



NSEA Eventers Challenge

Held at

**PONTISPOOL EQUINE SPORTS CENTRE
Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 1BH**

Sunday, 1st November 2020

Including

**80, 90 & 1m qualifying classes for the
NSEA Eventers Challenge Final @ Hickstead May 2021**

This competition is open to schools from all counties and will also count for RPL points

Course Designer: Lucy McCarthy

Online Entries only at www.pontispool.com

Entries Close: 12 noon 27th October
(entries strictly limited and will be on a first come, first served basis and will close when full)

Approx 8am start

Winter Eventers Challenge 2020-21

The course is made up of SJ & XC fences.

Riders will jump a series of show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase.

NSEA / BE Eventing Rules for tack & rider equipment.

There will be no style mark.

Points will be awarded to teams of 3 or 4, best 3 scores to count. 6 points to 1st down to 1 point to 6th place.

**The course will be run in the all-weather arena and will be made up of approx.
16-18 fences**



Class 1 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual (Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.
Optimum Time (XC phase only) Speed 350 mpm.

Class 2 Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual (Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals
Optimum Time (XC phase only) Speed 350 mpm.

Class 3 Open 100-105cm Team & Individual (Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals
Optimum Time (XC phase only) Speed 375 mpm.

Teams of 3 or 4, best 3 scores to count

Entry Fee for all classes = £36 per rider per round

Paramedic First Aid Cover, NSEA Levy and VAT included in entry fee.

Online entries only at www.pontispool.com.

Entries close 12 noon 27th October, or earlier if classes are full.

All TEAM MANAGERS must declare teams NO LATER than 12 noon on Monday 26th October.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY CHANGES AFTER MIDDAY ON FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER

No entries will be accepted on day of competition.

Any alterations to entries will incur a £6 admin fee.

Withdrawals made prior to closing date will receive a refund of the entry with a £6 admin fee deducted.

No refunds will be given after close of entries.

In the event of cancellation, 50% of your entry fee will be refunded.

START TIMES will be published on the website www.pontispool.com from 3 pm on Thursday 29th October or telephone the office on 01823 461196 between 10 am and 12 noon on Friday 30th October. Times will also be available on the NSEA website before the competition www.nsea.org.uk

There will be a section of show jumps leading to a course of portable and fixed cross country fences. The competitors will go straight from the show jumping into the cross country phase and all classes will be judged against an optimum time for the XC phase only. No stopwatches are allowed. The SJ phase is judged under SJ Rules (but without time) and the XC phase is judged under XC rules (with an optimum time).

The competitor with the fewest penalties wins. In the event of a tie, the competitor closest to the optimum time will be the winner. If teams are tied, the times of the 3 best scores closest to the optimum time will win.

Rules

NSEA / BE Eventing Rules for tack & rider equipment.
NSEA General & Competition Rules 2020-21

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
Fall of horse or rider	Elimination
Starting before the bell /Retaking an obstacle already jumped/ Error of course	Elimination
Every commenced second faster than the penalty free window (this window will be 10 seconds if the optimum time is less than 120 seconds otherwise 15 seconds)	1 penalties
Exceeding time limit (twice the optimum time)	Elimination
Speed 350 metres / minute for Classes 1 & 2 and 375 metres / minute for Class 3 No stopwatches allowed.	

Rules

Disclaimer

Pontispool Equine Sports Centre and all those connected with the Equestrian facilities do not accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grooms, spectators, dogs or any other persons or property whatsoever whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or statutory duty of themselves, their employees or those connected with the Equestrian facilities or otherwise howsoever.

The organiser reserves the right to alter the schedule, refuse any entry, eliminate any competitor not adhering to the rules, alter the course before or during the competition, alter the advertised times and to cancel any class.

Your Responsibility

All persons attending the event must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents and must obey instructions given by the Organiser or by officials and stewards on its behalf. All competitors and those associated with their school are the responsibility of the Team Manager whilst at the competition

TV & Photography

Please note that professional photographers will be present at NSEA competitions. There may also be TV cameras at the Championships. Please indicate on the entry form if you do not wish to appear in press coverage/ TV or photos taken by our official photographers

Child Protection & Safeguarding

If you have any concerns, please contact the NSEA on tel 07552 836032 / competition@nsea.co.uk to be put in contact with our designated Child Protection Officer. If you have immediate concerns, you can contact Childline tel 0800 1111 or NSPCC tel 0808 800 5000

General information

Please ensure that you do not muck out your horsebox onto the Car Park. Take all litter home with you.
All dogs must be kept on leads at all times. Any dog mess must be cleared up.

Outside assistance will not be tolerated- and could result in elimination.
NSEA affiliated competitors only may warm up & compete horses on the show ground

All competitions, parents and representatives from every school must ensure that they act courteously to stewards and officials at all times. Rudeness will not be tolerated.

Body protectors are compulsory. Hair must be above collar length, long hair to be kept in place in a hair net.
Crash hats, no fixed peak SJ hats.

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



NSEA Coronavirus Protocol - Autumn 2020

HEALTH CHECKS

1. *If any competitor, or anybody in their household, is showing symptoms of Coronavirus, they must not attend any NSEA event. On the morning of the competition, prior to departure, there should be the following simple health check conducted:*

1. *Take the temperature of everybody in the household. If anybody has a temperature of over 37.8 degrees, then please seek medical advice and do not attend.*
2. *Is anybody in the household quarantined because of foreign travel to a country which is not exempt? If so, please do not attend.*
3. *If anybody in the household has any of the following symptoms then please seek medical advice, and do not attend:*
 1. *A persistent cough;*
 2. *A loss of taste or smell;*
 3. *A temperature (see 1(1) above)*

REGIONAL LOCKDOWNS OR REGULATIONS

2. *If any competitor lives, or stables their horse, in an area which has been made the subject of a specific geographical lockdown then please do not attend an event.*
3. *If the event is located within an area which is subject to specific conditions, we will review those, and may cancel an event at short notice if required to do so.*
4. *If the competitor's school is located in an area which is subject to specific conditions, even if the competitor lives outside that area, if they have physically attended the school in the two weeks prior to the competition, they should not attend.*
5. *For competitors who live near borders between England and Wales, or England and Scotland, please be mindful of the potentially differing rules once you cross a border, and familiarise yourself with those rules.*

AT THE SHOW CENTRE

6. *One person per squad should take charge of ensuring social distancing to ensure that everybody keeps their distance. They should familiarise themselves with one-way systems and protocols specific to each venue which will be available. Regular reminders will need to be given as it is easy to forget things when both on, and off, a horse. Remember to avoid sharing equipment. Household groups - or bubbles - should be maintained when moving around and please follow show centre instructions. Check in advance, for example, to see what, if any, catering facilities are available and plan accordingly.*
7. *Avoid touching surfaces like jumps or rails, and follow instructions given by show centres.*
8. *No spectators or supporters will be permitted. Just one parent/carer per competitor is encouraged wherever possible.*

9. Do not forget to use hand sanitiser on arrival. Show centres will be providing this, but if there are shortages it is obviously sensible to bring your own which should be used regularly. Practise good hand-hygiene as often as possible throughout the day; show centres will all have soap and hot water available.
10. Any person at the event who becomes unwell should immediately isolate with their household, and if necessary should seek medical attention from the Paramedic team in attendance at NSEA events. The household with the unwell person in should leave the show centre to return home.
11. Please do not stay longer than is necessary for the competition. **ARRIVE, COMPETE, LEAVE**, in order to minimise the number of people at a show centre at any one time. All results will be published online.

BREACHES OF THE PROTOCOL

12. If breaches of this protocol are brought to the attention of show organisers, they will be permitted to demand the entire school's team leave the show centre, and may eliminate competitors. The NSEA will then consider whether to allow that school or competitor to compete in future competitions.

HEALTH CHECK BEFORE YOU LEAVE

ONE PARENT PER COMPETITOR WHERE POSSIBLE

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE - DON'T BURST YOUR BUBBLE

PRACTISE GOOD HAND HYGIENE

ARRIVE, COMPETE, LEAVE