



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

NSEA Eventers Challenge

Pickering Grange Farm Equestrian, Ellistown, Leicestershire, LE67
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10th Jan 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

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

Organiser: Pickering Grange Equestrian, Rachel Littlewood

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 £22 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 £23 50cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be assisted) Optimum time

Class 3 £23 60cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may not be assisted) Single phase

Class 4 £23 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 2024-25 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, 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)



NSEA Eventers Challenge



**Pickering Grange Equestrian
Leicestershire LE671EZ**

Including

**70, 80, 90 & 1m qualifying classes for the
NSEA LeMieux Eventers Challenge Final @ Hickstead
May 2026
Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify**

This competition is open to schools from all counties and will also count for RPL points

Organiser: Pickering Grange Eqn – Rachel Littlewood

Entries to be made through the nsea website queries to info@pickeringgrange.co.uk or 07932667758

Eventers Challenge Qualifiers

The Course is made up of SJ & simulated XC fences with an optimum time & no style marks. Larger arenas may use secured XC portables. Riders will jump a series of show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase which is run on an optimum time of 350- 375m/m.

Class 5– 60 warm up class £38

Class 6 £45 Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual (Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 7 £45 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual (Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 8 £45 Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual (Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Class 9 £45 1m-1.05 Open Team & Individual (Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Teams of 3 or 4, best 3 scores to count

Paramedic First Aid Cover included £5



NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules for Scoring 2025-26

The intention of these rules is to reward riders who have a clear round and to penalise riders who have jumping penalties or who are significantly faster than the Optimum Time. Where there are several competitors with a clear round, then the nearest to the Optimum Time will win, rewarding an appropriate judgement of pace around the course.

EC1) Open to Teams and Individuals

- Riders will jump a course of 5-8 show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase of 8-15 simulated XC fences, depending on the size of the arena
- The speed for the XC phase will be between 320m/m to 375m/m depending on the size of the arena – smaller arena = tighter turns which slow you down. A larger arena with flowing lines will ride on a quicker time. The speed for each class will be given in the schedule or on the noticeboard at the event. Times will be recorded to one-hundredth of a second if the timing equipment allows.
- NSEA/BE Eventing Rules for tack and rider equipment for XC.
- There will be no style mark. No age restriction on the mini (70/75) class.
- Top two teams and 4 Individuals at each height to qualify for the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championship to be held at Hickstead in May.

EC2) Dress: XC colours, body protectors are compulsory. Hair must be above collar length, long hair to be kept in place in a hair net. Rider must wear BE approved skull caps, no fixed peak SJ hats.

EC3) The competitor with the fewest penalties wins. In the event of a tie, the competitor closest to the optimum time will be the winner. In the team competition, the total of the best three scores is used to place the team. The combined difference from the Optimum Time of the 3 best scores is used to break any ties.

EC4) The top 2 teams & 4 individuals at each qualifier will qualify for the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championship.

EC5) Organisers are asked to ensure that the XC phase includes elements that give a choice about the track and therefore the time taken. Organisers are asked not to display a clock showing the time taken visible to the rider to as the aim is to educate riders to ride by feel.

Penalties are awarded as follows

Knockdown (to include SJ and knockable xc fences)	4 penalties
1st Refusal	4 penalties
2nd Refusal	8 penalties
3rd Refusal	Elimination
Rider Fall	Elimination
Horse Fall	Elimination
Starting before the bell, retaking an obstacle already jumped, error of course or outside assistance	Elimination
Where the Optimum Time is 120 seconds or less, for every commenced second in excess of 10 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
Where the Optimum Time more than 120 seconds, for every commenced second in excess of 15 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
Exceeding time limit (2 times the Optimum Time)	Elimination

Disclaimer

All visitors ("you") are required to accept these terms and conditions for themselves and any children they bring to Pickering Grange Farm ("the Farm"). If you do not agree then you may not visit the Farm. The partners, staff and agents of Pickering Grange Farm (also trading as Pickering Grange Equestrian) are collectively referred to as "we" or "us".

Risk acceptance

You accept that being around horses and other animals and riding at any standard has inherent risk and that any animal may react unpredictably on occasions. You may fall off and could be injured, or be injured by another animal.

You accept these risks.

You understand that children are at particular risk around animals and agree to keep children that you are responsible for under close supervision. You agree to be responsible for the behaviour and welfare of any children you bring to the Farm.

You understand that competing or using the cross country course (or both) carries enhanced risk over and above general riding and agree that if you chose to participate, it is up to you to ensure that you have the experience and ability to ride the course including any jumps that form part of it. If you are in any doubt, you will use your judgment and not enter.

The Farm is a working farm and you understand and accept the risks of being on a farm. These risks include but are not limited to uneven and slippery ground, unpredictable animal behaviour and farm traffic. You agree not to enter any areas where farm machinery is being used, and will give way to farm machinery.

Horses and Riding

You agree that your horse's behaviour and welfare is your responsibility, and that you will maintain a valid passport with a record of up-to-date inoculations including 'flu and tetanus, and show these to us if we ask. If your horse is showing any symptoms of illness, you may not bring your horse to the Farm.

You agree to only ride or lead a horse whilst wearing a correctly fastened riding hat (to a current recognised standard) and suitable riding gloves and suitable riding footwear with defined heels. You understand that it is advisable to wear a hat when handling a horse.

You understand that wearing a body protector may reduce the severity of an injury. For children and for jumping over solid fences (cross-country and arena eventing) body protectors to current standards are required. Otherwise you understand it is your choice whether or not to wear a body protector. You warrant that you and anyone else you permit to ride a horse are suitably competent and experienced to ride that horse. For safety reasons all lone riders must be

accompanied by another person. A mobile phone should be carried for emergencies.

If you are not a full time livery customer and we agree to handle your horse then in consideration you will indemnify us and hold us harmless for any losses arising to the maximum extent permitted by law.

If your horse requires veterinary treatment, we will try to contact you first. You consent to us providing or organising treatment at our discretion if we are unable to contact you in a timely fashion. You indemnify and hold us harmless for any welfare decisions we make on your behalf that we believe are in the interest of the horse.

If your horse is stabled with us temporarily then stables must be left clean and tidy with clean bedding banked up across the back, and if you bring a stallion you must bring an electric fence pack. Any damage caused by a temporarily stabled horse must be paid for. Stallion grills should be requested in advance by email.

Lunging is not allowed except in the lunge arena. Unless turned out in a paddock, horses must be kept off the grass areas to avoid damage to mowing equipment.

Insurance and Liability

You agree to maintain appropriate insurance for yourself, any guests and all property that you bring to the Farm. If you compete then you agree to ensure your insurance covers your participation in competitions. You must insure yourself and anyone you allow to ride your horse for public liability and any legal liability that may attach to you as the keeper of the horse.

We accept no responsibility for loss or damage to your property (including but not limited to your horse).

Competitions

If you compete, you agree to abide by the rules of the competition and pay the appropriate fee. Access for competitions is from 8.00am, please do not arrive before this time.

If you withdraw, if we deem you to be unfit to compete, or if you are not allowed to compete due to not complying with the rules or not bringing the correct equipment or documentation (such as passport and vaccination certificates) then no refunds will be given.

You agree that event photography may take place at competitions which may include competitors. For the purpose of these specific events we will not permit for the event photography to be displayed on our website or in our marketing.

We will request that any photography is not published to the photographers website, should it be uploaded, it will be uploaded to a locked file as to only be accessed via passkey.

A refund of entry fees may be given in lieu of prize money. Prize money unclaimed 21 days after a competition is forfeited.

All unaffiliated events will be run by reference to the relevant affiliated rules: British Showjumping (BS), British Dressage (BD) and British Eventing (BE). The decision of the judge is final. We may amend the rules at any time. For BS competitions you agree that we will restrict prizes to one for every five entries, in accordance with BS Rule 76 (6), and not pay scheduled prize money for competitions with fewer than four starters in accordance with BS rule 76 (14).

For affiliated competitions we may share the information you have provided in connection with your entry to the relevant body. If you receive an injury any medical reports relating to your condition may be passed to BE. Any medical reports passed to BE will be held on your records and passed in confidence to the UK Transport Research Lab for the purposes of safety analyses. You agree to comply with all the relevant BE rules as detailed in the BE Rules and Members' handbook, including those relating to vaccinations & BEFAR (BEF Anti-Doping Rules).

Cross country

Every person entering the cross country course does so at their own risk, and voluntarily accepts the risk of injury or damage that is implicit in riding on, over or near a cross country course and cross country schooling fences, and the risk to spectators.

Before using the cross country course all riders must familiarise themselves with the course and only jump jumps for which the horse and rider are capable of, taking note of the ground conditions and any hazards or bends. Studs are recommended in all conditions.

Jumps that are marked with red and white flags may only be jumped in one direction. The direction of the jump is indicated by jumping with the red flag on the right side of the jump. Crossed flags in front of the jump indicate that the jump is out of use and must not be jumped. Please report any defect or damage to any jump whilst using the course.

All accidents or damage to the course must be reported to us before leaving the course.

All riders must take note of any footpath signs and keep off footpaths. Approach farm tracks slowly and look for any traffic. No racing must take place at any time. Spectators must stay clear of jumps at all times. Children must be supervised at all times and are not permitted to be on the cross country course alone (mounted or on foot or spectating).

Facilities and instruction

Unless you are having a lesson from the partners or staff of Pickering Grange Farm then you agree that we provide facilities and not instruction, and any instruction is arranged between you and the instructor, even if we facilitate the arrangement. You agree to check your instructor is suitably qualified and has appropriate insurance.

You agree that where you ride with other people (which may or may not include us) each is responsible determining if they are experienced enough and is responsible for their own safety and no element of tuition or oversight is provided by us. For the avoidance of doubt this includes riding outside the Farm that we have organised.

If you are a visiting coach, clinic host, riding club or any other group or association using our facilities or a third party stallholder, concessionaire, caterer or any other bona fide sub-contractor engaged by us, you agree that you are suitably qualified and will perform your own risk assessment. You also agree to maintain your own public liability insurance with a minimum limit of £2,000,000 and employers liability insurance (if applicable), and provide us with copies of your insurance documentation prior to arrival.

Vehicles and Driving

Lorries and trailers may not be skipped out in parking areas. Hay nets may not be tied outside lorries or trailers. You agree not to leave rubbish at the Farm except in the bins provided. No horse is to be left unattended unless correctly secured inside the trailer or horsebox. Vehicles may only be parked in the allocated areas.

You accept that taking vehicles onto a farm is a risk to safety and may cause damage for which you accept responsibility. You agree to move your vehicle on request. You consent to us moving your vehicle as your agent and at your own risk. If you ask us to move a vehicle then you warrant that you act with the authority of the owner. If we agree to move a vehicle then in consideration you will indemnify us and hold us harmless for any losses arising to the maximum extent permitted by law.

You accept the risk that other drivers may not be familiar with the farm and may not be familiar with horse behaviour.

Staying at the Farm

If your visit includes staying at the Farm overnight, then you accept that the gates to the Farm are normally locked overnight, (from after 9pm to approximately 7.30am) and that you will make arrangements to exit the farm in an emergency with your event organiser or us. Please take any rubbish home with you.

General

You agree to report any potential hazards or maintenance issues to management immediately (including but not limited to broken fencing).

You agree to not to enter any areas of the Farm that are not explicitly for the purpose of your visit.

We may record and store images and audio for our own purposes, including the management of the facility, the prevention and detection of crime, to ensure compliance with farm rules and for the promotion of Pickering Grange Farm. You may not record or store images or audio without our permission. You may not use any images or audio recorded at the Farm for any purpose without our written consent.

No smoking or use of e-cigarettes is allowed anywhere on the Farm, except for the area near the toilet where a cigarette disposal bin is provided.

You agree to be responsible for any damage caused by you or your horse. Well-behaved dogs are allowed but must be kept on a lead and supervised at all times. You agree to clean up any mess left by your dog. If you walk your dog, you must keep to the public rights of way and keep clear of horses and livestock. Please ask us if you are unsure where the public rights of way are.

You are responsible for the safety of any guests you invite to the Farm, including any children. You agree to ensure that anyone you invite to the Farm understands and accepts these terms and conditions.

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of these terms and conditions.

We may close the Farm or any part of it at any time at no notice due to operational issues, any outbreak of equine or human disease, or acting on the advice of any competent authority.

You agree to leave the Farm if we ask you to at any time and for any reason.

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, your entry will be refunded on receipt of a cheque, less £5 per cheque admin fee.
Have a good day!

Rules

NSEA Rules 2024-25

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

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