



NSEA Additional Rules 2019

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

Dressage, Show Jumping & Arena Eventing qualifiers for the National Championships & Championships Plate 2019 as well as the Championships themselves.

(See also NSEA General Rules which apply to every competition. An abbreviated version of the General Rules (Appendix A) can be found at the back of this document.)

Please READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT, as a number of rules have been added/amended for 2019.

The NSEA runs four major Championships each year.

The Additional Rules apply to 1 & 2 only. All other Championships are under NSEA General Rules.

**1) NSEA Qualifiers (NCHQ) for the NSEA Championships (Additional Rules)
& NSEA Championships @ Addington 17-20th October 2019**

Dressage, Arena Eventing (Jumping with Style) & Show Jumping
also NSEA Nations Cup competitions

**2) NSEA Championship Plate @ Keysoe November 2019 (Additional Rules)
(for teams placed 3rd-8th & individuals placed 5th – 8th at NCHQ)**

**3) NSEA Eventers Challenge Qualifiers & Championships (General Rules)
Championships are to be held at Hickstead 25th- 27th May 2019**

4) National County Championships 2019 (see General Rules)

RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL NSEA NCHQ CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIERS & TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Show Jumping, Dressage and Arena Eventing (JwS), for the qualifying rounds and at the Championships

AR1) The highest placed **2 teams and 4 individuals**, in each class, will qualify for the Championships (see AR3). If they are unable to go to the Championships or have already qualified, the qualification will be passed down the line on the day (this can be offered down as far as 8th place at the judges' discretion). Qualification applies to horse/rider combination. In addition, 3rd – 8th teams and 5th-8th individuals will qualify for the NSEA Championships Plate in November.

AR2) Balloting If entries at 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.

Online entries

Online entry systems for most events are set up on a first-come, first served basis. This is being trialed in 2019 and will be reviewed at the end of the year. **In some circumstances a competition may need to close entries before the closing date (ie when entries are full) This will be clearly stated on the front of the schedule. (This is usually at venues where there are large numbers of different schools entering few teams and therefore the balloting process above does not work)**

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.

AR3) A school may compete at as many qualifying competitions as they wish but, may only qualify a maximum total of 3 teams per class for the Championships. **Once a school has qualified their three teams for a class, they can take part in additional qualifiers but their results will not count for qualifying places.** If a school finishes 1st and 2nd in the same class at a qualifier, both individuals and or teams, (providing they have no more than one rider common to each team), will qualify for the Championships. No school sashes to be worn at prize giving (sponsor's request) as they may wish to present sashes of their own.

AR4) 1st & 2nd placed teams & 1st – 4th placed individuals in each qualifying class, will qualify for the NSEA Championships in October. The 3rd to 8th placed teams & 5th – 8th placed individuals in each qualifying class will qualify for the NSEA Championships Plate in November. If any of the top 8 teams has already qualified for either Championships or cannot compete at the Championships, the qualification can be passed down on the day of the qualifier, at the discretion of the organiser.

AR5) Each team of four at the 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, whilst 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.

AR6) Individual qualification refers to the horse/rider combination and therefore, neither the horse nor rider may be substituted at the Championships.

AR7) 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. Video/photographic evidence should not be included in these objections but may be looked at if the organiser deems it necessary.

AR8) Only the Team Manager or the appointed responsible adult for that school is to deal with the Secretary for declarations, enquiries etc. 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.

AR9) Declarations are to be made 10 minutes before the start of each class, by the Team Manager. No changes may be made after the start of the class. The end of the show shall be deemed as one hour after the last horse has competed.

AR10) For confirmation of entries at qualifiers and Championships, please check the NSEA website. **If you do not wish for your child's name to be posted on the website**, please note this on your entry form and confirm with the secretary.

AR11) At the Championships, the height of the fences may be raised 5cms from the qualifying height in each round, at the course builder's discretion.

AR12) RIDERS & HORSES

i) All riders must be aged U19. IE 18 and under on 1st Jan 2019 and must be in full time education at the school or college they represent in 2019 (with the following exceptions, for those who have qualified to compete at a "Championships").

The definition of the word "Championships" as used in this document, refers to the National Championships (October) and the Championship Plate (November).

a) A rider who changes schools in 2018-19 can only then compete for their new school, unless they have 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 in 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, providing they have qualified to do so, as detailed above). They may not, therefore, be used as a team "Wild Card" substitution 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.

ii) A **rider** who competes at 1.00m NCHQ on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition. A rider who competes at 1.30m on any horse may only compete in 1m team & 1.10 team & individual classes upwards.

iii) A rider may only compete once in any team, therefore cannot compete two horses in the same team. A rider may ride a maximum of three horses per class.

iv) A horse may only compete once in each class and therefore, no horse may be ridden by two different riders in the same class. Warm up classes are not included.

v) A horse may compete in a maximum of **three** classes per discipline, at each qualifier. **(2 x team & 1 x individual)**

vi) A horse/rider combination may only compete in 2 teams per discipline per qualifier but not in 2 teams in the same class. The horse/rider combination may also compete as an individual in a third class, if space allows. **No horse may be ridden twice in the same class.**

vii) If a horse/rider combination wins an individual class at the Championships, they may compete in a team at a lower height the following year, but are unable to qualify individually for any height lower than the one at which they won.

viii) 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. (Top 2 teams & top 4 individuals to qualify for the National Championships). If classes are deemed too large, the Show Organiser may split the class into two sections. The 1st placed team & 1st & 2nd placed individuals ONLY will then qualify, from each section, for the National Championships and the 2nd - 4th placed teams & 3rd & 4th individuals, from each section, will qualify for the

Championships Plate. At both the NSEA National Championships and the Championships Plate, where all individuals must have pre-qualified to compete as individuals, the dressage team & individual competitions will be run as separate classes. In the jumping classes, if riders have qualified as both a team member and as an individual for the Championships (in the same class), their team score will count as their individual score and they will jump only once.

ix) The minimum age for a child to compete at the NSEA Championships is 8 yrs of age (on the first day of the Championships). They must have successfully completed an NSEA competition (CC / RPL / CchQ/ CHQ) or similar, prior to competing at the Championships.

AR13) Horses to be plaited at the Championships. All horses must have passports with valid flu vaccinations (see General Rule D13 for full details) The passport MUST be brought to each competition.

AR14) Any horse/rider combination in any Show Jumping or Arena Eventing class, which has represented their Country in an International Competition, may only compete as an Individual in Advanced Open Classes and will forfeit any previously held Individual Championships qualifications which are not Advanced Open Classes. However, they may still compete as a part of a Team at 90cm (or above) providing they comply with the “30cm rule”. Any horse and rider combination in any Dressage class, which has represented their country in an International Competition, may only compete at Novice, Elementary or Medium level. The above does not apply to any combination which has represented their Country in an NSEA Nations Cup Jumping or Dressage Competition.

AR15) The Show Organisers and judges reserve the right to penalise, including by elimination, any of the following:

- a) Any rider they feel to be unsafe or using unnecessary force.**
- b) Any horse that looks unsound or unduly distressed or poses a danger to anyone.**
- c) Outside assistance which may benefit the rider unfairly.**
- d) Any rider or parent or team manager who is rude or abusive to any Competition Official or helper.**

AR16) Serious cases of misconduct will be reported to the NSEA directly, where further action may be taken.

AR17) Advertising and Logos

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.

AR18) NSEA Hat Rules 2019

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 while riding. **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 or checked after any impact.**

AR19) Entering NSEA Qualifiers & Championships

Only pupils currently registered with the NSEA, as named riders, included in their schools’ riding squad and with the permission from the Head Teacher / Team Manager may be entered into any NSEA competition.

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.

SPECIFIC DISCIPLINES

NSEA DRESSAGE RULES

British Dressage Rules 2019 for (tests, tack etc) and NSEA Rules 2018/19

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 Championships.

Criteria for Qualifying Classes

Preliminary (prelim) (Team & Individual)

DQ1) Prelim CHQ (team & individual) 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 or above. Therefore, for those horse & rider combinations that compete at BD bronze prelim and silver prelim level, any prelim points gained are excluded from the 21 BD point limit. If you gain additional BD points after qualifying for the championships, which exceed the maximum allowed, you will forfeit your qualification.

DQ2) Novice (Team & Individual)

There are no restrictions on horse or rider in Novice classes.

DQ3) Elementary (Individual)

No restrictions on horse or rider

DQ4) Medium (Individual)

There will be a Medium competition at the Championships.

Only combinations who have qualified for the Championships in Novice (team or individual) or Elementary classes are eligible to enter.

Horse/rider combinations competing at Medium level may not compete in Prelim classes

DQ5) Criteria for Team classes

Teams shall be made up of 3 or 4 riders, best 3 scores to count. Riders may compete in either or both tests (Prelim & Novice) providing they are in different teams. Prelim riders must fulfil the prelim criteria in rule DQ1.) Novice test riders have no restrictions. The top two teams will qualify for the Championships and the 3rd to 8th placed teams will qualify for the Championship Plate.

Tests at Championship Qualifiers 2019 (Team & Individual) all in 20x40m arenas as follows..

Prelim= P 13 (2006) Revised collectives 2016

Novice = N 28 (2008)

Elementary = E 50 (2007) Individual Only

Tests at the Championships 2019

Championships Individual Tests 2018 all ridden in 20x60m arenas

Prelim 17A (2017), Novice 37A (2017) (Elementary 55 (2019), Medium 73 (2007)

Championships Team Tests 2018, all ridden in 20x40m arenas

Team Tests = Prelim 14 (2006) revised collectives 2016 (up to two riders), Novice 34 (2009) (up to two riders)

NOTE: Championships Plate dressage tests may differ from the NSEA Championships and will be announced when the schedule is published.

At qualifiers for individual classes, if there are fewer than 5 riders then the first placed rider only will qualify unless the second placed rider achieves a score of 65% or above, in which case they will also qualify. If there are 6 competitors or more, two riders will qualify per section.

NSEA SHOW JUMPING RULES

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS / CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSEA Rules 2018-19 see also British Show Jumping Rules 2019

JQ1) Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be Under 14 on 1st January 2019.

JQ2) The 30cm Rule - A combination of horse/pony & rider cannot qualify at a height which is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed (1st round height) in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**. Any combination of horse and rider that qualifies at one height, and then competes at a height 30cm higher than that qualification height in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**, will forfeit their qualification. **This rule does apply across disciplines.** That is, if you jump at 1.10m, in any jumping discipline, you cannot jump at 80cm on the same horse/pony, in any NSEA jumping discipline.

This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open qualifications. (If you jump 1.30m you wouldn't forfeit a 1m qualification).

JQ3) Qualifiers shall be run as single phase competitions. Two refusals are allowed (at Qualifiers and the Championships) before a rider is eliminated.

Heights in the first part of the round shall be as follows, and can be raised by 5cm in the jump off phase:

Mini – 70cm (team & individual)

Novice – 80cm (team & individual)

Intermediate – 90cm (team & individual)

Open – 1m (team & individual)

Advanced Open – 1.10m (individual) (split into horse & pony sections)

JQ4) 1.10m ponies must have a current JMB measurement at 148cm or under.

There will be a 1.10m team competition at the Championships for riders who have qualified in 1m & 1.10 classes.

These qualifications may be gained in either Show Jumping or Arena Eventing classes. The team must be made up of riders from the same school.

JQ5) Heights will be raised a further 5cm in each round at the Championships.

Show Jumping Rules at a glance...

Mini	70 – 75cm single phase	Maximum U14 on 1 st Jan 2019. A rider who competes at 1.00m NCHQ on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition. 30cm Rule applies. Horse/Rider combination not to have jumped in ANY affiliated or unaffiliated 1.00m jumping discipline Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify
Novice	80 – 85cm single phase	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2019. 30cm Rule applies. Horse/ Rider combination not to compete in 1.10m classes, but riders may compete in 1.10m classes on a different horse. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify
Intermediate	90 – 95cm single phase	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2019. 30cm Rule applies. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify
Open	1m-1.05m	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2019. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify
Advanced Open	1.10m-1.15	Age U19 on 1 st Jan 2019 Top 2 horses & top 2 ponies to qualify

NSEA ARENA EVENTING RULES - (Jumping with Style)

(note these rules are different to the NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules (see NSEA General Rules 18-19.) TEAM & INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS / CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSEA JwS Rules (as follows) plus British Eventing Rules 2019

JwS1) Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be Under 14 on 1st January 2019.

JwS2) This competition is run on the lines of B.E. JAS competitions. The main difference is that the emphasis is more on the rider's **style and effectiveness**, and the **harmony between horse and rider** at school level. The style mark for the horse does not apply in Schools' Competitions, so the horse's ability has less influence in the marks.

JwS3) The 30cm Rule - A combination of horse/pony & rider cannot qualify at a height which is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed (1st round height) in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**. Any combination of horse and rider that qualifies at one height, and then competes at a height 30cm higher than that qualification height in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**, will forfeit their qualification. **This rule does apply across disciplines.** That is, if you jump at 1.10m, in any jumping discipline, you cannot jump at 80cm on the same horse/pony, in any NSEA jumping discipline.

This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open qualifications. (If you jump 1.30m you wouldn't forfeit a 1m qualification).

JwS4) Dress

XC colours to be worn – including body protector & skull cap to comply with BE Rules. (See rule AR18)

BETA Level 3 body protector 2009 standard

Hats may be tagged by either BE or Pony Club. **No fixed peak hats.**

Hair to be worn above the collar.

Gloves should be worn.

No earrings or other visible piercings.

JwS5) Team & Individual

Mini	70-75cm	Maximum age U14 on 1 st Jan 2019. A rider who competes at 1.00m NCHQ on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition. 30cm Rule applies Horse/Rider combination not to have jumped in ANY affiliated or unaffiliated 1m Show Jumping discipline. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify
Novice	80-85cm	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2019. Open to combinations of horses and riders who have not completed at BE pre-novice or higher or Badminton Grass Roots 90 Final. Top 30cm Rule applies. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify
Intermediate	90-95cm	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2019. Open to all except horse/rider combinations that have completed at BE JRN Champs, Junior or Pony Final Trials & Champs or Badminton Grass Roots 100 Final. 30cm Rule applies. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify
Open	1m-1.05m	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2019. Open to all. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify
Advanced Open	1.10m	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2019. Open to all. Top 2 horses & top 2 ponies to qualify.

Championships – all courses will be raised a further 5cm at the Championships.

Jws6) All team members are automatically eligible for individual placings, except at the NSEA Championships where Individuals must have pre-qualified.

Jws7) The competition begins with a show jumping round started by a bell. The rider completes the show jumping section, then passes through a timing beam into the XC phase (which has an optimum time) and completes the XC phase, which will include angled rails, arrowheads and other simulated XC fences. This all takes place in one arena.

Jws8) Style mark – for horse/rider combination, including the position and effectiveness of the rider, with the ability to show a difference between the SJ and XC phase, through their style of riding. This will be judged by an accredited trainer or an elite rider.

Jws9) The aim of the competition is to achieve the fewest penalties from the total of the four components – SJ penalties, XC penalties, Style penalties and XC time penalties. Some XC fences have a knock down top rail. If this is knocked down, 4 penalties will be added to the penalty score.

Jws10) Arena Eventing is an Eventing Competition The winner will be the individual/team with the combination of the fewest penalties once the following four components have been added together:
- SJ jumping penalties - XC jumping penalties - XC time penalties - overall style penalties (awarded for both SJ & XC phases combined)

THEREFORE – a team or individual having had fences down, can be placed ahead of a team or individual which has jumped clear rounds. As this is an Eventing competition, much more is taken into consideration than simply jumping clear.

Jws11) In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest style mark (fewest style penalties) will be the winner. If still equal, the one closest to the optimum time will be the winner.

Jws12) PENALTIES FOR S.J AND X.C PHASES (combined) OF ARENA EVENTING

Knockdown	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 the optimum time	1 penalty
Exceeding time limit (3 times the time allowed)	Elimination

Please Note – A horse which crosses its tracks in Show Jumping will be awarded penalties. In the Cross Country phase, a horse will only be penalised if it has been presented at a fence, except when going through a combination marked A,B,C.

Jws13) SPEED FOR SJ PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING

MINI – 300 m/m

NOVICE – OPEN = 325 m/m

Jws14) SPEED FOR X.C. PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING

Mini = 325m/m

Novice Intermediate & Open = 325 – 375 m/m (at the judge’s discretion, depending on the size & shape of the arena)

A rider will not receive time penalties for going too fast- but may lose style marks if they look untidy/unsafe

NOTE – NO STOP WATCHES ALLOWED. The OPTIMUM TIME is not published before the start of the class as it may give competitors who compete towards the end of the section an unfair advantage.

Jws15) There will be a 2 minute warning given to riders not ready to jump, before elimination.



NSEA Arena Eventing Score Sheet for NSEA Qualifiers 2019

Rider..... School..... Number.....

RIDER - Position A balanced and supple position in the saddle, sympathetic to the horse's movement. A secure lower leg and hands following the horse's mouth. Correct application of the aids.	Comments	Score (max 25)	
RIDER - Arena Craft & Reactions Ability to use the arena effectively. Ability to demonstrate the correct and appropriate lines of approach to fences. The ability to ride instinctively, to think and to react to situations that may occur	Comments	Score (max 25)	
HORSE & RIDER - Combination The overall harmony of the horse & rider as a partnership.	Comments	Score (max 10)	
		SUB TOTAL (max 60)	
ADMIN		multiply x 0.5 =	
Style Penalties = + Jumping Penalties = + Time Penalties =			TOTAL STYLE MARKS (max 30)
TOTAL PENALTIES = FINAL SCORE	Total style marks attained are deducted from the max possible (30) to give style penalties		TOTAL STYLE PENALTIES

Other classes at the NSEA Championships

NSEA Nations Cup 2019

For 2019 , the Nations Cup will be a Mixed Height Show Jumping Competition with two competitors per nation who have pre-qualified at each height (70, 80, 90cm & 1m). Each nation will have a team of up to 8 riders. Horses and riders may only compete once in a team.

For Nations Cup Dressage, a squad of SIX riders will be made up of two riders competing in Prelim, 2 x Novice and 2 x Elementary

Riders must be current NSEA members to be eligible to qualify and need to compete for the country they were born in/ passport they hold.

Qualifying Event	Show Jumping	Dressage
England	NSEA County Championships @ Bury Farm 19/20th April 2019	NSEA County Championships @ Bury Farm, 18 th April 2019 (prelim & novice) Elementary riders may apply once they have qualified for the NSEA Championships
Scotland	NSEA SJ NCHQ @ ISEC 1st September 2019	NSEA DR CHQ @ ISEC 8 th September 2019
Wales	NSEA SJ NCHQ @ Hartpury June 2019	NSEA DR CHQ @ Hartpury June 2019
Ireland	Riders must hold a non UK passport and need to qualify for the NSEA Championships and apply on entry	Riders must hold a non UK passport and need to qualify for the NSEA Championships and apply on entry
United Nations	Riders must hold a non UK passport and need to qualify for the NSEA Championships and apply on entry	Riders must hold a non UK passport and need to qualify for the NSEA Championships and apply on entry

Appendix A

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 – 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.

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 Final.

RPL – Regional Points Leagues Competition (Team only)

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

NSEA General Rules that apply to all NSEA competitions:

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) N/A

E7) N/A

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) On line 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 and with permission from the Head Teacher / Team Manager may be entered into any NSEA competition.

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.