

## Inter-Schools Grass Roots Show Jumping Qualifier

Plus RPL Show Jumping classes 70-90cm

## Beechwood Equestrian Centre 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## 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: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Late entries may be accepted if space available. Contact Beechwood EC on 07510621428 to enquire)

## <u>Classes</u>

## Classes 1 – 5 NSEA Grass Roots Rules apply

Class 1 Cross Pole Clear Round (may be assisted)

Class 2 40cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be led/assisted) Judged on style

Class 3 50cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be assisted) Single phase

Class 4 60cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may not be assisted) Single phase

Class 5 70cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may not be assisted) Single phase

## Classes 6-9 NSEA 30cm Rule applies

Class 6 70-75 cm RPL RPL Teams & Individuals Open to all Single phase

Class 7 80-85cm RPL Teams & Individuals Single phase

Class 8 90-95cm RPL Teams & Individuals Single phase

Entry Fees: Class 1 £6 Class 2-5 £15. Classes 6-8 £18. First Aid/Covid Fee: £4/rider. Cheque payment fee: £1.50

# NSEA Rules – For the comprehensive Grass Roots Rules go to NSEA General Rules 2020-21 on the NSEA website. See below for eligibility in the height classes:

Grass Roots Rules for classes 1 - 5

#### 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 <u>COMBINATION</u> 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 <u>combinations</u> 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.

## **Returning to sport from April 2021**

## HEALTH CHECKS

1. If any competitor, or anybody in their household, is showing symptoms of Coronavirus or has tested positive in the past 2 weeks, they must not attend any NSEA event. On the morning of the competition, <u>prior to</u> <u>departure</u>, there should be the following simple health check conducted:

- 1. Take the temperature of <u>everybody</u> in the household. If anybody has a temperature of over 37.8 degrees, then please seek medical advice and do not attend.
- 2. Is <u>anybody</u> 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)
- 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.
- 13. Facemasks need to be worn in crowded areas for the time being.
- 14. Government easing is currently as follows

## Step 1 B March 29<sup>th</sup>

Outdoor sports facilities to open, including training venues & competition centres. People are encouraged to stay local.

Organised competitions to commence- within strict COVID protocols. Therefore the NSEA protocols for competitions will be in place, once again.

## Step 2 April 12th

Self-contained accommodation and self-catering holidays are permitted. Therefore we anticipate that it will be possible to stay over at competitions from this point (one household per horsebox only)

Pubs can serve food & drink outdoors. Trade stands & catering outlets are permitted to open.

**<u>Scotland</u>** to return to the tier system, with the aim to move from tier 4 to tier 3. Some easing in March.

**Wales.** Easing starts from March 12<sup>th</sup>, after the next stage of restrictions are announced.

## 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

## 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 / <u>competition@nsea.co.uk</u> 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 sae, less £5 per cheque admin fee.

Have a good day!

## Rules

NSEA General Rules 2020/21 Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

**Start Times** will be available on the NSEA website 2 days before the competition <u>www.nsea.org.uk</u>