



**I.C.E Horseboxes**  
**NSEA Grass Roots Show Jumping**  
**Championships Festival**  
**&**  
**NSEA RPL Individual 70, 80 & 90cm**  
**Championships 2025**  
All England Jumping Course, Hickstead  
19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
also National Championships Show Jumping Qualifiers

(see separate page on NSEA website)

**Entries to be made online via the NSEA system**

**Send declarations (teams/ individuals who have qualified) to Mrs Whittington at the time of entry**

**Final changes to be made by 10am on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Mrs F Whittington, Tel/ 01892 750002 / 07904 308458 email [fw.nsea@gmail.com](mailto:fw.nsea@gmail.com)

Team Managers ONLY to contact secretary please

**Entries Close –1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 or earlier if full**

**All Stabling bookings online only via the Hickstead link**

<https://entry.equilive.uk/events/nsea-grassroots-championships-2025-at-hickstead>

For offsite stabling, please message NSEA via the Facebook page

**All entry fees to include medical cover**

**Start Times will be available on the NSEA website by 17<sup>th</sup> August**

[www.nsea.org.uk](http://www.nsea.org.uk)

## **Rules**

**NSEA General & Competition Rules 2024-25**



**Official Photographer- Mark Hawksworth**

*mhphotos - event photography* 07760 356541 [www.mhphotos.co.uk](http://www.mhphotos.co.uk)

**Volunteers- if you have any parents who are free to volunteer for a few hours, we would love to hear from you!**

see also the LeMieux Hobby Horse Challenge

**ALL HORSES MUST HAVE BEEN VACCINATED WITHIN 12 MONTHS TO COMPETE AT THIS EVENT  
AND HAVE 7 CLEAR DAYS FROM THE LAST VACCINATION**

Team Managers- please ask your squad to health check their horses before leaving home.



All Entry Fees to include paramedic cover

**Commemorative Hoodies** can be ordered via the NSEA official merchandise supplier HWA

<https://www.nsea.org.uk/merchandise/>

**Commemorative plaques** can be ordered from Equi-plaques.

There will be a link on the event page of the NSEA website shortly

### **Warm up Classes Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August (evening) Polo Arena**

All Warm Up classes are Single Phase 10/11 jumps. Entry Fee incl first Aid £22

Class 1) 40cm Warm Up Class single phase

Class 2) 50cm Warm Up Class

Class 3) 60/65cm Warm Up Class

**It is the responsibility of Team Managers AND parents to read the NSEA General Rules 2024-25 thoroughly. Whilst we dislike doing so we will eliminate anyone who is brought to our attention that has exceeded the qualification rules.**

**ANY RIDER JUMPING 90CM HAS JUMPED THEMSELVES OUT OF GRASS ROOTS  
COMPETITIONS AND SHOULD THEREFORE ENTER THE RPL CLASSES 21-23**

## **Grass Roots Show Jumping Championships Festival 2025**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

***Open to team & Individuals who have qualified in top 6 teams & individuals for one of the Grass  
Roots Regional Finals. NSEA Grass Roots Rules apply to classes 11-14  
and RPL Rules for classes 21-23***

***The aim of the Grass Roots Festival Classes is to give riders a championships feel in a  
wonderful, iconic setting***

### **Eligibility for Grass Roots classes**

**Riders NOT eligible for Grass Roots include-**

**Riders who have competed at 90cm are not eligible for Grass Roots.**

**Pony/rider combinations who have completed 5 x 80cm competitions are not eligible for Grass Roots, but  
the rider can ride a different pony in 60 and 70cm classes.**

**Riders who have competed in affiliated show jumping or eventing at 80cm or above, Pony Club regionals  
at 80cm, BSPS or Trailblazers at Championships level at 80cm or individually at NSEA National  
Championships in October at 80cm, are not eligible for Grass Roots Classes.**

**Riders who qualify for the Grass Roots Championships and then subsequently jump themselves out of  
their qualification are able to upgrade their qualification to the NSEA RPL Individual Championships (70-  
90cm) which runs at Hickstead in August at the same time as the Grass Roots Championships)**

**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. They may compete  
h/c individually**

**A rider CAN compete at 50, 60 & 70 but will be automatically moved to the Unrestricted Individual 50cm  
section (12b) if they have qualified as an individual in the 50cm class, enabling them to fulfill their  
qualifications**

### **Grass Roots Championships Classes**

**Class 11A 40cm Team & Individual Championships (may be led/ run with)**

**Class 11 B) 40cm Team & Individual Championships (assisted in the ring- stationary)**

***Teams can be made from riders competing in A or B, or both.***

**Class 12 50cm Team & Individual Championships (may be assisted in the ring)**

**Class 13 60cm Team & Individual Championships (may not be assisted)**

**Class 14 70cm Team & Individual Championships (may not be assisted)**

**Class 15 Grass Roots Points League Team Challenge (new for 2025)**

*(Please enter after end June when the final results are published)*

**Teams of 3 or 4 riders. Riders opt for a height they have qualified for – 40, 50, 60 70. See NSEA News page for more info re which schools have qualified. (note riders cannot be led in this class)**

### **RPL Individual Championships Classes**

**(open to horse/rider combinations placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in ANY RPL Individual 70, 80, 90 classes or 70, 80, 90 county SJ qualifiers.**

**Class 21 70cm National RPL Individual Championships**

**Class 22 80 RPL National Individual Championships**

**Class 23 90cm RPL National Individual Championships**

**Entry fees classes 11-23 £28 including paramedic cover**

**National Show jumping Qualifiers for NSEA Championships, Addington Classes 41-43 entry fee £22**

**Class 41 Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual Qualifier**

**Class 42 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual Qualifier**

**Class 43 Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual Qualifier.**



## **The LeMieux Hobby Horse Challenge**

**£3 per round in aid of the Air Ambulance**

**Class 31 Mini Hobby Horse Jumping qualifier (Tues pm & Wed am) under 70cm**

**Class 32 Maxi Hobby Horse Jumping qualifier (Tues pm & Wed am) over 70cm**

**Class 33 Hobby Horse & Hound pairs relay qualifier (Tues pm & Wed am)**

*the top 10 from classes 31-33 will qualify for the final on Wednesday pm*

### **LeMieux Hobby Horse Championships**

*Open to competitors placed in the top 10 at any NSEA Hobby Horse Qualifier*

**Class 34 Mini Hobby Horse Jumping Championships (Wed pm)**

**Class 35 Maxi Hobby Horse Jumping Championships (Wed pm)**

**Class 36 Hobby Horse & Hound pairs relay Championships (Wed pm)**

**The winner is the competitor / team who complete/s the course with no jumping penalties in the fastest time.**

HH Riders will need to ride their hobby horse astride and try to keep at least 1 hand on the reins or mane over the jump. The horse needs to be facing forwards over the obstacles.

4 jump penalties are added if the pupil knocks a fence down or has a stop.

The course will be timed from the start to finish. Pairs classes- competitors need to touch hands in a holding area, between the end of one round and the start of the other.



## DECLARATIONS FORM

### Grass Roots Championships Classes

**ON THE DAY YOU ENTER - Please fill in the details below and email to [fw.nsea@gmail.com](mailto:fw.nsea@gmail.com)  
Your entry will not be accepted without it. Your declaration is also an acceptance  
of the NSEA rules & conditions, as stated on the schedule**

**TEAMS.** We need to know where you qualified and who was in the team

**INDIVIDUALS** – to be eligible for INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, all individuals must be repeated in the individual box if they are also competing in a team, otherwise it will be assumed that they are team riders only. Individual riders will appear in capitals on the running orders. Changes cannot be made on the day of competition.

School.....Team Manager.....

Phone Number.....email.....

Class .....

Venue Qualified.....Date.....

TEAM

TEAM Rider	Horse	Original or substitute? Indiv?

INDIVIDUAL/S- name all riders qualified as individuals here (repeat any individuals in the team above)

INDIVIDUALLY QUALIFIED Rider	Horse	Placing

Class .....

Venue Qualified.....Date.....

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## Grass Roots Rules

## No Spurs in Grass Roots. Baton whips only.

### 40cm Grass Roots (Riders may be led or assisted from within the ring)

The class is judged by using a combination of show jumping penalties and style marks over a simple course of fences.

Rider's placings in the class are determined, first by show jumping penalties, with the ultimate placings, of those on the same jumping penalties, determined by style marks. The winner, therefore, is the rider, from those with the fewest jumping penalties, who has the highest style mark.

There is a, very generous, **maximum time**.

Classes may be split into a) led (either on a lead rein or running besides/ in front of, the pony) and b) assisted from within the ring

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.** Riders may be assisted from within the ring but not led . No outside assistance. The Assistant cannot carry a whip.

**Optimum time.** The winner will be the horse/rider combination who have the fewest jumping penalties and are closest to the optimum time. **There will be an additional prize for the most stylish rider who jumps clear in this class.**

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. They may compete h/c individually or be upgraded to 60 \*70 classes.

### Grass Roots 60 & 70cm classes (for novice riders)

Combinations may only jump 60 and 70 GR restricted classes, providing they have not completed 5 x 80cm classes, nor have qualified as an individual for the 80/85cm National Championships in October

Riders who have competed in affiliated show jumping at 70cm or above or eventing are eligible for RPL classes

### 60cm Grass Roots

Single phase competitions, no outside assistance.

### 70cm Grass Roots

Single phase, no outside assistance

Riders jumping at this level are not eligible for 40cm Grass Roots on ANY pony.

**NOTE- The International Arena including the DERBY BANK are out of bounds.**

## Online payments only

Any wild card riders who are substituted into a team must have completed a competition at the relevant height. **NO INDIVIDUALLY QUALIFIED HORSE OR RIDER MAY BE SUBSTITUTED**

**Team riders who have also qualified as an individual at the same height only pay once and will jump once (but their score will count for both) Please complete this information on the Declaration Form.**

Stabling & Electrical Hook Ups– book via the Hickstead online system only

Catering – Catering is available on site

## Important Information for Team Managers.

**RANDOM CHECKS WILL BE MADE ON PASSPORTS THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION**

Please read **thoroughly**. Team Managers are required to know this information.

1. All **entries** and **enquiries** regarding this championships to **NSEA only**. Email [fw.nsea@gmail.com](mailto:fw.nsea@gmail.com)

**HICKSTEAD ARE not dealing with any show enquiries other than stabling**

2. **All stabling to be booked only through the Hickstead** online system, if you require onsite stabling
3. Only teams and individuals qualified for the Grass Roots and RPL championships are eligible to compete in these classes.
4. Please read rules carefully for eligibility for all disciplines at the show.  
All Rules for the Championship classes and qualification rules for teams can be found on the NSEA website.
5. The **Team Manager** is responsible for the conduct and welfare of their school's horses, riders and other connected parties.(parents, supporters etc) at **all times** on the show ground.
6. **No dogs** IN THE JUMPING ARENAS OR WARM UP . Please bring Poo bags!
7. Gas BBQ's ONLY. No ground BBQs or chimneas in lorry park.
8. Hook ups to be arranged with Hickstead
9. All jumping courses may be raised a little from the qualifiers to the Championships.
10. In the event of cancellation, entry fees shall be refunded, less £5 per competitor per class to help cover admin costs.
11. No refunds except with a Doctor's note / Vet cert. See NSEA Rules.
12. **After 10p.m, the stable area should be quiet.** Please be aware that horses need to rest and therefore noise, lighting and intrusion should be kept to an absolute minimum.
13. A contact number must be left on a piece of tape on the stable door of every horse in case of an emergency.
14. Camping in tents is permitted, but an adult must stay on site with riders.
15. **Horses should not arrive after 10pm and before 6am. Hickstead and the NSEA reserve the right to refuse entry to, and remove, any individual without giving a reason. If you want to park together, please arrive together.**
16. The end of the show will be deemed to be half an hour after the last horse competes.
17. **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 this competition.** The **Team Manager** is responsible for the conduct and welfare of their school's horses, riders and other connected parties.(parents, supporters etc) at **all times** on the show ground.

**Stabling – is organised by Hickstead**  
**please book through the link after the Derby meeting (late June)**  
**The link will be added to the NSEA website once it is live.**

**See Hickstead booking & refund policy re stabling**

Off=site stabling is also available. Please send a private message to our Facebook page for more details.

#### **Conditions of Entry 2025**

**Team Managers- please ensure that all horses / riders are correctly qualified for the classes they are entered for. All competitors, parents and representatives from every school must ensure that they act courteously to stewards and officials at all times. Rudeness and unsportsmanlike behaviour are not acceptable and could result in elimination.**

**Please help us to ensure that this Championship is run in the true spirit of competition and fair play.**

In order to compete in events listed on the NSEA website, all competing schools must now be members of the NSEA, and show their membership number on entry forms. For full details of how to join go to [www.nsea.org.uk](http://www.nsea.org.uk)

Entries must be made in advance, late entries to be accepted at the discretion of the organisers.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry, for any reason.

Competitors must wear correct clothing and tack in accordance with NSEA & BD/ BS rules.

Lungeing is not permitted in any working area. No adults to warm up horses on the show ground.

The decision of the judges is final.



Children under 16 must be supervised at all times.

See NSEA refund policy in the NSEA Rules

All riders MUST wear hard hats, correctly fitting and to the latest BSI specifications according to the rules with the chin strap done up whilst mounted. All dressage hats must have a fitted chin strap.

Whilst not compulsory, we recommend that riders wear a body protector whilst jumping.

**Any objections must be made, by the Team Manager, to the organiser within 5 minutes of the completion of the event, in writing on an official adjudication form, accompanied by a deposit of £30 which may be forfeited if the objection is overruled.**

The organisers shall not be liable for any claims in respect of damage or accident to any person, whether competitor, servant or spectator, horse, vehicle or property, howsoever caused in conjunction with or arising out of the show.

### **Disclaimer**

*Except as otherwise stated below [or in our terms and conditions]:*

- *all participants undertake activities at NSEA Championships 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 Championships;*
- *you are strongly advised to obtain appropriate insurance protection before undertaking any activity at NSEA Championships; 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 Championships or for any loss or damage suffered by you as a result of taking part in any activity at NSEA Championships.*

*All warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law in relation to any activity at NSEA Championships are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded. This does not exclude or limit our liability to you for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or any matter for which it would be illegal for us to exclude or attempt to exclude our liability or for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.*

*Notwithstanding the above, NSEA's total liability (including any liability for the acts or omissions of its employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors) in contract, tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), misrepresentation, restitution or otherwise arising in connection with your attendance or participation in any activity at NSEA Championships shall be limited to £5,000,000.*

### **Your Responsibility**

All persons attending the event must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents and must obey instructions given by the NSEA 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 Championships

### **Child Protection & Safeguarding**

We have a designated Child Protection Officer at the Championships. Please enquire at the secretary if you wish to speak to them or if you have any concerns, please contact the NSEA on tel 07552 836032 / [competition@nsea.org.uk](mailto:competition@nsea.org.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

Children (competitors & siblings) are the responsibility of their parents and the Team Manager at all times,

**TV & PHOTOGRAPHY** Please note that press and professional photographers may be present 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.

### **Live Scoring**

*For social distancing purposes, there will be no scoreboards on site. NSEA live scoring will be used at this event, which you will be able to access from your phone. If you do not wish to be included, we recommend that you enter under a pseudonym. Live results will be posted on the NSEA website.*

**Course walks-** extra course walks will be timetabled into bigger classes, if required

**Vet on Call** : Sussex Equine Hospital on call tel 01903 883050

**Emergency Farrier** will be on call, subject to availability, at your own cost. **Please do not bring a horse to this competition in need of shoeing or with a shoe missing!** Are arenas have sand surfaces.

## **I.C.E HORSEBOXES**

Every Luxury for Horse and Rider