



National Schools
NSEA Grassroots & Show Jumping Qualifier
Including RPL League

Northallerton Equestrian Centre
28th September 2025

1st & 2nd placed team & 1-4th placed individuals will qualify for the 27th annual
NSEA National Schools Championships 2025
October 2025

3rd -8th placed team & 5th-8th placed individuals will qualify for the
NSEA Championship Plate 2025
October 2025

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 2026

This competition is open to schools from all counties and regions.

Entries to: www.northallertonequestriancentre.co.uk

Entries Close 1 week before event unless full

Class 1a/b: Grass Roots 40cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be led/assisted)
Judged on jumping penalties, placings separated on style marks. Not timed, although the maximum time in the arena is 4 mins.

40a) led, unled and running in close proximity with the pony.

40b) assisted- in the ring but does instructor not move with the pony

Top 6 individuals in each section to qualify. Top 6 teams to qualify, which can be made up of riders in either section

Class 2: Grass Roots 50cm Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier (may be assisted) Optimum time

Class 3: Grass Roots 60cm Qualifier/Warm Up non-qualifier (Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier, may not be assisted) Single phase

Class 4: Grass Roots 70cm Qualifier/Warm up non-qualifier (Team & Individual Grass Roots Qualifier, may not be assisted) Single phase

Class 5: Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual Qualifier
(Riders to be aged under 14 on 1st January 2025)
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 6: Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual Qualifier
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.

Class 7: Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual Qualifier.
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Class 8: 1m-1.05 Open Team & Individual Qualifier
Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals

Class 9a/b: 1.10m Advanced Open Individual Qualifier
(2 x horses and 2 x ponies to qualify)
Single phase. This class will be split into 9a) Horses, 9b) Ponies

Classes 1–4 NSEA Grass Roots Rules apply (unless entering it as a warm up class)

*Horse/rider combinations may compete in two consecutive height qualifying classes on the same pony
40 & 50 or 50 & 60 or 60 & 70cm*

A GR rider may not jump in 70cm and 40cm

A rider is not eligible for GR if they are jumping 90cm and may only jump 60 and 70 GR classes if horse/rider have completed 5 x 80cm classes.

Classes 5-7 NSEA 30cm Rule applies

Rules- See 'NSEA Additional Rules for Qualifiers 2024-25

Start Times will be available on the NSEA website 2 days before the competition
www.nsea.org.uk

NSEA Rules – For the comprehensive Grass Roots Rules go to NSEA General Rules 2025 on the NSEA website. See below for eligibility in the height classes:

The purpose of the Grass Roots programme is to provide very novice riders with the opportunity to experience the excitement of competition. The rules are, therefore, kept as flexible as possible but, please embrace the “spirit” of the rules. Please do not use Grass Roots competitions as an easy opportunity to “pot hunt,” as it is not in the spirit of the competition.

The top 6 teams & individuals at qualifiers will be eligible to compete at any Regional Grass Roots Championships.

Riders who have competed in affiliated show jumping or eventing at 80cm or above , Pony Club regionals at 80, BSPS or Trailblazers at Championships level at 80cm or individually at NSEA National Championships in October at 80cm are not eligible for Grass Roots Classes

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)

Disclaimer- see www.northallertonequestriancentre.co.uk

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

The NSEA will not be held responsible for any financial loss incurred by the attendee as a result of a cancellation.

Child Protection & Safeguarding

If you have any concerns, please contact the NSEA on tel 07552 836032 / 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

TV & Photography

Please note that professional photographers will be present at the Qualifiers and 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.

General information

Please ensure that you do not muck out your horsebox onto the Car Park. Take all litter home with you.