



St Mary's Calne  
National Schools NSEA Arena Eventing  
Qualifiers  
(Jumping with Style)  
**West Wilts Equestrian Centre**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team & 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> placed individuals will qualify for the  
**NSEA National Schools Championships 2025**  
(October 2025)

Entries Close: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (or earlier if classes are full)

**Rules – NSEA General Rules plus ‘Additional Rules for Qualifiers 2024-25**

**Class 1** Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual Qualifier

(Riders to be aged under 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025)

All team riders automatically count as individuals.

**Class 2** Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual Qualifier

All team riders automatically count as individuals.

**Class 3** Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual Qualifier

All team riders automatically count as individuals

**Class 4** Open 1-1.05m Team & Individual Qualifier

All team riders automatically count as individuals

**Class 5** Advanced 1.10m Individual Qualifier a) horses and b) ponies

Please state whether you are riding a horse or pony section of the class, as the class will be split.

**Entry Fee £28.00 to include Paramedic First Aid Cover**

**Start Times** will be available on the NSEA website 2 days before the competition

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

**NSEA NATIONAL ARENA EVENTING RULES - (Jumping with Style)** (Note these rules are different to the NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules.

Arena Eventing ('Jumping with Style') penalty score is the combination of four marks - SJ penalties, XC penalties, time penalties and a style penalty mark.

The winner is the rider with the fewest penalties overall, so like eventing, you do not necessarily need to jump a clear round, however, there is a strong emphasis on good riding.

Courses tend to be more technical than Eventers Challenge and also, slightly slower in speed, to enable the rider to show the style judge how well they can ride lines. There is no penalty for riding too fast, but style may be compromised.

The very best rounds will be with no jumping penalties, the rider demonstrating good show jumping technique and also the ability to go up a gear and ride forwards with accuracy & balance in the XC phase.

XC lines to include a curving line, a simple serpentine and two fences on an angle on 2 strides or more. Angles and skinny fences increase in severity through the different levels of competition, but will still be built on flowing lines.

This competition is run on the lines of B.E. JAS competitions. The main difference is that the emphasis is more on the rider's style and effectiveness, and the harmony between horse and rider at school level.

The style mark for the horse does not apply in Schools' Competitions, so the horse's ability has less influence on the marks.

**NSEA JwS Rules (as follows) plus British Eventing Rules 2024**

- JwS1) Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be under 14 on 1st January 2025. Riders cannot have competed at 1m on ANY horse, to be eligible for this class.
- JwS2) The competition begins with a show jumping round started by a bell. The rider completes the show jumping section, then passes through a timing beam into the XC phase (which has an optimum time) and completes the XC phase, which will include angled rails, arrowheads and other simulated XC fences. Some XC fences have a knock down top rail. If this is knocked down, 4 penalties will be added to the penalty score. This all takes place in one arena.
- JwS3) Arena Eventing is an Eventing Competition. The winner will be the individual/team with the combination of the fewest penalties, once the following four components have been added together: - SJ jumping penalties - XC jumping penalties - XC time penalties - Overall style penalties (awarded for both SJ & XC phases combined) THEREFORE – a team or individual having had fences down, can be placed ahead of a team or individual which has jumped clear rounds. As this is an Eventing competition, much more is taken into consideration than simply jumping clear.
- JwS4) In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest style mark (fewest style penalties) will be the winner. If still equal, the one closest to the optimum time will be the winner. JwS5) All team members are automatically eligible for individual placings, except at the NSEA Championships where Individuals must have pre-qualified.
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- JwS6) The 30cm Rule-Any combination of horse and rider cannot compete in a jumping class at an NSEA competition, except hors concors, where the height is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed, in any competition (not just NSEA competitions). This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open classes. Therefore, Horse/Rider combinations jumping 1.30m or over may compete in NSEA Open or Advanced Open classes. If competing in a County Competition, please also see rule CchJQ1. Please note: a rider competing hors concors in one class is not automatically excluded from competing in other classes above that height, at the same competition. In addition, a rider who has jumped 1m cannot compete

in the 70cm class, except h/c on any horse. Any combination of horse and rider that qualifies at one height, and then competes at a height 30cm higher than that qualification height in any competition (not just NSEA competitions), will forfeit their qualification. This rule does apply across disciplines. That is, if you jump at 1.10m, in any jumping discipline, you cannot jump at 80cm on the same horse/pony, in any NSEA jumping discipline. This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open qualifications. (If you jump 1.30m you wouldn't forfeit a 1m qualification).

- JwS7) Dress XC colours to be worn – including body protector & jockey skull cap to comply with BE Rules. (See hat rule D7) BETA Level 3 body protector 2018 blue label No fixed peak hats. Hair to be worn above the collar. Gloves should be worn. No earrings or other visible piercings. JwS8) Competitions are for Teams & Individuals
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**Mini 70-75cm** Age – U14 on 1st Jan 2025. Riders minimum age 8yrs on the first day of Championships, A rider who competes at 1.00m on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition, except h/c. 30cm Rule applies Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for Championships

**Novice 80-85cm** Open to combinations of horses and riders who have not completed at BE 100 or higher or Badminton Grass Roots 90 Final. 30cm Rule applies. Age – U19 on 1st Jan 2025 Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for Championships

**Intermediate 90-95cm** Age – U19 on 1st Jan 2025. Open to all except horse/rider combinations that have completed at BE U18 Novice Champs, 1\*, Junior or Pony Final Trials & Champs or Badminton Grass Roots 100 Final. 30cm Rule applies. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for Championships

**Open 1m-1.05m** Age – U19 on 1st Jan 2025 Open to all. Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify for Championships  
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- JwS9) PENALTIES FOR S.J AND X.C PHASES (combined) OF ARENA EVENTING

Knockdown	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	Elimination
Every commenced second over the optimum time	1 penalty
Exceeding time limit (3 times the time allowed)	Elimination

- JwS10) SPEED FOR SJ PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING MINI – 300 m/m NOVICE – OPEN = 325 m/m\*\*
- JwS11) SPEED FOR X.C. PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING Mini = 325m/m Novice, Intermediate & Open = 325 – 350 m/m\*\* (at the judge's discretion, depending on the size & shape of the arena. The judges reserve the right to adjust the optimum time after the first 8 horses, if necessary)

A rider will not receive time penalties for going too fast- but may lose style marks if they look untidy/unsafe NOTE – NO STOP WATCHES ALLOWED.

The OPTIMUM TIME is not published before the start of the class as it may give competitors who compete towards the end of the section an unfair advantage.

- JwS12) There will be a 2 minute warning given to riders not ready to jump, before elimination.
- JwS13) Under NSEA Rules, a bit must be worn XC. A bridle with a bit (worn in the horse's mouth) browband and noseband is compulsory and must be used in the conventionally accepted manner.

### **Disclaimer**

The Organiser/s and Venue (West Wilts Equestrian Centre) do not accept responsibility in respect of any accident, illness or disease caused to or suffered by any horse, owner, rider, spectator, sponsor and others present at the site of the event and their property and accoutrements.

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, 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.

### **Health and Safety**

The Organiser of this event has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents and must comply with any instructions given by the Organiser, Officials and Stewards.

All competitors and those associated with their school are the responsibility of the Team Manager whilst at the competition. All enquiries are to be made by the Team Manager please

### **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.

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### **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. Most of them are volunteers and rudeness is not acceptable.

In the event of cancellation, your entry will be refunded on receipt of a sae, less £5 per cheque admin fee.

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

**Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.**

**Start Times** will be available on the West Wilts website [www.westwilts.com](http://www.westwilts.com) and the NSEA website [www.nsea.org.uk](http://www.nsea.org.uk) after 14:00pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025.