



Inter-Schools Grass Roots & RPL Eventers Challenge Qualifier

Coombelands

Saturday 31st October 2020

Including

Grass Roots Qualifiers for the Grass Roots Regional Championships

This competition is open to schools from all counties and will count for the NSEA RPL Points League.

Organiser: Ben Parker, Coombelands Equestrian

Entries via the Coombelands website – coombelands-equestrian.co.uk

Entries close the Monday before the show (or earlier if full).

Grass Roots classes- simple rustic fences designed as an introduction to Eventers Challenge

The Course is made up of SJ & simulated XC fences with an optimum time & no style marks.

Larger arenas may use secured XC portables. Riders will jump a series of show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase which is run on an optimum time of 350- 375m/m.

Class 1 40-45cm Individual Grass Roots EC

Single phase.

Class 2 50-55cm Individual Grass Roots EC

Single phase.

Class 3 60-65cm Team & Individual Grass Roots EC

Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 4 70cm Team & Individual Grass Roots EC

Grass Roots ONLY. Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals. SEE GRASS ROOTS RESTRICTIONS

Class 5 Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual (RPL)

NON-Grass Roots. Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 6 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual (RPL) Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 7 Intermediate 90-95m Team & Individual (RPL) Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Teams of 3 or 4, best 3 scores to count.

Entry Fee for classes 1 – 4: £20 per rider per round.

Paramedic First Aid Cover: £5 per rider for the day.
Entries close the Monday before the show (or earlier if full).

Classes 1-4 Grass Roots Rules
Classes 5-7 Eventers Challenge Rules. (non-qualifier)



NSEA Grass Roots Rules

The purpose of the Grass Roots programme is to provide very novice riders with the opportunity to experience the excitement of competition. The rules are, therefore, kept as flexible as possible but, please embrace the “spirit” of the rules. Please do not use Grass Roots competitions as an easy opportunity to “pot hunt,” as it is not in the spirit of the competition.

The top 6 teams & individuals at qualifiers will be eligible to compete at any Regional Grass Roots Championships.

GR1) Classes & Eligibility

40cm Grass Roots classes are judged on rider position and style only over a simple course of fences. Riders may be led or assisted. Classes may be split into a) led and b) assisted. This class is for genuine novice riders only. There will be an additional prize for the best rider under 6yrs on 1st Jan 2020.

ANY RIDER who has competed in ANY 70cm class (or higher) on ANY pony at ANY competition (not just NSEA) is NOT eligible for this class, (except h/c if space permits)

50cm Grass Roots classes will be a single-phase competition. May be assisted but not led. There will be an award for the best rider under 7yrs on 1st Jan 2020. This class is for genuine novice riders only.

ANY RIDER who has competed in ANY 80cm class (or higher) on ANY pony in ANY competition (not just NSEA) is immediately ineligible for Grass Roots 40 & 50 cm qualifiers & championship classes.

Also, ANY PONY / RIDER COMBINATION who have competed at 70cm in ANY competition (not just NSEA) are NOT eligible for this class, (except h/c if space permits)

60cm Grass Roots classes will be single phase competitions, no outside assistance. There will be an award for the best rider under 8yrs on 1st Jan 2020. Horse/ Rider combinations who have **completed** courses at 80cm (at ANY competition, not just NSEA competitions) may only compete h/c in 60cm classes, or they must ride a different pony.

70cm Grass Roots classes. Single phase, no outside assistance Riders jumping at this level are not eligible for 40cm Grass Roots on ANY pony.

75cm Grass Roots (Open). Individual class only. Single phase, no outside assistance. This is a progressive class to bridge the gap between Grass Roots & other NSEA classes. It is open to Grass Roots riders / combinations who are starting to jump 80cm classes.

GR2) Riders are U19 on 1st Jan 2020. Minimum age 4 years. Riders must attend a primary / pre-prep school.

GR3) As stated above, novice riders may be assisted and/or led at 40cm and assisted (not led) at 50cm with the Team Manager’s permission.

People entering the ring to assist do so at their own risk.

60cm and above are not allowed to have any assistance whilst in the arena.

GR4) Up to 3 refusals are allowed in Grass Roots classes.

GR5) A rider may ride two ponies/horses in the same team, at a Grass Roots competition, providing the school has only one team in the class.

GR6) Two riders may ride the same pony/horse in the same team, at a Grass Roots competition, providing the school has only one team in the class.

GR7) Horse/ Rider combinations may compete in **2 consecutive classes at qualifiers & 2 consecutive classes** at the Grass Roots Regional Championships.

Scenario: A rider may enter pony A in 40 & 50 classes, then ride pony B in 50 & 60.

However, a rider may not ride pony A in 40 & 50 and then pony B in 60 & 70

GR8) A pony may jump a maximum of 3 rounds in a day at any Grass Roots qualifier if it is shared between 2 riders. At a Regional Championships a pony may jump 4 rounds providing it is shared between riders who are competing at different heights. A pony may not compete with the same 2 riders in 2 teams at 2 heights. A pony / rider combination may only compete once in any class

GR9) Once a rider has **competed** at 90cm on any horse, they are no longer a Grass Roots rider and may not take part in any further Grass Roots qualifiers or Grass Roots Regional Championships.

GR10) An Organiser reserves the right to refuse an entry if he / she feels that the spirit of Grass Roots Rules is being challenged in order to gain an un-fair advantage.

Other Grass Roots Competitions

GR11) Grass Roots County Challenge Team & Individual 60cm

In each region there will be a 60cm Grass Roots County competition. The highest placed team & Individual from the respective County will be crowned County Champion for the year.

GR12) Grass Roots Eventers Challenge 60 & 70cm

As an introduction to Eventers Challenge competitions, Grass Roots EC is held over working hunter style rustic fences. Types of jumps include a stile or skinny fence, arrowhead, brush etc and are all knock downable on safety cups.



NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules for Scoring 2021

The intention of these rules is to reward riders who have a clear round and to penalise riders who have jumping penalties or who are significantly faster than the Optimum Time. Where there are several competitors with a clear round, then the nearest to the Optimum Time will win, rewarding an appropriate judgement of pace around the course.

EC1) Open to Teams and Individuals

- Riders will jump a course of 5-8 show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase of 8-15 simulated XC fences, depending on the size of the arena
- The speed for the XC phase will be between 320m/m to 375m/m depending on the size of the arena – smaller arena = tighter turns which slow you down. A larger arena with flowing lines will ride on a quicker time. The speed for each class will be given in the schedule or on the noticeboard at the event. Times will be recorded to one-hundredth of a second if the timing equipment allows.
- NSEA/BE Eventing Rules for tack and rider equipment for XC.
- There will be no style mark. No age restriction on the mini (70/75) class.

EC2) Dress: XC colours, body protectors are compulsory. Hair must be above collar length, long hair to be kept in

place in a hair net. Rider must wear BE approved skull caps, no fixed peak SJ hats.

EC3) The competitor with the fewest penalties wins. In the event of a tie, the competitor closest to the optimum time will be the winner. In the team competition, the total of the best three scores is used to place the team. The combined difference from the Optimum Time of the 3 best scores is used to break any ties.

EC5) Organisers are asked to ensure that the XC phase includes elements that give a choice about the track and therefore the time taken. Organisers are asked not to display a clock showing the time taken visible to the rider to as the aim is to educate riders to ride by feel.

Penalties are awarded as follows

Knockdown (to include SJ and knockable xc fences)	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 or outside assistance	Elimination
Where the Optimum Time is 120 seconds or less, for every commenced second in excess of 10 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
Where the Optimum Time more than 120 seconds, for every commenced second in excess of 15 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
Exceeding time limit (2 times the Optimum Time)	Elimination

NSEA Rules – For the comprehensive Grass Roots Rules go to NSEA General Rules 2019-20 on the NSEA website. See below for eligibility in the height classes:

COOMBELANDS EQUESTRIAN

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BEN PARKER
 Trading as
 Coombelands Equestrian
 ("The Owner")

AMANDA AND MARK PERRETT
 Trading as
 Coombelands Racing Stables LLP
 ("The Owner")

GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Full Name:

Address:

Post Code:**Date of Birth of participant:**.....

I, the undersigned, in consideration of being permitted to be on the grounds of Coombelands Equestrian and Coombelands Racing Stables LLP, Pulborough West Sussex RH20 1BP (the "Grounds"), and being permitted to participate in various related activities while on the Grounds including participation in but not limited to cross country, show jumping gallops and equine swimming pool, being permitted to be a spectator or in the vicinity of horses, a player, trainer, owner, attendant, referee or umpire, taking lessons, walking or riding, stabling, livery, or grooming or in any other way handling horses (all of the foregoing by way of example and not by way of limitation) (the "Activities"), by execution of this General Release and Waiver of Liability hereby:

1. Understanding

Confirm that I understand and acknowledge that activities involving horses can be dangerous and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt. There is a significant risk that serious INJURY or DEATH may result from any such activities.

2. Release Waiver

Acknowledge that I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown and **I voluntarily participate at my own risk** and assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I may suffer that arises from my participation in the Activities.

RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, you or any of your Directors, Associates or employees, for any loss or damage, and any claims, including any claim for death or personal injury, or injury to me or my ponies, or loss of personal property, whether arising from control or supervision of spectators, providing or failing to provide medical care, first aid, emergency communications, emergency transportation, or design, maintenance or repair of any facility or anything or any other act caused by you or otherwise while I am in or upon the Grounds.

3. Risk of Personal Property

Confirm that all personal property kept, placed or left on or about the Grounds shall be at my sole risk as to loss, theft, injury or damage and you shall have no responsibility for such loss, theft, injury or damage for any such personal property including but not limited to ponies, tack and vehicles.

4. Assumption of Risk

Acknowledge and agree that equestrian activities are dangerous and involve risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage and that such activities are extremely dangerous and hazardous. I consciously and voluntarily assume all such risks, dangers and hazards inherent in these activities.

I acknowledge that I need to be medically fit enough to participate in the Activities and that it up to me to liaise with a doctor about this. I also acknowledge that I should not attempt any activities which are outside of my ability.

I accept full responsibility for myself, my guests, my employees and my animals.

5. Damage

Agree to be wholly responsible for all damage caused by me, my guests, my employees, my animals, or anyone on the Grounds with my consent or at my request.

6. Insurance

Confirm that I have adequate insurance including third party public liability to protect my exposure and those of my horses. I further confirm that if I bring anyone employed by me to the Grounds I will have the appropriate employers' liability insurance.

7. Behavior

Confirm that I understand that you expect:

- (a) anyone attending the Grounds to behave and control their children and pets; and
- (b) that all players will participate in an attitude of fair play, good sportsmanship and mutual respect amongst the spectators and players alike.

I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind altering drugs before and during any of the Activities and I agree not to consume alcohol or any mind altering drugs during any of the Activities while on the Grounds and I take full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage associated with their consumption.

I agree not to take drugs prohibited by law before, during or after any of the Activities.

I confirm that all my employees are legally allowed to work in the United Kingdom.

8. Safety Equipment

I agree to wear or use any recommended safety equipment while on the Grounds, in particular whilst mounted:

- (a) a helmet;
- (b) back protector; and
- (c) appropriate footwear.

9. Instructions

I agree:

- (a) to abide by, follow and adhere to all the rules, regulations and by-laws which apply to the Activities or at the Grounds or any instructions given to me or in relation to the Activities or the Grounds from time to time.
- (b) to follow the directions of any event organiser or official.
- (c) that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction of any organiser or official can result in the **CANCELLATION** of my participation in the Activities and my immediate removal from my horse **NO MATTER** where that may occur.

10. Acknowledgement

Confirm that I have had sufficient opportunity to read this document and having carefully read and understood the above, I fully understand its terms and the risks set forth herein and agree to accept full responsibility for my exposure to such risks. Furthermore, I acknowledge a full and complete understanding for the limitations of liabilities and waiver of certain rights that I may have and granting of releases contained herein and knowingly, freely and voluntarily consent thereto.

Name:.....Date:

Signature of person named above

OR

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18

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

All enquiries are to be made by the Team Manager please.

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. Most of them are volunteers and rudeness is not acceptable.

In the event of cancellation, you entry will be refunded on receipt of a sale, less £5 per cheque admin fee.
Have a good day!

Rules

NSEA General Rules 2020

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

Start Times will be available on the NSEA & Coombelands websites before the competition.

<https://www.nsea.org.uk/competitions/grass-roots-rpl-sj-q-coombelands/>

Live scoring also on the NSEA link

www.coombelands-equestrian.co.uk/times

NSEA Covid Protocols apply- full details on the NSEA website

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