



# Grass Roots Show Jumping Championships Festival



All England Jumping Course, Hickstead  
20-21st August 2024

also National Championships Show Jumping Qualifiers  
(see separate page on NSEA website)

Entries to be made online via the NSEA system

**Send declarations (teams/ individuals who have qualified) to Mrs Whittington at the time of entry**

**Final changes to be made by 10am on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Mrs F Whittington, Tel/ 01892 750002 / 07904 308458 email [fw.nsea@gmail.com](mailto:fw.nsea@gmail.com)

Team Managers ONLY to contact secretary please

**Entries Close –1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 or earlier if full**

**All Stabling bookings online only via the Hickstead link**

<https://entry.equilive.uk/events/nsea-grassroots-championships-2024-at-hickstead>

For offsite stabling, please message NSEA via the Facebook page

**All entry fees to include medical cover**

**Start Times will be available on the NSEA website by 19<sup>th</sup> August**

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

## Rules

NSEA General & Competition Rules 2023-24



Official Photographer- Mark Hawksworth

*mhphotos - event photography* 07760 356541 [www.mhphotos.co.uk](http://www.mhphotos.co.uk)

**ALL HORSES MUST HAVE BEEN VACCINATED WITHIN  
12 MONTHS TO COMPETE AT THIS EVENT AND HAVE 7 CLEAR DAYS FROM THE LAST  
VACCINATION**

Team Managers- please ask your squad to health check their horses before leaving home.



**All Entry Fees to include paramedic cover**

### **Warm up Classes Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August (evening) Polo Arena**

All Warm Up classes are Single Phase 10/11 jumps. Entry Fee incl first Aid £22

Class 1) 40cm Warm Up Class

Class 2) 50cm Warm Up Class

Class 3) 65cm Warm Up Class

**It is the responsibility of Team Managers AND parents to read the NSEA General Rules 2023-24 thoroughly. Whilst we dislike doing so we will eliminate anyone who is brought to our attention that has exceeded the qualification rules.**

**ANY RIDER JUMPING 90CM HAS JUMPED THEMSELVES OUT OF GRASS ROOTS COMPETITIONS AND SHOULD THEREFORE ENTER THE RPL CLASSES 17-19**

## **Grass Roots Show Jumping Championships Festival 2024**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

***Open to team & Individuals who have qualified in top 6 teams & individuals for one of the Grass Roots Regional Finals. NSEA Grass Roots Rules apply to classes 11-17 and RPL Rules 17-19***

***The aim of the Grass Roots Festival Classes is to give riders a championships feel in a wonderful, iconic setting***

Class 11A 40cm Team & Individual Championships (may be led/ run with)

Class 11 B) 40cm Team & Individual Championships (assisted in the ring- stationary)

*Teams can be made from riders competing in A or B, or both.*

Class 12 50cm Team & Individual Championships (may be assisted in the ring)

Class 13 60cm Team & Individual Championships (may not be assisted)

Class 14 60cm OPEN Individual. See Grass Roots Rule 17 for classes 13-16

Class 15 70cm Team & Individual Championships (may not be assisted)

*To be eligible, riders cannot have jumped ANY 90cm competition*

Class 16 70cm Open Individual Championships. See Grass Roots Rule 17 for classes 13-16

### **RPL Individual Championships Classes**

Class 17 75cm RPL Individual and Grass Roots Open Individual Championships

Class 18 80/85 RPL Individual Championships

Class 19 90cm RPL individual Championships

*'OPEN' Championships classes are for riders who have qualified for the championships but have since exceeded the qualification criteria.*

**Entry fees classes 11-19 £24 including paramedic cover**

**Volunteers- if you have any parents who are free to volunteer for a few hours, we would love to hear from you!**



## DECLARATIONS FORM

### Grass Roots Championships Classes

**ON THE DAY YOU ENTER - Please fill in the details below and email to [fw.nsea@gmail.com](mailto:fw.nsea@gmail.com)  
 your entry will not be accepted without it. Your declaration is also an acceptance  
 of the NSEA rules & conditions, as stated on the schedule**

**TEAMS.** We need to know where you qualified and who was in the team  
**INDIVIDUALS** – to be eligible for INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, all individuals must be highlighted if they are also competing in a team, otherwise it will be assumed that they are team riders only. Individual riders will appear in capitals on the running orders. Changes cannot be made on the day of competition.

School.....Team Manager.....

Phone Number.....email.....

Class .....

Venue Qualified.....Date.....

**TEAM**

TEAM Rider	Horse	Original or substitute? Indiv?

INDIVIDUAL/S- name all riders qualified as individuals here (including those in the team above)

INDIVIDUALLY QUALIFIED Rider	Horse	Placing

Class .....

Venue Qualified.....Date.....

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## Grass Roots Rules

### **40cm Grass Roots** (Riders may be led or assisted from within the ring)

The class is judged by using a combination of show jumping penalties and style marks over a simple course of fences. (See table P26)

Rider's placings in the class are determined, first by show jumping penalties, with the ultimate placings, of those on the same jumping penalties, determined by style marks. The winner, therefore, is the rider, from those with the fewest jumping penalties, who has the highest style mark.

There is a, very generous, **maximum time**.

Classes may be split into a) led (either on a lead rein or running besides/ in front of, the pony) and b) assisted from within the ring

ANY RIDER who has competed in ANY 70cm class (or higher) on ANY pony at ANY competition (not just NSEA) is NOT eligible for this class, (except h/c if space permits)

**50cm Grass Roots.** Riders may be assisted from within the ring but not led from within the ring only. No outside assistance. The Assistant cannot carry a whip.

**Optimum time.** The winner will be the horse/rider combination who have the fewest jumping penalties and are closest to the optimum time. **There will be an additional prize for the most stylish rider who jumps clear in this class.**

ANY RIDER who has competed in ANY 80cm class (or higher) on ANY pony in ANY competition (not just NSEA) is immediately ineligible for Grass Roots 40 & 50 cm qualifiers & Championship classes. They may compete h/c individually.

### **Grass Roots 60 & 70cm classes (for novice riders)**

Combinations may only jump 60 and 70 GR restricted classes, providing they have not completed 5 x 80cm classes, nor have qualified as an individual for the 80/85cm National Championships in October

Riders who have competed in affiliated show jumping at 70cm or above or eventing are eligible for 60 and 70cm OPEN classes and 75cm only.

### **60cm Grass Roots**

Single phase competitions, no outside assistance.

### **70cm Grass Roots**

Single phase, no outside assistance

Riders jumping at this level are not eligible for 40cm Grass Roots on ANY pony.

Rider/pony combinations jumping at this level are NOT eligible for 50cm classes.

**NOTE- The International Arena including the DERBY BANK are out of bounds.**

## Online payments only

Any wild card riders who are substituted into a team must have completed a competition at the relevant height. **NO INDIVIDUALLY QUALIFIED HORSE OR RIDER MAY BE SUBSTITUTED**

**SJ Team riders who have also qualified as an individual at the same height only pay once and will jump once (but their score will count for both) Please complete this information on the Declaration Form.**

Stabling & Electrical Hook Ups– book via the Hickstead online system only

Catering – Catering is available on site

## Important Information for Team Managers.

**RANDOM CHECKS WILL BE MADE ON PASSPORTS THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION**

Please read **thoroughly**. Team Managers are required to know this information.

1. All **entries** and **enquiries** regarding this championships to **NSEA only**. Email [fw.nsea@gmail.com](mailto:fw.nsea@gmail.com)

**HICKSTEAD ARE not dealing with any show enquiries other than stabling**

2. All stabling to be booked only through the Hickstead online system, if you require onsite stabling
3. Only teams and individuals qualified for the Grass Roots and Hickstead Elite Teams championships are eligible to compete in these classes.
4. Please read rules carefully for eligibility for all disciplines at the show.  
All Rules for the Championship classes and qualification rules for teams can be found on the NSEA website.
5. The **Team Manager** is responsible for the conduct and welfare of their school's horses, riders and other connected parties.(parents, supporters etc) at **all times** on the show ground.
6. **No dogs** IN THE JUMPING ARENAS OR WARM UP . Please bring Poo bags!
7. Gas BBQ's ONLY. No ground BBQs or chimneas in lorry park.
8. Hook ups to be arranged with Hickstead
9. All jumping courses may be raised up to 5cm from the qualifiers, at the Championships.
10. In the event of cancellation, entry fees shall be refunded, less £5 per competitor per class to help cover admin costs.
11. No refunds except with a Doctor's note / Vet cert. See NSEA Rules.
12. **After 10p.m, the stable area should be quiet.** Please be aware that horses need to rest and therefore noise, lighting and intrusion should be kept to an absolute minimum.
13. A contact number must be left on a piece of tape on the stable door of every horse in case of an emergency.
14. Camping in tents is permitted, but an adult must stay on site with riders.
15. **Horses should not arrive after 10pm and before 6am. Hickstead and the NSEA reserve the right to refuse entry to, and remove, any individual without giving a reason. If you want to park together, please arrive together.**
16. The end of the show will be deemed to be half an hour after the last horse competes.
17. **The NSEA will not be held responsible for any financial loss incurred by any entrant, their associates or attendees as a result of a re-arrangement to the schedule, postponement or cancellation of this competition.** The **Team Manager** is responsible for the conduct and welfare of their school's horses, riders and other connected parties.(parents, supporters etc) at **all times** on the show ground.

## **Stabling – please book through Hickstead website after the Derby meeting (late June)**

**The link will be added to the NSEA website once it is live.**

**See Hickstead booking & refund policy re stabling**

Off-site stabling is also available. Please send a private message to our Facebook page for more details.

### **Conditions of Entry 2024**

**Team Managers- please ensure that all horses / riders are correctly qualified for the classes they are entered for. All competitors, parents and representatives from every school must ensure that they act courteously to stewards and officials at all times. Rudeness and unsportsmanlike behaviour are not acceptable and could result in elimination.**

**Please help us to ensure that this Championship is run in the true spirit of competition and fair play.**

In order to compete in events listed on the NSEA website, all competing schools must now be members of the NSEA, and show their membership number on entry forms. For full details of how to join go to [www.nsea.org.uk](http://www.nsea.org.uk)

Entries must be made in advance, late entries to be accepted at the discretion of the organisers.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry, for any reason.

Competitors must wear correct clothing and tack in accordance with NSEA & BD/ BS rules.  
Lungeing is not permitted in any working area. No adults to warm up horses on the show ground.  
The decision of the judges is final.  
Children under 16 must be supervised at all times.

All riders **MUST** wear hard hats, correctly fitting and to the latest BSI specifications according to the rules with the chin strap done up whilst mounted. All dressage hats must have a fitted chin strap.  
Whilst not compulsory, we recommend that riders wear a body protector whilst jumping.

**Any objections must be made, by the Team Manager, to the organiser within 5 minutes of the completion of the event, in writing on an official adjudication form, accompanied by a deposit of £30 which may be forfeited if the objection is overruled.**

The organisers shall not be liable for any claims in respect of damage or accident to any person, whether competitor, servant or spectator, horse, vehicle or property, howsoever caused in conjunction with or arising out of the show.

### ***Disclaimer***

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

- *all participants undertake activities at NSEA Championships 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 Championships;*
- *you are strongly advised to obtain appropriate insurance protection before undertaking any activity at NSEA Championships; 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 Championships or for any loss or damage suffered by you as a result of taking part in any activity at NSEA Championships.*

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

### **Child Protection & Safeguarding**

We have a designated Child Protection Officer at the Championships. Please enquire at the secretary if you wish to speak to them or if you have any concerns, please contact the NSEA on tel 07552 836032 / [competition@nsea.org.uk](mailto:competition@nsea.org.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

Children (competitors & siblings) are the responsibility of their parents and the Team Manager at all times,

**TV & PHOTOGRAPHY** Please note that press and professional photographers may be present 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.

### **Live Scoring**

*For social distancing purposes, there will be no scoreboards on site. NSEA live scoring will be used at this event, which you will be able to access from your phone. If you do not wish to be included, we recommend that you enter under a pseudonym. Live results will be posted on the NSEA website.*

**Course walks- extra course walks will be timetabled into bigger classes, if required**

**Vet on Call** : Sussex Equine Hospital on call tel 01903 883050

**Emergency Farrier** will be on call, subject to availability, at your own cost. **Do not bring a horse to this competition in need of shoeing or with a shoe missing!**