



# Inter-Schools Grass Roots Show Jumping Qualifier

Beechwood Equestrian Centre

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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Team Managers ONLY to contact secretary please.

Entries Close: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Late entries may be accepted if space available. Contact Beechwood EC on 07510621428 to enquire)

Classes

Class 1 Cross Pole Clear Round (may be assisted)

Class 2 40cm Team & Individual Qualifier (may be led/assisted)

Class 3 50cm Team & Individual Qualifier (may be assisted)

Class 4 60cm Team & Individual Qualifier (may not be assisted)

Class 5 Introductory 70cm Qualifier Team & Individual Qualifier (may not be assisted)

Class 6 Introductory 75cm Individual Only (un-assisted)

**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:**

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.**

## **Team Managers- Coronavirus Protocols**

Please ask **parents** of every rider to undergo the following brief health check prior to leaving home in order to help us to minimise the spread of Coronavirus. Help us to protect the sport we love.

1. Make sure that all competitors and their families are not breaching lockdown quarantine measures. If anyone within the household of a rider who is competing shows any symptoms of coronavirus, please stay home.
- 2 The attending **parent needs to undertake a brief health check** on the morning of the competition.
  - Take the temperature of everyone planning to attend the competition
  - Has anyone suffered from a persistent cough, loss of taste or smell or have a fever / temperature?
  - If anyone has a temperature over 37.8, the household should seek advice and must not attend the competition.
- 3 Make sure that you have allocated an **adult in charge of your squad social distancing, who familiarises themselves with** one way systems & protocols at the venue. They will need to keep reminding everyone as it is easy to forget both on and off the horse. It is important that we **keep everyone in small groups or ‘bubbles’ and KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**, so please follow show centre instructions.
- 4 Don't forget your hand sanitiser (use it on arrival at the venue) & PPE. Venues are providing hand sanitiser, but if there are shortages, they could run out. Teams need to be prepared, if this happens. There will also be hot water, soap & hand towels available in bathrooms.
- 5 If anyone becomes unwell at the event, isolate them & the party they travelled with away from the rest of the riders and seek medical help. Paramedics are in attendance at NSEA events.
- 6 Limit numbers of personnel. No spectators at events. One parent per competitor where possible.
- 7 Please do not stay longer than necessary at the competition. ARRIVE, COMPETE, LEAVE, in order to minimise numbers on site at any time. All results will be available online.
- 8 Social Media. Some parts of the press have questioned the relevance of equestrian sport during this time of coronavirus. Be careful what your squad- parents and riders, post on social media in order to help us to protect our sport.

**ARRIVE, COMPETE, LEAVE, in order to minimise numbers on site at any time. Keep your distance and help us to protect the sport we love.**

### **Disclaimer**

- all participants undertake activities at NSEA events at their own risk. Please ensure that you seek and act upon any appropriate medical advice which you receive before undertaking any activity at NSEA events;
- you are strongly advised to acquaint yourselves with the terms of the NSEA insurance cover which is provided to all registered riders and the team manager of member schools; and
- we will not be liable for any acts or omissions of our employees, agents and sub-contractors in relation to any activity at NSEA events or for any loss or damage suffered by you as a result of taking part in any activity at NSEA events.
- all Beechwood EC terms and conditions apply (available to view on website and in Reception)
- Beechwood EC Covid Opening Statement is available to view on facebook or can be requested by email.
- Beechwood will not be handing out sheets or prizes on the day, all results will be posted to team managers therefore please ensure a large addressed envelope is deposited in the box in the reception area on the day

### **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](mailto: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, your entry will be refunded on receipt of a sae, less £5 per cheque admin fee.  
Have a good day!

## **Rules**

### **NSEA General Rules 2019-20**

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

**Start Times** will be available on the NSEA website 2 days before the competition  
[www.nsea.org.uk](http://www.nsea.org.uk)