



NSEA Eventers Challenge & JWS

Super Qualifier

**Including Showjumping Grassroots Qualifiers at
50 & 60**

**HIGHFIELD at HOWE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, ARNOT ACRES,
CUPAR, FIFE KY15 7UW**

SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2026

Co-Organisers: NSEA & Mrs Gillian McFadyen,
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Entries Online via NSEA website
Entries Close: 11th March

**This competition is a 'Super Qualifier' with Eventers Challenge and
JWS qualifications at the same event.**

**Eventers Challenge Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for the
Championships at the NSEA National Championships at Hickstead in May
2026**

**JWS Top 2 teams & 4 individuals 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

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.

Jumping with Style Qualifiers

This is run over the same course , heights and EC Rules but there will be an additional style mark for JWS placings only, which may result in riders qualifying for one or both championships.

Class 1– SHOWJUMPING 50cm warm up class/ Grassroots Qualifier for those eligible
Single Phase Eligible combinations will qualify for Grassroots Finals at Northallerton/ Hickstead

Class 2– SHOWJUMPING 60cm warm up class/ Grassroots Qualifier for those eligible
Single Phase Eligible combinations will qualify for Grassroots Finals at Northallerton/ Hickstead

Class 3 Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual (NSEA Hickstead qualifier & NSEA Addington qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 4 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual (NSEA Hickstead qualifier & NSEA Addington qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 5 Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual (NSEA Hickstead qualifier & NSEA Addington qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Class 6 1m-1.05 Open Team & Individual (NSEA Hickstead qualifier & NSEA Addington qualifier)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Class 7ab 110cm JWS ONLY (NSEA Addington qualifier) a) horses, b) ponies
Single phase. Individual only

Teams of 3 or 4, best 3 scores to count
Entry Fee for classes 1 -7 = £25

Paramedic First Aid Cover - included

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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

Scoring for EC and JWS Super Qualifiers

Scoring for EC Super Qualifiers does not alter.

Scoring for JWS SC is different to stand alone JWS competitions. The jumping and timing as per EC penalties as above PLUS the JWS Style penalties

There will be separate EC and JWS Qualification Certificates at these events.

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.

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

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 entry admin fee.

EACH SCHOOL MUST PROVIDE ARENA PARTY HELP WHEN AVAILABLE

Have a good day!

Rules

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NSEA General & Competition Rules 2025-26

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

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

