



## **NSEA Additional Rules 2020**

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 2020 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 2020*

The NSEA runs four major Championships each year

**1) NSEA Championships (Additional Rules)**

**NSEA Championships @ Addington 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

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

**2) NSEA Championships Plate @ Keysoe November 2020 (Additional Rules)**

Dressage, Arena Eventing (Jumping with Style) & Show Jumping

**3) NSEA Eventers Challenge Qualifiers & Championships (see General Rules)**  
**Championships are to be held at Hickstead May 2020**

**4) National County Championships 2020 (see General Rules)**

## **RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL NSEA CHAMPIONSHIPS & QUALIFIERS**

**Show Jumping, Dressage and Arena Eventing (JWS), for the qualifying rounds and the Championships at Addington & the Championships Plate at Keysoe**

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> teams and 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> individuals will qualify for the NSEA Championships Plate.

**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.
- 5)** Organisers may retain £5 of the entry fee to cover admin costs if you are balloted out.
- 6)** In exceptional 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)
- 7)** 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.

**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, they can take part in additional qualifiers but their results will not count for qualifying places.** If a school finishes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams & 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> individuals in each qualifying class, will qualify for the NSEA Championships in October. The 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> placed teams & 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (or combination of four qualified horse/rider combinations), 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.

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

**AR7)** Objections must be made by the Team Manager only, to the Show Secretary within 5 minutes of the end of the class, in writing, with a £20 deposit which will be forfeited in the event of an unsuccessful appeal. The Show Secretary will pass the objection to the Show Organiser / Adjudicator. 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 (Team Trainer, Supporting Teacher, Riding Captain or the appointed responsible adult for that school) of each school is to deal with the Secretary for declarations, enquiries, etc. Changes to team members / individual competitors 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 half an 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 in full time education at the school or college they represent in 2020 (age U19. IE 18 and under on 1st Jan 2020) 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 Championships Plate (November).

**a)** A rider who changes schools in 2019-20 can only then compete for their new school, unless they have qualified with their previous school, for the 2020 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 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/rider combination may 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.**

**v)** 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.

**vi)** 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 at qualifiers. (Top 2 teams & 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 1<sup>st</sup> placed team and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed individuals ONLY will then qualify, from each section, for the National Championships and the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**vii)** **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)**

**a)** 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.

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

**c)** Horses to be plaited at the Championships.

**AR14)** 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.

**AR15)** Serious cases of misconduct will be reported to the NSEA directly, where further action may be taken.

**AR16)** 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 Competition.

#### **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) Hat Rules**

**Team Managers should ensure that their riding squad have hats & safety equipment of the correct standard and they are checked regularly. Competitors are strongly advised to check their hats regularly or take them to a reputable hat supplier to be checked. The NSEA recommend that hats are replaced following a fall or checked after any impact**

##### **For Dressage & Show Jumping:**

**British and European: PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) and VG01.040 2014-12, all with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark**

**Australia and New Zealand: AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards with SAI Global mark**

**American: ASTM F1163: 2004a onwards with SEI mark Snell 2001 or 2016 (no other mark is needed with Snell)**

##### **For Cross Country, Arena Eventing, JwS, Eventers Challenge:**

**Only a “Jockey’s Skull Cap” may be worn with the kite marks above, 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.**

#### **AR19) Entering NSEA Qualifiers & Championships**

Only pupils currently registered with the NSEA 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 re-arrangement to the schedule, postponement or cancellation of a competition.**

Entries will only be refunded on receipt of a Doctor’s note / Vet certificate.

#### **AR20) Qualification for the NSEA Championships Plate @ Keysoe**

The aim of the Championships Plate is to give teams & individuals the opportunity to gain experience whilst competing at a Championships. It should not be seen as an opportunity to pothunt. Therefore, riders who are in the top 3 placed teams / individuals at the NSEA Championships at Addington may only compete at a higher level at the Plate (providing they have qualified) on the same OR different horses. (Excluding any team rider in the top 3 who was eliminated)

# SPECIFIC DISCIPLINES

## NSEA DRESSAGE RULES

### **British Dressage Rules 2020 for (tests, tack etc) and NSEA Rules 2020**

Dressage tests may be called at qualifiers, however, **not at the Championships.**

Headsets 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 a test at a Championships.

### Criteria for Qualifying Classes

#### **DQ1) Preliminary (prelim) (Team & Individual)**

**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, a horse & rider combination will forfeit their qualification.**

#### **DQ2) Novice (Team & Individual)**

**Horse / rider combinations competing at Medium level or above may not compete in Novice classes.**

**However, riders may compete on a different horse.**

#### **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 Elementary class are eligible to enter.

### Tests at Championship Qualifiers 2020 (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

**Championships Individual Tests 2020 all ridden in 20x60m arenas**

**Prelim 17A (2017), Novice 37A (2017) (Elementary 55 (2019), Medium 62 (2002)**

**Championships Team Tests 2020, all ridden in 20x40m arenas**

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

**Championships Plate dressage tests will all be ridden in 20x40m arenas**

**Team & Individual Prelim = P 13 (2006) Revised collectives 2016**

**Individual Novice = N 28 (2008)**

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.

### Criteria for Team classes

**DQ5) 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 on different horses. Both Prelim and Novice riders must fulfil the relevant rules criteria (See rules DQ1 & DQ2). The top two teams will qualify for the Championships and the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> placed teams will qualify for the Championships Plate.**



## NSEA SHOW JUMPING RULES

### TEAM & INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS / CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSEA Rules 2020 see also British Show Jumping Rules 2020

**JQ1)** Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be Under 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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)** 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. 1.10m ponies must have a current JMB measurement at 148cm or under

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

### Show Jumping at a glance...

<b>Mini</b>	70 – 75cm single phase	Riders minimum age 8yrs on the first day of Championships, maximum U14 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. <b>A rider who competes at 1.00m on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition.</b> 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 for Championships (Addington) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> teams & 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> individuals qualify for Championships Plate (Keysoe)
<b>Novice</b>	80 – 85cm single phase	Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. 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 for Championships (Addington) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> teams & 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> individuals qualify for Championships Plate (Keysoe)
<b>Intermediate</b>	90 – 95cm single phase	Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. 30cm Rule applies. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for Championships (Addington) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> teams & 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> individuals qualify for Championships Plate (Keysoe)
<b>Open</b>	1m-1.05m	Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for Championships (Addington) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> teams & 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> individuals qualify for Championships Plate (Keysoe)
<b>Advanced Open</b>	1.10m-1.15m	Age- U 19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 Individual only class Top 2 horses & top 2 ponies to qualify for Championships (Addington)

## **NSEA ARENA EVENTING RULES - (Jumping with Style)**

(Note these rules are different to the NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules which you will find in the NSEA General Rules 2020 TEAM & INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS & CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Arena Eventing ('Jumping with Style') penalty score is the combination 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, however, there is a strong emphasis on good riding. Courses tend to be more technical than Eventers Challenge and also, slightly slower in speed, to enable the rider to show the style judge how well they can ride lines. There is no penalty for riding too fast, but style may be compromised. The very best rounds will be with no jumping penalties, the rider demonstrating good show jumping technique and also the ability to go up a gear and ride forwards with accuracy & balance in the XC phase.

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 on the marks.

NSEA JwS Rules (as follows) plus British Eventing Rules 2020

**JwS1)** Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be Under 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**JwS2)** 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.

Some XC fences have a knock down top rail. If this is knocked down, 4 penalties will be added to the penalty score. This all takes place in one arena.

**JwS3)** 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.

**JwS4)** 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.

**JwS5)** All team members are automatically eligible for individual placings, except at the NSEA Championships where Individuals must have pre-qualified.

**JwS6) 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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).

### **JwS7) Dress**

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

**BETA Level 3 body protector 2009 standard**

**No fixed peak hats.**

Hair to be worn above the collar.

Gloves should be worn.

No earrings or other visible piercings.

## JwS8) Competitions are for Teams & Individuals

### Arena Eventing at a glance ...

<b>Mini</b>	70-75cm	Riders minimum age 8yrs on the first day of Championships, maximum U14 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. <b>A rider who competes at 1.00m on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition.</b> 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 for Championships (Addington) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> teams & 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> individuals qualify for Championships Plate (Keysoe)
<b>Novice</b>	80-85cm	Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. Open to combinations of horses and riders who have not completed at BE pre-novice or higher or Badminton Grass Roots 90 Final. 30cm Rule applies. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for Championships (Addington) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> teams & 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> individuals qualify for Championships Plate (Keysoe)
<b>Intermediate</b>	90-95cm	Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. 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 for Championships (Addington) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> teams & 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> individuals qualify for Championships Plate (Keysoe)
<b>Open</b>	1m-1.05m	Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. Open to all. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for Championships (Addington) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> teams & 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> individuals qualify for Championships Plate (Keysoe)
<b>Advanced Open</b>	1.10m-1.15m	Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020. Open to all. Top 2 horses & top 2 ponies to qualify for Championships (Addington)

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

### JwS9) 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	Elimination
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.



**JwS10) SPEED FOR SJ PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING**

MINI – 300 m/m

NOVICE – OPEN = 325 m/m

**JwS11) SPEED FOR X.C. PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING**

Mini = 325m/m

Novice, Intermediate & Open = 325 – 350 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.

**JwS12)** There will be a 2 minute warning given to riders not ready to jump, before elimination.

**See the following page for a copy of an Arena Eventing judging score sheet**

# NSEA Arena Eventing Score Sheet for NSEA Qualifiers 2020

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

<b>RIDER - Position</b>	Comments	Score (max 25)	
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.			
<b>RIDER - Arena Craft &amp; Reactions</b>	Comments	Score (max 25)	
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			
<b>HORSE &amp; RIDER - Combination</b>	Comments	Score (max 10)	
The overall harmony of the horse & rider as a partnership.			
		SUB TOTAL (max 60)	
		multiply x 0.5 =	
		TOTAL STYLE MARKS (max 30)	
		TOTAL STYLE PENALTIES	

  

<b>ADMIN</b>	
Style Penalties =	
+	
Jumping Penalties =	
+	
Time Penalties =	
<b>TOTAL PENALTIES = FINAL SCORE</b>	

Total style marks attained are deducted from the max possible (30) to give style penalties

## **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.

**Please note** that in Grass Roots, County Qualifiers and Regional Points League Competitions, 3 refusals are allowed before elimination.

However, in National Championships Qualifiers for the National Championships held at Addington, only 2 refusals are allowed before elimination. See “NSEA Additional Rules”.

### **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 combination 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 League Competition

**Cchq SJ** – County Show Jumping Qualifier

**Cchq DR**– County Dressage Qualifier.

**NCHQ** – National Championships Qualifier.

Ascending levels of dressage in NSEA competitions...

Introductory- Walk & Trot (Grass Roots level)

Preliminary (prelim)

Novice,

Elementary (Ele),

Medium

## **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 in order to compete on behalf of their school; this consent should take the form of a positive response by the Head Teacher, to the approval request email sent by NSEA.

### **B) Team Managers**

**B1)** Each School must nominate a Team Manager. In addition, two team assistants may be nominated. The Team Manager & Team Assistants may be members of the school staff or parents. 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. For major Championships (Nationals-Addington, Eventers Challenge & SJ- Hickstead, County-Hartpury & Plate-Keysoe these need to be 6 monthly)

**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. The NSEA will handle communications through the Team Manager.

**The NSEA will not be held responsible for any financial loss incurred by the attendee, as a result of a cancellation. (see F6)**

**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 Giving's, **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

**The Team Manager acts for the school. Parents must always defer to the Team Manager, including when making enquiries.**

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.

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 always need to be under the guidance of their parents 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 (Qualifiers for Championships at Addington & the Plate at Keysoe) as well as the Championships & Plate themselves, please also see 'The Additional Rules'.

Every possible situation and circumstance cannot be provided for in the NSEA General and Additional Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the adjudication committee or person acting on their behalf, to make a decision in the spirit of the Rules by approaching, as near as possible, the intention of the NSEA Rules.

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

Show Jumping – British Show Jumping Rules 2020

Dressage – British Dressage Rules 2020

Eventing – British Eventing Rules 2020

Jumping with Style – NSEA JwS Rules 2020 for scoring, British Eventing Rules 2020 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, (1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 Finals, County Championships (April), Eventers Challenge Championships (May), Hickstead Elite Championships (August), The ODE Championships (September) and the National Championships (October) & Championships Plate (November).

**a)** A rider who changes schools in 2019/20 can only then compete for their new school, unless they qualified with their previous school, for the 2020 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)** All horses are required to have an equine passport. Horses and ponies must be a minimum of 4 years of age, must be entered in NSEA classes under their BD/BE/BS registered name (is affiliated) and may only compete once per class (except grass roots) In most cases, the name will be that which is shown in their equine passport (not their stable name) The passport must display their valid vaccination record (see rule D13) and be taken to all NSEA competition, where spot checks may take place.

**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**

**Team Managers should ensure that their riding squad have hats & safety equipment of the correct standard and that they are checked regularly. Competitors are strongly advised to check their hats regularly or take them to a reputable hat supplier to be checked. The NSEA recommend that hats are replaced following a fall or checked after any impact.**

##### **For Dressage & Show Jumping:**

**British and European: PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) and VG01.040 2014-12, all with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark**

**Australia and New Zealand: AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards with SAI Global mark**

**American: ASTM F1163: 2004a onwards with SEI mark Snell 2001 or 2016 (no other mark is needed with Snell)**

##### **For Cross Country, Arena Eventing, JwS, Eventers Challenge:**

**Only a "Jockey's Skull Cap" may be worn with the kite marks above, 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.**

**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.

**D13)** All horses / ponies competing in NSEA events must be vaccinated against equine influenza as follows:-

**a)** Two injections for the primary vaccination, not less than 21 days or more than 92 days apart. Both are required before a horse/pony may compete.

**b)** A booster injection 150-215 days after the second injection of the primary vaccination.

**c)** Subsequent booster injections must be given each year, within and not exceeding the 1 year period (see below), commencing after the first booster injection.

**d)** Some venues require 6 monthly boosters, as does the NSEA at all major Championships. If in doubt, please check with the Show Secretary of the relevant competition.

## **E) Teams/Individuals**

**E1)** Teams to consist of at least three, and 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. However, 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 in 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.

**In County qualifying Competitions (Cchq), an individual may ride a maximum of three different horses in any one class and 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 but not 70cm & 90cm or 80 & 1m see rule CchJQ1) No rider may compete in 70cm & 1m classes.**

**E7)** 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 an 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.

**E8)** 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 benefitted 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 end of the show will be deemed to be half an hour after the last horse competes.

#### **F4) 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.

#### **F5) 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 if entries are over-subscribed.

- 1) Entries that are received after the 'entries closure' date and any entry without the current NSEA Membership number correctly quoted.
- 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)** Balloting at Grass Roots Regional Championships.

Competitors who qualify for Grass Roots Regional Finals are eligible to compete in as many of the regional finals as they wish, however if entries are over subscribed at any particular final, balloting will take place. Priority will be given on a first come, first served basis.

**D)** 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 for 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

**F6) Entering NSEA Competitions**

**Only pupils currently registered with the NSEA, may be entered into any NSEA competition.**

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

**Refunds will only be given on receipt of a Vet / Doctor's certificate**

**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.**