



Inter-Schools Grass Roots Show Jumping Qualifiers 40-70cm

BICTON ARENA
SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026

Including
Grass Roots Qualifiers for the Grass Roots Regional Championships (see website for dates) as well as the NSEA Grass Roots Festival at Hickstead in August 2026

Regional Points League Classes

Team Points- towards the regional points leagues, calculated at the end of the academic year, where the highest 4 schools will qualify for the NSEA Championships at **Addington in October**.

This competition is open to schools from all counties and regions.

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Click [HERE](#) to enter (*entries open on Monday 23rd February*)

Entries close on Monday 6th April, if you did not declare your team(s) when entering please email them to gemma@bicton.com no later than 13:00 on Tuesday 7th April.

Classes

Classes 1 – 4 NSEA Grass Roots Rules apply

*Horse/rider combinations may compete in two consecutive height qualifying classes on the same pony
40 & 50 or 50 & 60 or 60 & 70cm*

A GR rider may not jump in 70cm and 40cm

A rider is not eligible for GR if they are jumping 90cm and may only jump 60 and 70 GR classes if horse/rider have completed 5 x 80cm classes.

Class 1a/b 40cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be led/assisted) Judged on jumping penalties, placings separated on style marks. Not timed, although the maximum time in the arena is 4 mins.

40a) led, unled and running in close proximity with the pony.

40b) assisted- in the ring but does instructor not move with the pony

Top 6 individuals in each section to qualify. Top 6 teams to qualify, which can be made up of riders in either section

Class 2 50cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be assisted) Optimum time

Class 3 60cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may not be assisted) Single phase

Class 4 70cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may not be assisted) Single phase

NSEA Rules – For the comprehensive Grass Roots Rules go to NSEA General Rules 2025-26 on the NSEA website. See below for eligibility in the height 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.

Riders who have competed in affiliated show jumping or eventing at 80cm or above , Pony Club regionals at 80, BPS 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)

BICTON'S TERMS & CONDITIONS

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

CURRENT NSEA RULES

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

Start Times

Will be available on the Bicton website on Thursday 9th April from 15:00

NSEA website also - www.nsea.org.uk