

NSEA Pop Up Dressage Series

Winter League 2026-27

The overall points winner in each class, at the end of the NSEA Pop Up Series, will win a Rug

The top 8 riders from each Points League (classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) qualify for the Pop Up Dressage Championships at the NSEA Spring Championships Hickstead May 2026,

The aim of this series is to allow NSEA members to compete in a national dressage league without leaving home! Get test riding tips & feedback from judges (who are also top trainers & riders) on your dressage sheets

Dressage Tests may be ridden in any 20 x 40m arena on a surface or on grass.
Individuals only competition. Tests may be called.

To video

Tests must be videoed from the 'C' end of the arena and must be completed in one session, as you would in any competition.

Stand back approx. 3m from C, as if you were in the position of the dressage judge.

Make sure that the whole horse is in the video at all times (Tests may be videoed from a phone or camera)

Download your video on to YouTube - include the riders first name only and the name of the horse in your code.

Check that the email link to your test works. (the link cannot be viewed if private, the video is not too dark, out of focus, filmed from the wrong end of the arena, upside down or the wrong test!)

The link must take you to your YouTube video, otherwise it will not be counted. The code must start with

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=> ? just add your code to the end.

To enter

1. Enter & pay online via the NSEA website Competition Dates Page.
2. Email your name, horse, class number & YouTube code to office@nsea.org.uk
3. Entries must arrive by the close of entries date for the month as stated below. Open to NSEA members only.

You may only submit a video once per horse/rider combination per class.

We aim for results to be posted on the NSEA website two weeks after the competition closure date. Your dressage test sheet will be emailed to you after results have been published. Placings 1 – 6th at each competition.

Entry Fee £18 per test.

(Prizes 1st – 3rd & rosettes to 6th will be sent out second class at the end of the series)

Note:

- Horse/Rider combinations may only compete in consecutive tests ie 1 & 2, 2 & 3, 3 & 4, 4 & 5, 5 & 6.

- Class 1 & 2 are restricted to riders who have not qualified to compete individually at the NSEA National Dressage Championships or the County Dressage Championships.
- Class 1 will be split a) 10yrs & under, b) 11yrs upwards
- Class 1 Walk & Trot test is restricted to riders who are not competing in the second Prelim test (class 3) - therefore those riders may only compete in Class 1 and the first Prelim, class 2.
- Riders competing at Novice level may not compete in Class 2
- Horse / Riders competing at Elementary level may only compete in Class 4 and 5, Medium level combinations may only compete in classes 5 & 6. Ele & Medium riders **may not** compete in classes 1 or 2.
- *All tests are ridden in 20 x 40m arenas

Competitors can only submit a test once for this series.

Tests may not be used from other competitions.

November Tests* – entries close 30th November 2026

- Class 1 Walk & Trot Introductory 1 (2024) a) 10yrs & under, B) Open
- Class 2 Prelim 1 (2024)
- Class 3 Prelim 2 (2024)
- Class 4 Novice 1 (2024)
- Class 5 Elementary 1 (2024)
- Class 6 Medium 1 (2024)

December Tests* – entries close 31st December 2026

- Class 1 Walk & Trot Introductory 2 (2024) a) 10yrs & under, B) Open
- Class 2 Prelim 2 (2024)
- Class 3 Prelim 3 (2024)
- Class 4 Novice 2 (2024)
- Class 5 Elementary 2 (2024)
- Class 6 Medium 2 (2024)

January Tests*- entries close Jan 31st 2027

- Class 1 Walk & Trot Introductory 3 (2024) a) 10yrs & under, B) Open
- Class 2 Prelim 1 (2024)
- Class 3 Prelim 2 (2024)
- Class 4 Novice 3 (2024)
- Class 5 Elementary 3 (2024)
- Class 6 Medium 1 (2024)

February Tests* – entries close Feb 28th 2027

- Class 1 Walk & Trot Introductory 2 (2024) a) 10yrs & under, B) Open
- Class 2 Prelim 2 (2024)
- Class 3 Prelim 3 (2024)
- Class 4 Novice 2 (2024)
- Class 5 Elementary 2 (2024)
- Class 6 Medium 2 (2024)

March Tests*- entries close March 31st 2027

- Class 1 Walk & Trot Introductory 3 (2024) a) 10yrs & under, B) Open
- Class 2 Prelim 1 (2024)
- Class 3 Prelim 2 (2024)
- Class 4 Novice 3 (2024)
- Class 5 Elementary 3 (2024)
- Class 6 Medium 1 (2024)

The Pop Up Champion of Champions class will be held at NSEA Spring Championships (also County Championships) at Hickstead in May 2026.

NSEA Rules for Pop-Up Dressage Winter Series 2026-27

The aim of this series is to allow individual NSEA members to compete in a national dressage league without leaving home. The winning horse/rider combination in each class, will be the one with the most points at the end of March. In **addition the top 8 horse/rider combinations will also qualify for the Pop-Up Dressage Final 2026**

POP1) All riders must be NSEA members and the test videoed must be ridden by the rider named on the entry form.

POP2) Horses must be entered under their registered name.

POP3) Tests may be called

POP4) BD rules for tack & clothing

POP5) Horses do not need to be plaited for these competitions but should be neatly turned out

POP6) Dressage Tests may be ridden in any 20 x 40m arena on a surface or on grass.

POP7) Tests must be videoed from the 'C' end of the arena and must be completed in one session, as you would in any competition.

Stand back approx. 3m from C, as if you were in the position of the dressage judge.

Make sure that the whole horse is in the video at all times (Tests may be videoed from a phone, iPad or camera)

POP8) You may only submit one horse/rider combination video per class and two different horse/rider combination video tests per month. **You may not re-submit any video that has already been judged in any competition.**

POP9) Put your video on YouTube - include your first name only and the name of your horse in your code. Make sure that your password takes you to your YouTube video- please test that it works.

POP10) Points for the league will be awarded 1st place= 8points down to 8th place = 1pt. The winner of the league will be the horse/rider combination with the most points. All tests will be judged by a dressage judge. In the event of a tie, the last test submitted will be judged by an additional judge and the placings will be taken from that.

POP11) A horse may be ridden by 2 different riders in the same test.

POP12) A rider may only compete in consecutive classes and may compete up to 3 different horses in the dressage series.

POP13) A horse/rider combination may only compete at one level below the level at which they normally compete.

Classes 1 & 2 (Walk & Trot Test plus first Prelim test) are restricted to riders who have not qualified to compete at the NSEA Championships, the County Dressage Championships, or have not been placed at the Pop up Final at Prelim level or above.

Riders competing at Elementary level may only compete in Class 4 (Novice) and Class 5. Riders competing at Novice level may not compete in Class 2 (first Prelim test)

POP14) Riders in the Walk & Trot may be led but will be deemed Hors Concours.

POP15) A test may only be submitted once and **CANNOT** be included from any previous competition.

POP 16) At the end of the series, the winner with the highest number of points in each section will win a rug and be declared champion of their respective classes.

Additionally, the top 8 horses and riders from each class qualify to compete at the 'Champion of Champions' Pop up final at NSEA Hickstead in May. This will be judged by judges who have not previously judged the sections.

The overall winner will be crowned Champion of Champions (based on their percentage score) and the top 6 of each section winners will receive rosettes and prizes.

Riders dress: the aim is to give a good impression to the judge, without needing to spend a fortune.

Show / hacking jacket or close fitting coat. Breeches/ johds either pale or navy/black. Hair up in a hairnet.

Horses do not need to be plaited, but should be clean and tidy. Horses may wear brushing boots in tests for this competition.