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# NSEA Eventers Challenge

## Rectory Farm Arena

22nd & 23rd March

Including

**70, 80, 90 & 1m qualifying classes for the**

**NSEA LeMieux Eventers Challenge Final @ Hickstead  
May 2025**

**Top 2 teams & 4 individuals to qualify**

This competition is open to schools from all counties and will also count for RPL points

**Organiser:**  
Rectory Farm Arena  
Cirencester

**Entries to:** [arena@rectoryfarm.com](mailto:arena@rectoryfarm.com)

**Entries Close: Monday 17th March at 10am**

The Course is made up of SJ & simulated XC fences with an optimum time & secured XC portables. Riders will jump a series of show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase which is run on an optimum time of 350-375m/m.

**Class 1 Mini 70-75cm Team & Individual** (Hickstead qualifier)  
*Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.*

**Class 2 Novice 80-85cm Team & Individual** (Hickstead qualifier)  
*Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals.*

**Class 3 Intermediate 90-95cm Team & Individual** (Hickstead qualifier)  
*Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals*

**Class 4 1m-1.05 Open Team & Individual** (Hickstead qualifier)  
*Single phase. All team riders automatically count as individuals*

Teams of 3 or 4, best 3 scores to count

**Entry Fee for classes 1 - 4 = £32 including paramedic first aid cover**

**Entries close - 17th March 2025 or earlier if full.**

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Cheltenham College focuses on developing the whole person, ensuring pupils not only gain the qualifications they need but also the abilities and character to open doors later in life. Pupils are encouraged to take ownership of their own trajectory, inspiring self-understanding and self-confidence.



# Independent School of the Year 2024



## NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules for Scoring 2024-25

The intention of these rules is to reward riders who have a clear round and to penalise riders who have jumping penalties or who are significantly faster than the Optimum Time. Where there are several competitors with a clear round, then the nearest to the Optimum Time will win, rewarding an appropriate judgement of pace around the course.

### EC1) Open to Teams and Individuals

- Riders will jump a course of 5-8 show jumps and then proceed immediately into the XC phase of 8-15 simulated XC fences, depending on the size of the arena
- The speed for the XC phase will be between 320m/m to 375m/m depending on the size of the arena – smaller arena = tighter turns which slow you down. A larger arena with flowing lines will ride on a quicker time. The speed for each class will be given in the schedule or on the noticeboard at the event. Times will be recorded to one-hundredth of a second if the timing equipment allows.
- NSEA/BE Eventing Rules for tack and rider equipment for XC.
- There will be no style mark. No age restriction on the mini (70/75) class.
- Top two teams and 4 Individuals at each height to qualify for the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championship to be held at Hickstead in May.

EC2) Dress: XC colours, body protectors are compulsory. Hair must be above collar length, long hair to be kept in place in a hair net. Riders must wear BE approved skull caps, no fixed peak SJ hats.

EC3) The competitor with the fewest penalties wins. In the event of a tie, the competitor closest to the optimum time will be the winner. In the team competition, the total of the best three scores is used to place the team. The combined difference from the Optimum Time of the 3 best scores is used to break any ties.

EC4) The top 2 teams & 4 individuals at each qualifier will qualify for the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championship.

EC5) Organisers are asked to ensure that the XC phase includes elements that give a choice about the track and therefore the time taken. Organisers are asked not to display a clock showing the time taken visible to the rider as the aim is to educate riders to ride by feel.

Penalties are awarded as follows

Knockdown (to include SJ and knockable xc fences)	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 or outside assistance	Elimination
Where the Optimum Time is 120 seconds or less, for every commenced second in excess of 10 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
Where the Optimum Time more than 120 seconds, for every commenced second in excess of 15 seconds under the optimum time	1 penalty
Exceeding time limit (2 times the Optimum Time)	Elimination

- No claim will be entertained by the proprietors for injury, loss or damage caused to or suffered by any horse or pony or any other property in connection with or arising from any event or hire.
- All clients must have their own personal and third party insurance and provide documentary evidence of such cover if requested to do so by the proprietors.
- All riders compete at their own risk and the organiser or landowner cannot accept any liability for damage, injury or loss to horses, riders, spectators or personal property.
- No refunds after close of entries.
- No horse or pony under 4 years of age may enter.
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry.
- All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- All young children must be kept under control at all times and must not be allowed to play amongst the horses.
- In the event of adverse weather conditions, it is the competitor's responsibility to seek confirmation as to the cancellation of any event.

### **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

### **TV & Photography Top Shots 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 rubbish 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.

Refreshments available on site.

All competitions, parents and representatives from every school must ensure that they act courteously to stewards and officials at all times. Rudeness will not be tolerated.

In the event of cancellation, your entry will be refunded, less £5 per admin fee.  
Have a good day!

## Rules

NSEA / BE Eventing Rules for tack & rider equipment.

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

Note- NSEA Rules- hair up please.

**Start Times** will be available on the Rectory Farm website 2 days before the competition on [www.rectoryfarm.com](http://www.rectoryfarm.com)

