



Inter-Schools Grass Roots Show Jumping Qualifiers & RPL Show Jumping classes 70-90cm

Venue: Hadlow College

Sunday 5th October 2025

Saturday 15th November 2025

Saturday 10th January 2026

Saturday 9th May 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

This competition is open to schools from all counties and will count for the
NSEA RPL Points League. The RPL finals are at the NSEA Championships in October

Organiser: SMP EVENTS www.SMP-EVENTS.co.uk

Entries to: NSEA

Entries Close: Tuesday prior

Classes

Classes 1 – 5 NSEA Grass Roots Rules apply

Class 1 40cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be led/assisted) Judged on style. Not timed,
Entry Fee £20.00

Class 2 50cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be assisted) Optimum time, Entry Fee £20.00

Class 3 60cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may not be assisted) Single phase, Entry Fee £20.00

Class 4 5 70cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may not be assisted) Single phase, Entry Fee
£20.00

Classes 5-7 NSEA 30cm Rule applies

Class 5 70-75 cm RPL Teams & Individuals Open to all Single phase, Entry Fee £23.00

Class 6 80-85cm RPL Teams & Individuals Single phase, Entry Fee £23.00

Class 7 90-95cm RPL Teams & Individuals Single phase, Entry Fee £23.00

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

Grass Roots Rules for classes 1 – 5 See also NSEA Rules 2025

GR1) Classes & Eligibility

Grass Roots 40 & 50cm classes (for very novice riders only)

40cm Grass Roots (Riders may be led or assisted)

Classes are judged on rider position and style only over a simple course of fences.

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

Classes may be split into a) led and b) assisted.

There will be an additional prize for the most stylish rider who jumps clear in this class

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 but not led.)

Optimum time. The winner will be the horse/rider combination who have the fewest jumping penalties and are closest to the optimum time.

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.

ANY HORSE/RIDER combination who has qualified for any other NSEA CHAMPIONSIPS (SJ / JwS CHQ, ECQ, County etc) may not compete in Grass Roots 50cm classes.

Grass Roots 60 & 70cm classes

OPEN 60cm Grass Roots

Single phase competitions, no outside assistance.

Horse/ Rider combinations who have **completed 4** courses at 80cm (at ANY competition, not just NSEA competitions) may only compete h/c in 60cm classes, unless they ride a different pony.

OPEN 70cm Grass Roots

Single phase, no outside assistance

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

Rider / pony combinations jumping at this level are NOT eligible for 50cm 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.

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 sae, less £5 per cheque admin fee.
Have a good day!

Rules

NSEA General Rules 2025

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

Start Times will be available on the NSEA website 2 days before the competition
www.nsea.org.uk