



# NSEA Eventers Challenge



Venue  
**Forest Edge Arena**  
Drymere  
Norfolk  
PE38 8AS



Date  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Including  
**70, 80, 90 & 1m qualifying classes for the**

**NSEA LeMieux Eventers Challenge Final @ Hickstead  
May 2025**

**Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify**

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

Organiser: Samantha Hemsley, Forest Edge Arena

Entries to: <https://www.forestedgearena.com/online-entries>

Entries Close : 10/03/2025

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 50cm warm up class** (non qualifier)

Single phase.

**Class 2 60cm Grass Roots Individual** (non qualifier)

Single phase. 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 2025

**Class 3 Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual** (Hickstead qualifier)

Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

**Class 4 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual** (Hickstead qualifier)

Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

**Class 5 Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual** (Hickstead qualifier)

Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

**Class 6 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

Entry Fee for class 1 = £20

Entry Fee for classes 2 – 6 = £22

Paramedic First Aid Cover = £5 per rider



## NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules for Scoring 2024-25

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

### **Forest Edge Rules and Regulations – PLEASE READ THESE PRIOR TO ENTERING**

1. The Show Organisation referred to in these Rules and Regulations shall hereinafter mean Forest Edge Arena. The competitions in this schedule will hereinafter be referred to as the Show. 2. The Show, Show Organiser, Volunteer and Officials do not accept liability for any accident, damage, injury, theft or illness to horses, riders, owners, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. 3. The Show Organiser retains as it absolute discretion the right to decline or exclude or remove any person or animal from the show or future shows or return any entry fee without being required to assign reason or being liable for any compensation. 4. Competitions – The Show Organiser reserves the right to cancel, add to, or amend any of the competitions, as they think fit. 5. By entering a class, you agree you are at a suitable and safe level of ability to compete in these competitions. 6. Smoking – Smoking is not permitted within any of the showground buildings or stables. 7. Collecting Ring - All warming up must be done in the designated collecting Rings provided. Persons found abusing horses on the showground may be asked to leave. 8. Refund of Entry will only be made before the closing date of the competition less a 20% handling fee. NO REFUNDS will be issued after the closing date under any circumstances. 9. Cheques will not be accepted. 10. Vehicles – The Show Organiser reserves the right to remove any vehicle which is obstructing any access to or from the ground even if locked and unattended. The Show Organiser will not be liable for any injury, loss or damage occasioned by such removal. 11. Dogs – Dogs are permitted in the Lorry Park and car park only. They must be kept under control at all times. If, in the opinion of the Show Organiser, any person fails to control their dog/s they may be asked to leave the show ground. 12. Prize Givings – There will be no prize giving's, ONE member from your school may collect rosettes. 13. Objections – Objections should be made in writing within 1hr of the incident taking place and be accompanied by a £50 deposit that will be returned if your objection is upheld. 14. Official Photographs – Any photographs taken at the show by the official photographer may be used by the Show Organiser for promotional purposes. Please indicate on your entry form if you do not wish to appear in photos used for promotional purposes. 15. First Aid – A total of £5 per competitor per day. 16. Vaccination Certificate – All horses at the show must have a current and valid certificate of vaccination against Equine Influenza. There will be random checking of certificates, and any horse found without a valid certificate will be asked to leave the show ground. 17. Stallions – No person shall allow a stallion for which he/she is responsible as owner, lessee, authorized agent or rider to compete or be prepared to compete, in any class without taking adequate precautions to ensure other persons are not put at risk of injury. 18. Close of Entries – Entries will close on the official closing date. Should space be available late entries may be accepted.

**Entry to the show constitutes your agreement that you, and those associated to you agree with, and are bound by the rules in this schedule.**

### **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](mailto: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 cheque admin fee.  
Have a good day!

## **Rules**

NSEA / BE Eventing Rules for tack & rider equipment.

### **NSEA General & Competition Rules 2024-25**

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](http://www.nsea.org.uk)

