



## **NSEA Additional Rules 2016-2017**

The Additional Rules apply to membership, all competitions and include specific rules applying to particular events including the following: -

Dressage, Show Jumping & Arena Eventing qualifiers for the National Championships & Championships Plate 2017 as well as the Championships themselves.

*See also NSEA General Rules which apply to every competition. An abbreviated version of the General Rules (Appendix A) can be found at the back of this document.*

*Please READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT but pay particular attention to the wording that has been added/amended for this year and is highlighted in grey*

### **NSEA Qualifiers (CHQ) for the NSEA Championships**

[www.nsea.org.uk/competitiondates/qualifiersforNSEAChamps2017](http://www.nsea.org.uk/competitiondates/qualifiersforNSEAChamps2017)

### **NSEA Championships @ Addington 19-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

Dressage, Arena Eventing (Jumping with Style) & Show Jumping

### **NSEA Championship Plate @ Keysoe 2-3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

The definition of the word "Championship" as used in this document refers to the National Championships (October) and the Championship Plate (December).

#### **RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL DISCIPLINES**

Show Jumping, Dressage and Arena Eventing (JwS), for the qualifying rounds and at the Championships

**AR1) Balloting** If entries at Qualifiers are over-subscribed, balloting out will take place in the following order:

- 1)** Entries that are received after the 'entries closure' date and any entry without the current NSEA Membership number correctly quoted.
- 2)** Third teams per school per class, and those from the same school who are entered only as individuals in that class.
- 3)** Second teams per school per class.
- 4)** First teams per school per class, and remaining individuals who are not part of a team.
- 5)** When a competition is running a qualifier which includes more than one discipline, please send separate cheques for each discipline in case of the need to ballot. (Similarly, if you enter more than one team per class) Otherwise the organisers will retain £5 of the entry fee to cover admin costs if you are balloted out.

In the event that any one of the above exclusions reduces eligible entries to the class to below the number of maximum entries allowed, the Show Organiser will draw names out of a hat from those who were previously ineligible, to fill the class.

**AR2)** The highest placed 2 teams and 2 individuals, in each class, will qualify for the October Championships (see AR3). If they are unable to go to the Championships or have already qualified, the qualification will be passed down the line on the day (this can be offered down as far as 6th place at the judges' discretion). Qualification applies to horse/rider combination.

**AR3)** A school may compete at as many qualifying competitions as they wish but, may only qualify a maximum total of 3 teams per class for the Championships. If a school finishes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the same class at a qualifier, both teams and or individuals will qualify for the Championships. No school sashes to be worn at prize giving (sponsor's request).

**AR4) 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams & individuals in each qualifying class, will qualify for the NSEA Championships in October. The 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> placed teams & individuals in each qualifying class will qualify for the NSEA Championship Plate in December.** If any on the top 6 teams has already qualified for either Championship or cannot compete at the Championships, the qualification can be passed down on the day of the qualifier.

**AR5)** Each team of four at the Championships must include two out of the original qualified four horse/rider combinations. **However, if, in exceptional circumstances, a previously qualified team has only one of the original horse/rider combinations remaining, the School may be permitted, at the discretion of the NSEA, to substitute two new horse/rider combinations to make up a team of three.** A Team Manager may have up to two wild card substitutions providing they fulfil the following criteria and all other restrictions listed in these rules:

**a)** The substitute horse/rider combination, should have successfully completed a NSEA Competition in the same year or a B.E, BS or Pony Club competition, at the same level or above, or may, in some cases, be included at the discretion of the Team Manager providing the circumstances have been discussed with and agreed by the NSEA.

**b)** A team may qualify with a team of only three riders, then take a fourth as one wild card, providing they fulfil the above criteria (see 'a')

**c)** If a team rider is eliminated at a qualifier and their team goes on to qualify, that rider may not compete at the Championships unless they successfully complete at another competition, at the same level or above and their entry is sent with an authorising letter from their Team Manager.

**d)** A school, having qualified a team, may not qualify the same team of horse/rider combinations again, in the same class (same discipline, same height) and then split that team, to create two teams comprising two of the original horse/rider combinations in each team and drafting in two wild card substitute combinations into each, in order to turn the original qualified team of four horse/rider combinations into two teams for the Championships.

**AR6)** Individual qualification refers to the horse/rider combination and therefore, neither the horse nor rider may be substituted at the Championships.

**AR7)** Objections must be made by the Team Manager only, within 5 minutes of the end of the class, in writing, with a £20 deposit. Video/photographic evidence should not be included in these objections but may be looked at if the organiser deems it necessary.

**AR8)** Only the Team Manager (Team Trainer, Supporting Teacher, Riding Captain or the appointed responsible adult for that school) of each school is to deal with the Secretary for declarations, enquiries, objections etc.

**AR9)** Declarations are to be made 10 minutes before the start of each class, by the Team Manager. No changes may be made after the start of the class.

**AR10)** For confirmation of entries at qualifiers and Championships, please check the NSEA website. If you do not wish for your child's name to be posted on the website, please note this on your entry form and confirm with the secretary.

**AR11)** At the Championships, the height of the fences shall be raised 5cms from the qualifying height in each round, at the course builder's discretion.

## **AR12) RIDERS & HORSES**

**i)** All riders must be in full time education at the school or college they represent in 2017 (age U19 on 1st Jan 2017) with the following exceptions, for those who have qualified to compete at a "Championships".

The definition of the word "Championship" as used in this document refers to the National Championships (October) and the Championship Plate (December).

**a)** A rider who changes schools in 2017 can only then compete for their new school, unless they have qualified with their previous school, for the 2017 Championships, prior to moving schools, in which case, they can represent their previous school, but only at the Championships, with the Head Teacher of the previous School's permission.

**b)** If a rider qualifies for one school, then changes school, they may ride at the Championships for the original school (see "a" above). However, if they also qualify, in the same class, for their new school, they may compete for either school but not for both in the same class.

**c)** If a rider has changed schools since originally qualifying, they may compete for their old school at the Championships (see "a" above) and also qualify in other classes for their new school. However, a rider may only compete for one school per class at the Championships. Riders may, therefore, represent more than one School at the Championships if the qualifications are in different classes, and the necessary permission is obtained from each school.

**d)** Once a rider leaves a school, they may no longer compete for that school (except at the Championships as detailed above). They may not, therefore, be used as a team "Wild Card" substitution for the Championships, unless they have previously qualified, as detailed above. A rider may not compete for their new school until they are enrolled at that school and the School Year has started.

**ii)** A rider may not compete in 70cm & 1m classes.

**iii)** A rider may only compete once in any team, therefore cannot compete two horses in the same team. **A rider may ride a maximum of three horses per class.**

**iv)** A horse/rider combination may only compete in 2 teams per discipline per qualifier but not in 2 teams in the same class. The horse/rider combination may also compete as an individual in a third class, if space allows.

**v)** If a horse/rider combination wins an individual class at the Championship, they may compete in a team at a lower height the following year, but are unable to qualify individually for any height lower than the one at which they won.

**vi)** The scores of all team competitors, obtained whilst riding as a team member, will automatically also count as their individual score when determining the individual placings. (Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify for the National Championships). If classes are deemed too large, the Show Organiser may split the class into two sections. The first placed team & individual ONLY will then qualify, from each section, for the National Championships and the second and third placed teams & individuals, from each section, will qualify for the Championship Plate. At both the NSEA National Championship and the Championship Plate, where all individuals must have pre-qualified to compete as individuals, the dressage team & individual competitions will be run as separate classes. In the jumping classes, if riders have qualified as both a team member and as an individual for the Championships (in the same class), their team score will count as their individual score and they will jump only once.

**vii)** The minimum age for a child to compete in any NSEA Championship qualifier is 8 yrs of age on JAN 1st 2017. They must have successfully completed an NSEA competition (CC / RPL / CchQ) or similar prior to entry for a Qualifier.

### **AR13)**

**a)** A horse may only compete once in each class and therefore, no horse may be ridden by two different riders in the same class. Warm up classes are not included.

**b)** A horse may compete in a maximum of **three** classes per discipline, at each qualifier.

**c)** Horses to be plaited at the Championships.

**AR14)** The **Show Organisers** and judges reserve the right to penalise, including by elimination, any of the following:

**a)** Any rider they feel to be unsafe or using unnecessary force.

**b)** Any horse that looks unsound or unduly distressed or poses a danger to anyone.

**c)** Outside assistance which may benefit the rider unfairly.

**d)** Any rider or parent or team manager who is rude or abusive to any Competition official or helper.

**AR15)** Serious cases of misconduct will be reported to the NSEA directly, where further action may be taken.

**AR16)** Any horse/rider combination in any Show Jumping or Arena Eventing class, which has represented their country in an International Competition, may only compete as an Individual in Advanced Open Classes and will forfeit any previously held Individual Championship qualifications which are not Advanced Open Classes. However, they may still compete as a part of a Team at 90cm (or above) providing they comply with the "30cm rule".

Any horse and rider combination in any Dressage class, which has represented their country in an International Competition, may only compete at Novice (depending on BD points), Elementary or Medium level.

The above does not apply to any combination which has represented their country in an NSEA Nations Cup Jumping or Dressage Competition.

### **AR17) Advertising and Logos**

**School logos** may be placed (in moderation) up to the maximum dimensions as follows:-

Saddlecloths – 200 sq cm

Hat covers – 3cm x 3cm

Jackets – 3cm x 3cm on the breast pocket

XC tops – 200sq cm (or 100 sq cm per arm)

Breeches (left leg only) – 20cm long, 4 cm wide

**Sponsors logos** may only appear once on either the horse or rider but not both and must be smaller than the school logo dimensions above.

### **AR18) NSEA Hat Rules 2017**

#### **For Dressage & Show Jumping:**

**British- All PAS 015, VG1 Provided they are BSI Kite Marked**

**European -VG1 Provided they are BSI Kite Marked**

**American – All SEI ASTM F1163 04a onwards and SNELL E2001**

**Australian & New Zealand – AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards**

**Competitors are strongly advised to check their hats regularly, or take them to a reputable hat supplier to be checked. We recommend that hats are replaced following a fall or checked after any impact.**

#### **For Cross Country, Arena Eventing, JwS, Eventers Challenge:**

**Only a "Jockey's Skull" may be worn, this must have no peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peek may be used if required.**

**Cameras may not be worn on any hat while riding.**

## SPECIFIC DISCIPLINES

### NSEA DRESSAGE RULES

#### **British Dressage Rules 2017 for (tests, tack etc) and NSEA Rules 2016/2017**

Dressage tests may be called at qualifiers, however, **not at the Championships.**

Headphones may be used in the warm up area but not during any test at any competition.

#### Criteria for Qualifying Classes

##### **Preliminary (prelim) (Team & Individual)**

**DQ1)** Preliminary classes are for horse/rider combinations that have not won dressage points as a combination and also :-

Riders - may not have not ridden at British Dressage Elementary level or above

Horses - with **21 BD points or fewer (gained at any level)** whilst being ridden by someone other than the rider who is competing

##### **Novice (Team & Individual)**

**DQ2)** There are no restrictions on horse or rider in Novice classes.

##### **Elementary (Individual)**

**DQ3)** No restrictions on horse or rider

##### **Medium (Individual)**

**DQ4)** There will be a Medium competition at the Championships.

Only combinations who have qualified for the Championships in Novice (team or individual) or Elementary classes are eligible to enter.

Horse/rider combinations competing at Medium level may not compete in Prelim classes

#### **Tests at Championship Qualifiers 2017 (Team & Individual) all in 20x40m arenas as follows..**

Prelim= P 13 (2006)

Novice = N 24 (2010)

Elementary = E 49 (2009) Individual Only

#### **Championship Individual Tests 2017 all ridden in 20x60m arenas**

Prelim 19 (2008), Novice 39 (2010) (, Elementary 57 (2007), Medium 73 (2007)

#### **Championship Team Tests 2017, all ridden in 20x60m arenas**

Team Tests = Prelim 15 (2008) (up to two riders), Novice 23 (2012) (up to two riders)

At qualifiers for individual classes, if there are fewer than 5 riders then the first placed rider only will qualify unless the second placed rider achieves a score of 65% or above, in which case they will also qualify. If there are 6 competitors or more, two riders will qualify per section.

#### Criteria for Team classes

**DQ5)** Teams shall be made up of 3 or 4 riders, best 3 scores to count. Riders may compete in either or both tests (Prelim & Novice) providing they are in different teams. Prelim riders must fulfil the prelim criteria in rule DQ1.) Novice test riders have no restrictions. The top two teams will qualify for the Championships at Addington and the 3rd to 6<sup>th</sup> placed teams will qualify for the Championship Plate at Keysoe.

**DQ6)** The results at the Championships will be calculated using Nations Cup criteria (see FEI website)

## NSEA SHOW JUMPING RULES

### TEAM & INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS / CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### British Show Jumping Rules 2016-17 (also see NSEA Rules 2016-17)

**JQ1)** Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be Under 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

**JQ2) The 30cm Rule - A combination of horse/pony & rider** cannot qualify at a height which is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed (1<sup>st</sup> round height) in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**. 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 restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open qualifications. (If you jump 1.30m you wouldn't forfeit a 1m qualification) **This rule does apply across disciplines**. That is, if you jump at 1.10m you cannot jump at 80cm on the same horse/pony in either Arena Eventing or Show Jumping.

**JQ3)** Qualifiers shall be run as single phase competitions. Heights in the first part of the round shall be as follows, and can be raised by 5cm in the jump off phase:

Mini – 70cm (team & individual)  
 Novice – 80cm (team & individual)  
 Intermediate – 90cm (team & individual)  
 Open – 1m (team & individual)  
 Advanced Open – 1.10m (individual)

**JQ4)** There will be a 1.10m team competition at the Championships for riders who have qualified in 1m & 1.10 classes. These qualifications may be held in either Show Jumping or Arena Eventing.

**JQ5)** Heights will be raised a further 5cm in each round at the Championships.

#### Show Jumping Rules at a glance...

|                      |                        |  |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>Mini</b>          | 70 – 75cm single phase | Riders minimum age 8yrs on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017, maximum U14 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017.<br>Horse/Rider combination not to have jumped in ANY affiliated or unaffiliated 1m SJ or Arena Eventing (JwS) classes.<br><br>30cm Rule applies. |
| <b>Novice</b>        | 80 – 85cm single phase | Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017.<br>Horse/ Rider combination not to compete in 1.10m classes, but riders may compete in 1.10m classes on a different horse.<br><br>30cm Rule applies.  |
| <b>Intermediate</b>  | 90 – 95cm single phase | Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017.<br><br>30cm Rule applies.   |
| <b>Open</b>          | 1m-1.05m               | Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017.   |
| <b>Advanced Open</b> | 1.10m                  | Age- U 19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017  |

## **ARENA EVENTING RULES - (Jumping with Style)**

(note these rules are different to the NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules (see NSEA General Rules 16-17)

### TEAM & INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS / CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSEA JwS Rules (as follows) plus British Eventing Rules 2017

**EQ1)** Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be Under 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

**EQ2)** 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 in the marks.

**EQ3) The 30cm Rule** - A combination of horse/pony & rider cannot qualify at a height which is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed (1<sup>st</sup> round height) in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**. 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 restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open qualifications. (If you jump 1.3m you wouldn't forfeit a 1m qualification) **This rule does apply across disciplines.** That is, if you jump at 1.10m you cannot jump at 80cm on the same horse/pony in either Arena Eventing or Show Jumping.

**EQ4)** Dress

XC colours to be worn – including body protector & skull cap to comply with BE Rules. (See rule **AR18**)

Hats may be tagged by either BE or Pony Club.

Hair to be worn above the collar.

Gloves should be worn.

No earrings or other visible piercings.

### **EQ5) Team & Individual**

|                      |          |  |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| <b>Mini</b>          | 70-75cm  | Riders minimum age 8yrs on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017, maximum U14 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017. Horse/Rider combination not to have jumped in ANY affiliated or unaffiliated 1m Show Jumping or Arena Eventing (JwS) classes. <b>Riders jumping in ANY 1m classes or above are not eligible to compete in mini qualifiers.</b><br><br>30cm Rule applies. |
| <b>Novice</b>        | 80-85cm  | Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017. Open to combinations of horses and riders who have not completed at BE pre-novice or higher or Badminton Grass Roots 90 Final.<br>30cm Rule applies.  |
| <b>Intermediate</b>  | 90-95cm  | Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017. Open to all except horse/rider combinations that have completed at BE JRN Champs, Junior or Pony Final Trials & Champs or Badminton Grass Roots 100 Final.<br>30cm Rule applies.  |
| <b>Open</b>          | 1m-1.05m | Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017. Open to all   |
| <b>Advanced Open</b> | 1.10m    | Age – U19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017. Open to all   |

Championships – all courses will be raised a further 5cm at the Championships.

**EQ6)** All team members are automatically eligible for individual placings, except at the NSEA Championships where Individuals must have pre-qualified.

**EQ7)** 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. This all takes place in one arena.

**EQ8)** Style mark – for horse/rider combination, including the position and effectiveness of the rider, with the ability to show a difference between the SJ and XC phase, through their style of riding. This will be judged by an accredited trainer or an elite rider.

**EQ9)** The aim of the competition is to achieve the fewest penalties from the total of the four components – SJ penalties, XC penalties, Style penalties and XC time penalties. Some XC fences have a knock down top rail. If this is knocked down, 4 penalties will be added to the penalty score.

**EQ10)** 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.

**EQ11)** 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.

**EQ12) 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   | Compulsory Retirement |
| 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           |

Please Note – A horse which crosses its tracks in Show Jumping will be awarded penalties. In the Cross Country phase, a horse will only be penalised if it has been presented at a fence, except when going through a combination marked A,B,C.

**EQ13) SPEED FOR SJ PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING**

MINI – 300 m/m

NOVICE – OPEN = 325 m/m

**EQ14) SPEED FOR X.C. PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING**

Mini = 325m/m

Novice Intermediate & Open = 325 – 350 m/m (depending on the size & shape of the arena)

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

**EQ15)** There will be a 2 minute warning given to riders not ready to jump, before elimination.

**See following page for a judges score sheet.**



## NSEA Arena Eventing Score Sheet for NSEA Qualifiers 2017

Rider..... School..... Number.....

|   |          |                               |  |
|---|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>RIDER - Position</b><br>A balanced and supple position in the saddle, sympathetic to the horse's movement.<br>A secure lower leg and hands following the horse's mouth.<br>Correct application of the aids.  | Comments | Score (max 25)                |  |
| <b>RIDER - Arena Craft &amp; Reactions</b><br>Ability to use the arena effectively.<br>Ability to demonstrate the correct and appropriate lines of approach to fences.<br>The ability to ride instinctively, to think and to react to situations that may occur | Comments | Score (max 25)                |  |
| <b>HORSE &amp; RIDER - Combination</b><br>The overall harmony of the horse & rider as a partnership.  | Comments | Score (max 10)                |  |
|   |          | SUB TOTAL<br>(max 60)         |  |
|   |          | multiply x 0.5 =              |  |
|   |          | TOTAL STYLE MARKS<br>(max 30) |  |
|   |          | TOTAL STYLE PENALTIES         |  |

  

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| ADMIN  |
| Style Penalties =<br>+<br>Jumping Penalties =<br>+<br>Time Penalties = |
| <b>TOTAL PENALTIES = FINAL SCORE</b>                                   |

Total style marks attained are deducted from the max possible (30) to give style penalties

## Appendix A



### NSEA General that apply to all competitions....

#### **A) Eligibility and Membership**

- A1)** All Competing Schools must be current members of the NSEA.
- A2)** Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st inclusive each year, and must be renewed before competing at NSEA competitions held after August 31st.
- A3)** To be eligible to compete at NSEA competitions, riders must be in full time education at the school they represent (see Competition Rules D2 for more information).  
A member school must have registered the rider's name with the NSEA, as part of their riding squad. New riders coming into the school must be added to the affiliated list before they compete. Once a rider has been named as a member of the riding squad and a membership number has been given, they cannot be swapped for another, within the current membership year.
- A4)** Riders who are Home Schooled may compete as individuals and the Home School is registered in the usual way; a Home Schooled group may compete as a team provided this is agreed with the NSEA Membership Office
- A5)** Each School must obtain the consent of the Head Teacher in order to compete on behalf of their school; this consent should take the form of a signature on the Membership Application form.

#### **B) Team Managers**

- B1)** Each School must nominate a Team Manager. More than one may be nominated if necessary and can be a parent. If the Team Manager changes, please inform the NSEA promptly.
- B2)** The Team Manager will be expected to know these general rules, and the rules of the competition at which their School is competing. We understand that many Schools' Team Managers are volunteer parents rather than professionals, so please note that, although these vary between competitions, the rules are kept as clear, easy to understand and concise as possible. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the team manager enters their son/daughter in competitions at an appropriate level commensurate with the child's ability and experience.
- B3)** ONLY the Team Manager is to deal with the Secretary and/or officials of an event. Changes to team members / individuals must be made before the day of the competition and preferably before start times have been published. Changes on the day may only be made if there is an injury or incident which prevents a horse or rider from competing and will be at the discretion of the Competition Secretary. The NSEA will generally handle communications through the Team Manager.

- B4)** In the event of an objection, the Team Manager must lodge a written objection with the Secretary within five minutes of the end of the class. This must be accompanied by a £20 deposit, which may be forfeited in the event of an unsuccessful appeal.
- B5)** The Team Manager is responsible for the conduct of all riders, parents and persons associated with their School, which includes the use of social media (See C4).

## **C) Codes of Conduct**

### **C1) Team Managers**

The Team Manager is the school representative on the day. They need to ensure that riders and parents from their school display good sportsmanship, horsemanship and equine welfare at all times.

### **C2) Competitor's Code of Conduct**

- Competitors need to be aware of and abide by the rules of competition.
- Competitors need to be correctly turned out, according to the rules.
- Competitors must be aware that they are representing their school at all times and they need to be polite and considerate to all officials and fellow competitors.
- The welfare of their horse/ pony is of paramount importance.
- Competitors are encouraged to thank the show organisers of the competition, before they leave.

### **C3) Parent's Code of Conduct**

- Parents need to be aware of the NSEA competition rules and abide by them.
- There should be no outside assistance, except in Grass Roots classes (40 & 50cm) and in Dressage. See specific Grass Roots and Dressage Rules for guidance.
- The Team Manager acts for the school. Parents must defer to the Team Manager at all times, including when making enquiries.
- Parents should be reminded that whilst NSEA events are competitive, it is the rider and not the parent who is competing.
- Sportsmanship and respect for officials, Team Managers, other competitors and fellow Parents is of utmost importance.
- The welfare of the horse/pony and child is of paramount importance.
- All siblings need to be under the guidance of their parents at all times and may not ride if they are not competing.

### **C4) Social Media**

Whilst the NSEA recognises the need for communication through social media it must not be used as a medium to undermine the NSEA's reputation in any way nor to compromise the NSEA's confidentiality and child safeguarding policies.

## D) Horses and Riders

### D1) **The 30cm Rule (General)**

Any combination of horse and rider cannot compete in a jumping class at an NSEA competition, except hors concours, where the height is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed, (1<sup>st</sup> round height) 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 Challenge Competition, please also see rule CchJQ1

### D2) **Changing Schools**

The definition of the word “Championship” as used in sub paragraphs a), b), c) & d) below includes Grass Roots Regional Finals, County Challenge Championships (April), the National Championships (October) and the Championship Plate (December).

**a)** A rider who changes schools in 2016/17 can only then compete for their new school, unless they qualified with their previous school, for the 2017 Championships, prior to moving schools, in which case, they can represent their previous school, but only at the Championships, with the Head Teacher of the previous School’s permission.

**b)** If a rider qualifies for one school, then changes school, they may ride at the Championships for the original school (see “a” above). However, if they also qualify, in the same class, for their new school, they may compete for either school but not for both in the same class.

**c)** If a rider has changed schools since originally qualifying, they may compete for their old school at the Championships (see “a” above) and also qualify for other classes for their new school. However, a rider may only compete for one school per class at the Championships. Riders may, therefore, represent more than one School at the Championships if the qualifications are in different classes, and the necessary permission is obtained from each School.

**d)** Once a rider leaves a school, they may no longer compete for that school (except at the Championships and providing they have qualified to do so, as detailed above). They may not, therefore, be used as a team “Wild Card” substitute for the Championships without prior qualification, as detailed above. A rider may not compete for their new school until they are enrolled at that school, and the School Year has started.

### D3) **School logos** may be placed (in moderation) up to the maximum dimensions as follows:-

Saddlecloths – 200 sq cm

Hat covers – 3cm x 3cm

Jackets – 3cm x 3cm on the breast pocket

XC tops – 200sq cm (or 100 sq cm per arm)

Breeches (left leg only) – 20cm long, 4 cm wide

**Sponsors logos** may only appear once on either the horse or rider but not both and must be smaller than the school logo dimensions above.

### D4) Horses must be entered in NSEA classes under their BD/ BE/ BS registered name. In most cases this will be the name shown in their Equine Passport and not their stable name.

### D5) **Stallions may only compete in NSEA competitions with prior written permission of the competition organiser and should be identified on the competition entry form.** This must be sought in advance of the entry closure date. The stallion must then wear a stallion disc. Please also be mindful that not all competitors will realize that the horse is a stallion.

### D6) All competitors and horses should look clean, neat and tidy. Long hair should be put in a hairnet for Dressage, One Day Events, Arena Eventing and Show Jumping. Hair should not be worn below collar length in any NSEA competitions.

## **D7) Hat Rules**

### **For Dressage & Show Jumping:**

**British-** All PAS 015, VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kite Marked

**European** -VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kite Marked

**American** – All SEI ASTM F1163 04a onwards and SNELL E2001

**Australian & New Zealand** – AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards

### **For Cross Country, Arena Eventing, JwS, Eventers Challenge:**

Only a “Jockey’s Skull” may be worn, this must have no peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required. Cameras may not be worn on any hat while riding.

All Competitors are strongly advised to check their hats regularly, or take them to a reputable hat supplier to be checked. We recommend that hats are replaced following a fall and checked after any impact.

- D8)** Tack should fit correctly and all safety equipment should be of working standard and worn at all necessary times.
- D9)** The NSEA recommends that any competitor who falls off during any sort of warm up should always find a Medic and be checked over before they compete. Any official attending will be able to advise of the location of the Medical Team.
- D10)** Boys and girls will compete in the same classes.
- D11)** All competitors attending prize givings must be correctly dressed. An Organiser reserves the right to withhold rosettes and prizes if they see fit.
- D12)** Horses may only be ridden by NSEA competitors at an NSEA competition. A horse is not to be ridden or warmed up by anyone other than the rider who is competing that horse at that competition. Horses may only be lunged in designated lunging areas, by prior permission of the show organiser.

## **E) Teams/Individuals**

- E1)** Teams to consist of at least three, and at most four, riders, unless the rules that are specific to a particular competition state otherwise.
- E2)** At competitions where both teams & individuals are taking part, the scores of all team competitors obtained whilst riding as a team member, will automatically also count as their individual score when determining the individual placings. This also applies to team riders competing at the NSEA Championships, who have also qualified to compete as individuals. Please note that all horse/rider combinations must have pre-qualified to compete as individuals at the Championships.
- E3)** The best three scores count in a team competition. A team which does not register at least three valid scores will be eliminated. Any individual scores registered as part of an eliminated team will still be counted in individual competitions, where applicable.
- E4)** All riders must be from the same Member School, and be registered with the NSEA in the riding squad of that School. (see Competition Rules D2 for more information)
- E5)** Riders may only compete once in a team, so may not ride two horses in the same team

## F) Powers of Judges/Show Organisers

- F1)** The Judges and Show Organisers have the right to stop any competitor during their round and/or subsequently eliminate them if they deem the following:
- That a rider, horse or combination is unsafe or poses an unacceptable risk to themselves, their horse or others.
  - That a rider is unfit to compete.
  - That a horse is unsound or distressed
  - That a rider or person associated with the rider, has used any unacceptable force on a horse, anywhere at an event.
  - That a person has, in the opinion of the Organiser or Judges, forced a child to compete against their express wishes – this is not to discourage encouraging the child to challenge their abilities.
  - Any rider who has benefited unfairly from outside assistance. This is not to discourage support and encouragement.
  - Any rider, or Team Manager, supporter or other associated person who is abusive, uncooperative, or rude to any Official.
- F2)** The Judges and Show Organisers' have the right to require any competitor to satisfactorily complete the following before they are permitted to compete:
- An examination of the rider by a member of medical staff.
  - An examination of the horse by a vet.
  - An examination by an official of any item of equipment or tack.
  - An examination of evidence of their Membership of their School's Riding Squad.
- F3)** In the event of a dispute, the NSEA will act as the final arbiter.

### **F4) The NSEA Knockdown/Late Drop Rule**

The 'knockdown rule' is to be applied in all NSEA Jumping competitions. It is to be used over the British Eventing and British Show Jumping rules covering knockdowns and 'late drops'. The rule is designed to bring clarity and uniformity to NSEA jumping competitions.

A 'knockdown' is interpreted as the lowering of the height of a fence caused by the competitor. The lowering of the fence must have occurred before the competitor crosses the finish line.

The pole does not need to actually strike the ground, merely come to a position lower than its starting place.

Knocking down lower poles or planks will not count as a penalty- only the upper pole.

The below examples are hoped to provide some 'practical application' of the rule - all are taken from real scenarios.

Example 1 - the pole falls onto a filler, not the floor.

4 faults as the fence's height was lowered by the competitor.

Example 2 - the pole does not leave the cup, but the retractable wing/stand's height is reduced by an impact.

4 faults as the fence's height was lowered by the competitor.

Example 3 - planks begin swinging in the cup due to an impact from a competitor, but actually leave the cup and fall AFTER the competitor has crossed the finish line.

No faults. The alteration in the height of the fence occurred after the competitor had crossed the line, even if the cause of that alteration occurred prior to the finish.