



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

Tuesday 17th February 2026



Clapper Lane, Staplehurst, Kent, TN12 0JW

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 regions.

Entries to: www.nsea.org.uk

Entries Close: Tuesday 10th February

Entry fee: £22.00

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, 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)

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

Rules

NSEA Rules 2025-26

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

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