



**NSEA Grass Roots Show Jumping
Championships Festival
&
NSEA RPL Individual 70, 80 & 90cm
Championships 2026
Plus
NSEA Hobby Horse Challenge
in aid of the Air Ambulance**

**All England Jumping Course, Hickstead
19th -20th August 2026**

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 16th August 2026

Mrs F Whittington, Tel/ 01892 750002 / 07904 308458 email fw.nsea@gmail.com

Team Managers ONLY to contact secretary please

Entries Close –1st August 2026 or earlier if full

All Stabling bookings online only via the Hickstead link

<https://> LINK TO FOLLOW WHEN ONSITE STABLING OPENS

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 17th August

www.nsea.org.uk

Rules

NSEA General & Competition Rules 2026



Official Photographer- Mark Hawksworth

mhphotos - event photography 07760 356541 www.mhphotos.co.uk

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

see also the NSEA Hobby Horse Challenge, in aid of Air Ambulance

**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

Commemorative Hoodies will be available via the NSEA merchandise link end June

Commemorative plaques can be ordered from Equi-plaques.

There will be a link on the event page of the NSEA website shortly

Wednesday 19th August from 12 noon

RPL Individual Championships Classes

(open to horse/rider combinations placed 1st – 6th in ANY RPL Individual 70, 80, 90 classes or 70, 80, 90 county SJ qualifiers.

Class 20 RPL Warm Up Entry Fee £24

Class 21 70cm National RPL Individual Championships

Class 22 80 RPL National Individual Championships

Class 23 90cm RPL National Individual Championships

Entry fees classes 21-23 £30 including paramedic cover

GR Warm up Classes Wednesday 19th August (pm)

Entry Fee incl first Aid £24

Class 31(ABC) 40cm Warm Up Class (led, assisted, assisted from afar)

Class 32) 50cm Warm Up Class (Optimum time)

Class 33) 60/65cm Warm Up Class (single phase)

It is the responsibility of Team Managers AND parents to read the NSEA General Rules 2026 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 21-23**

Grass Roots Show Jumping Championships Festival 2026

Thursday 20th August

Open to team & Individuals who have qualified in top 6 teams & individuals for one of the Grass Roots Regional Finals. The aim of the Grass Roots Festival Classes is to give riders a championships feel in a wonderful, iconic setting

NB It is the Rider that is competing, and representing their school, not the parent!

Eligibility for Grass Roots classes

Riders NOT eligible for Grass Roots include-

Grass Roots 40 classes are for very novice riders only A GR rider may not jump in 70cm and 40cm classes.

Once a rider has competed at 90cm on any horse, they are no longer eligible to be a Grass Roots rider and may not take part in any further Grass Roots qualifiers or Grass Roots Regional Championships.

Riders who qualify for the Grass Roots Championships and then subsequently jump themselves out of their qualification are able to upgrade their qualification to the NSEA RPL Individual Championships (70-90cm) which runs at Hickstead in August at the same time as the Grass Roots Championships.

Horse / Rider combinations who have been placed 1 – 8th in the INDIVIDUAL section at the NSEA Championships at Addington are no longer eligible to ride at Grass Roots.

Grass Roots Championships Classes

Entry Fees £30

For the 2026 Championships we are splitting the GR40 into 3 sections (led, closely assisted and assisted from within the ring, in order that riders can be rewarded at their appropriate level) Please select the appropriate class. Teams can be made up from a combination of riders in ABC

Class 41A 40cm Team & Individual Championships (led)

Class 41B 40cm Team & Individual Championships (closely assisted)

Class 41C 40cm Team and Individual (assisted from the middle of the ring)

Teams can be made from riders competing in A, B, C or a combination of these sections.

Class 42 50cm Team & Individual Championships (may be assisted in the ring)

Class 43 60cm Team & Individual Championships (may not be assisted)

Class 44 70cm Team & Individual Championships (may not be assisted)

National Show jumping Qualifiers for NSEA Championships, Addington Classes 51-53 entry fee £24

Class 51 Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual Qualifier

Class 52 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual Qualifier

Class 53 Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual Qualifier.

The NSEA Hobby Horse Air Ambulance Fun Challenge

£5 for 2 rounds, the best round counts. Entries in advance or on the day. cash or card, In aid of the Air Ambulance.

Class 61 Mini (7 yrs & under) Hobby Horse Jumping Warm Up Class (Wed pm) under 50cm

Class 62 Maxi (open age) Hobby Horse Jumping Warm Up Class (Wed pm) over 70cm

Class 63 Mini (7yrs & under) Hobby Horse Jumping Championships (Thurs am)

Class 64 Maxi (Open age) Hobby Horse Jumping Championships (Thurs am)

*** riders can enter as many times as they wish in order to better their score*

The winner is the competitor / team who complete/s the course with no jumping penalties in the fastest time.

Bring your own Hobby Horse, or borrow one of ours!

Hobby Horse Rules

Riders will need to ride their hobby horse astride and try to keep at least one hand on the reins or mane over the jump. The horse needs to be facing forwards over the obstacles.

4 jump penalties are added if the jockey knocks a fence down or has a stop.

The course will be timed from the start to finish.



DECLARATIONS FORM

Grass Roots Championships Classes

ON THE SAME DAY AS YOU ENTER ONLINE - Please fill in the details below and email to

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 repeated in the individual box 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.

NB There will be a 'Best of the Rest' prize in all classes for the highest placed Individual rider who is not eligible for the Individual Championships

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 (repeat any individuals in the team above)

INDIVIDUALLY QUALIFIED Rider	Horse	Placing

Class

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

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Grass Roots Rules

No Spurs in Grass Roots. Baton whips only.

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. 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** (*in which to complete the course*).

Classes at the Championships will be split into

a) led

b) running besides/ in front of, the pony)

c) statically assisted from within the ring from a distance

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 . 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 or be upgraded to 60 *70 classes.

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 RPL classes

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.

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**

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, from end of June.

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

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 RPL 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 a little from the qualifiers to 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 – is organised by Hickstead
please book through the link 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

Conditions of Entry 2026

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

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.
See NSEA refund policy in the NSEA Rules
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 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. **Please do not bring a horse to this competition in need of shoeing or with a shoe missing!** Are arenas have sand surfaces.