heights may be raised 5cm at the championships. Riders under 19 1st Jan 2019 for all classes.

EC1) Open to Teams and Individuals

- The course is made up of SJ and simulated XC fences.
- Riders will jump a series of show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase which is run on an optimum time of 325m/m to 375m/m (depending on the size of the arena – smaller arena = tighter turns which slow you down. A larger arena with flowing lines will ride on a quicker time)
- NSEA / BE Eventing Rules for tack and rider equipment for XC.
- There will be no style mark and no age restriction on the mini (70/75) class.
- Top two teams and Individuals at each height to qualify for the Championship to be held at Hickstead.

EC2) Dress: XC colours, body protectors are compulsory. Hair must be above collar length, long hair to be kept in place in a hair net. Rider must wear BE approved skull caps, no fixed peak SJ hats.

EC3) A clear round wins over time. In the event of a tie, the competitor closest to the optimum time will be the winner. If teams are tied, the combined times of the 3 best team scores, closest to the optimum time, will be the winner.

EC4) The top 2 teams / individuals at each qualifier will qualify for the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championship.
Maximum teams per school per class = 2

Jumping penalties are awarded as follows

Knockdown (to include SJ and a few xc fences)	4 penalties
1st Refusal	4 penalties
2nd Refusal	8 penalties
3rd Refusal	Elimination
Rider Fall	Elimination
Horse Fall	Compulsory Retirement
Starting before the bell /Retaking an obstacle already jumped/ Error of course	Elimination
Every commenced second over or under the optimum time	1 penalty
Exceeding time limit (3 times the time allowed)	Elimination
Speed 325- 375 metres / minute. No stopwatches allowed.	

5) Royal Windsor Horse Show NSEA Intermediate Team SJ Qualifiers & Final (WQ)

In order to compete in the NSEA 90-95cm Schools Show Jumping Final at the Royal Windsor Horse Show 2019, schools need to qualify at one of the limited number of qualifying competitions held throughout the country. **The top 2 teams, from each qualifier, will qualify to compete at the Final to be held at Windsor** in May 2019 providing they are from different schools. The organisers of RWHS reserve the right to award a few wildcards to the competition, as they see fit. For the full list of qualifiers, please go to the NSEA Competitions page on the NSEA website / NSEA qualifiers for Windsor.

A school may only qualify ONE team for this competition.

Two horse/ rider combinations from the original qualifying team **MUST** be included and declared at the Windsor final.

6) The Hickstead Elite Show Jumping Qualifiers Series (HEQ)

In order to compete in the Hickstead Elite Championship classes at Hickstead on 1st August 2019, schools need to qualify at one of the limited number of qualifying competitions held throughout the country. Single phase. Fences may be raised 5cm at the championship

There will be two qualifying classes

HEQa) Hickstead Elite 1m Teams

Top 2 teams to qualify. If a school qualifies more than one team, those qualifying teams must comprise different horse/rider combinations.

Two horse/ rider combinations from the original qualifying team **MUST** be included and declared at the Hickstead Championships

HEQb) Hickstead Elite 1.10m Individuals

This class is split into a) horses and b) ponies

The horse/rider combination must be the same one that qualified. No substitutions of horse or rider may be made in this class. **The top 2 horses & top 2 ponies to qualify.**

7) NSEA / BE Individual ODE Points Leagues 2019 (Individuals only)

The NSEA has teamed up with British Eventing to enable NSEA member horse/rider combinations to compete in B.E affiliated events at 80cm, 90cm, 1m & Novice levels in order to gain points for the NSEA/BE Points League. Riders need to apply by completing the application found on the NSEA website and returning it via email to competitions@nsea.co.uk

Points are awarded on a national basis from March 2019 – 1st October 2019 after which the highest placed horse/rider combinations, at each level, will win training vouchers, BE memberships and other prizes. Also, the top 10 placed from each Points League, will qualify to compete in an Eventing Special Class at the NSEA Championships 17-20th October 2019.

All competitions in this series are listed on the British Eventing website

Points shall be awarded to the horse/rider combinations as follows:-

BE 80(T) level - 1st place - 6 points, 2nd place - 5pts, 3rd – 4pts, 4th- 3 pts, 5th- 2pts, 6th- 10th place - 1 point
double clear - 1 point (also in addition to any placing)

BE 90, 1M & Novice- as per B.E scoring

100 & 100 plus and 105 classes will be combined in one section

BE Novice- will include Novice & U18 Open Novice, Pony & Junior 1*National Championships and Frickley U18 1* results

BE1) Riders must be NSEA members and affiliate to BE either on a day ticket or annual membership.

BE2) B.E. Rules apply. **Please read these rules carefully.** Note that 'bute' and other such anti-inflammatory / pain killing substances are banned under B.E. rules. If in doubt, please check the rules / ask your vet.

BE3) NSEA competitors must be dressed correctly for all BE events, hair below collar length must be kept in a hairnet in all phases. Horses are to be plaited.

8) Eventing – The NSEA ODE Team & Individual Eventing Series

BE & NSEA Rules

The list of qualifiers is listed on the NSEA website. Top 4 teams and 4 individuals to qualify for the Championships.
Substitution- a qualified team may substitute up to two riders at the final but these riders must have competed in one of the NSEA qualifying events or the BE equivalent at the same height.
Individual qualifications- it is the horse/rider combination that qualify so no substitution is possible

9) Pop-Up Dressage Winter Series 2018-19

The aim of this series is to allow individual NSEA members to compete in a national dressage league without leaving home.

POP1) All riders must be NSEA members and the test videoed must be ridden by the rider named on the entry form.

POP2) Horses must be entered under their registered name.

POP3) The Team Manager must sign the entry form to verify the authenticity of the entry.

POP4) Tests may be called

POP5) BD rules for tack & clothing

POP6) Horses do not need to be plaited for these competitions but should be neatly turned out

POP7) Dressage Tests may be ridden in any 20 x 40m arena on a surface or on grass.

POP8) Tests must be videoed from the 'C' end of the arena and must be completed in one session, as you would in any competition.

Stand back approx. 3m from C, as if you were in the position of the dressage judge.

Make sure that the whole horse is in the video at all times (Tests may be videoed from a phone, ipad or camera)

POP9) You may only submit one horse/rider combination video per class and two different tests per month.

POP10) Put your video on YouTube - include your first name only and the name of your horse in your code. Make sure that your password takes you to your YouTube video- please test that it works.

POP11) Points for the league will be awarded 1st place= 8points down to 8th place = 1pt. The winner of the league will be the horse/rider combination with the most points. In the event of a tie, the last test submitted will be judged by an additional judge and the placings will be taken from that.

POP12) A horse may be ridden by 2 different riders in the same test.

POP13) A rider may compete up to 3 different horses in the dressage **series however riders competing at Novice level are not eligible for Walk & Trot tests.**

POP14) A horse/rider combination may only compete at one level below the level at which they normally compete. Therefore, a combination which usually competes at novice level may compete at novice, a level lower i.e. prelim or at the levels above i.e. elementary & medium levels.

POP15) The winning horse/rider combination in each class, will be the one with the most points at the end of February. In **addition the top 8 horse/rider combinations will also qualify for the Pop-Up Dressage Final at Bury Farm 18th April 2019.**

Glossary of Terms

Single Phase Show Jumping Competitions

The course is in two parts. Having jumped the first part of the course, all competitors will immediately continue, even if they have faults (unless they have been eliminated), to jump the second part of the course, which is against the clock. The winner is the rider with the fewest (or zero) faults, accumulated over both sections, with the fastest time over the second part of the course.

Eventers Challenge

Show jumping & simulated XC fences with an optimum time & no style marks. Jumping penalties have priority over time faults – so ideally, you need to go clear to win! The courses can be more twisty than JWS – with 'inside' & 'outside' lines on turns to make riders think (and not go too fast) The time should be a fair pace (but not a flat out gallop) The optimum time is between 325-375 m/m and will be set according to the shape of the arena.

Arena Eventing (Jumping with Style)

Arena Eventing ('Jumping with Style') is the culmination of four marks- SJ penalties, XC penalties, time penalties and a style penalty mark. The winner is the rider with the fewest penalties overall, so like eventing, you do not necessarily need to jump a clear round.

NATIONS CUP QUALIFIERS

England Nations Cup qualifier at the County Championships, the scores of both team and individual riders will be recorded and compared. The riders with the top 2 results, whether achieved whilst competing as a member of a team or as an individual, at each Show Jumping height and in each Dressage class will be invited to compete as members of the England team in the NSEA Nations Cup competition, to be held at the NSEA National Championships in October 2019.

Welsh schools can qualify at NSEA SJ classes at Hartpury in June 2019

Scottish schools finals will be located in Scotland. (see NSEA website for details)

Competition Codes

The meaning of the competition codes, used in the rules and on the website, are as follows:-

GR – Grass Roots Competition

GRQ – Grass Roots Qualifier. Top 6 placed teams and individuals will qualify for the Grass Roots Regional Championships

RPL – Regional Points Leagues Competition

CchJQ – County Show Jumping Qualifier

CchDQ – County Dressage Qualifier. The top placed team and individual will qualify to represent their County and school at the County Challenge Championships.

HEQ - Hickstead Elite Qualifier

WQ - Windsor Qualifier

NCHQ – National Championships Qualifier. The top 2 placed teams and top 4 placed individuals will qualify to represent their school at the annual National Championships.

ODE - Team & Individual NSEA Eventing Series Qualifier

ECQ – Eventers Challenge Qualifier

Ascending levels of dressage in NSEA competitions...

Introductory- Walk & trot (Grass Roots level)

Preliminary (prelim)

Novice,

Elementary (Ele),

Medium