



**NSEA Eventers Challenge Qualifier,
Mixed Height Team SJ National Qualifier and
South East Grass Roots Regional Champs**

Felbridge Showground

11th April 2026

Including

This competition is an Eventers Challenge qualifier
Eventers Challenge Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for the
Championships at the NSEA National Championships at Hickstead in May
2026

Mixed Height team SJ Qualifier

Top 2 teams to qualify for the Championships at the NSEA National Championships at
Addington in October 2026

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

Organiser: NSEA

Entries to: NSEA online entries

Entries Close 7 days before the event, or earlier if full

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

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 1 Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual (NSEA Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 2 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual (NSEA Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 3 Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual (NSEA Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Class 4 1m-1.05 Open Team & Individual (NSEA Hickstead qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Teams of 3 or 4, best 3 scores to count. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Class 5abc Mixed Height Team SJ Qualifier for Addington Teams of 3 different horse rider combinations to jump 1 x 70, 1 x 80 and 1 x 90
Riders can also qualify individually for the RPL Individual Championships at Hickstead in August

Entry Fee for classes 1 -4 = £24,
SJ class 15 = £22
Grass Roots Classes 11-14 = £20
Paramedic First Aid Cover included



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

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. Rudeness will not be tolerated.

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 / BE Eventing Rules for tack & rider equipment.

NSEA General & Competition Rules 2025-26

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

Grass Roots South East Regional Final

Classes 11 – 14 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 W Clear Round £10 per round

Class 11a/b 40cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Regional Final (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 12 50cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Regional Final (may be assisted) Optimum time

Class 13 60cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Regional Final (may not be assisted) Single phase

Class 14 70cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Regional Final (may not be assisted) Single phase

Disclaimer

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

- *all participants undertake activities at NSEA events 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 events;*
- *you are strongly advised to acquaint yourselves with the terms of the NSEA insurance cover which is provided to all registered riders and the team manager of member schools; 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 events or for any loss or damage suffered by you as a result of taking part in any activity at NSEA events .*

All warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law in relation to any activity at NSEA events 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 events 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 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

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