**NORTH DEVON SCHOOLS SHOW JUMPING LEAGUE RULES**

Primary schools, secondary schools and colleges in the North Devon Area can enter individuals or teams of three riders to compete in the league.

For a school/college team to register there is £20 registration fee payable to cover the Summer league (October - August 2018). Each rider and team must submit an individual and team application form by 20th September 2017.

If a school has individuals that wish to compete they can pay a £10 registration fee, that fee covers the rider for the entire season. If they are competing as part of a team riders do not have to pay individual fee.

**FORMAT**

Teams and individuals will be awarded points depending on their placing within their height category. These will accumulate over 9 qualifying competitions. The top 6 teams and top 10 individuals in each height category will then qualify for the Championship Show in August

All competitors jumping as part of a team will jump 2 rounds, with the exception of those which have been eliminated. The first round will not be timed, save for there being a maximum cut off time of 3 minutes. The second round will be against the clock. All 3 scores for each team will be counted determine placings and league points. Clear rounds in the first round will be placed before faults gained in either the 1st or 2nd round.

Individual competitors riding in the 50cm or 60cm will jump off regardless of faults gained in the first round. This is to enable our more novice competitors to gain experience riding in jump offs. Individual competitors riding in the 70cm and above will only jump off if they are clear in the first round.

Knock down – 4 faults

First refusal – 4 faults

Second refusal (anywhere on the course) – 4 faults

Third refusal (anywhere on the course) – Elimination

1st Rider Fall (anywhere on the course) – Rider to be examined by First Aider and allowed to continue if deemed safe to do so.

2nd Rider Fall or Horse & Rider Fall – Elimination.

**LEAGUE POINTS**

Individual points

Each rider that jumps double clear will receive 2 league points in the individual league at the jumped height. In addition those that are placed will receive additional league points as follows;

1st 12 points

2nd 10 points

3rd 8 points

4th 6 points

5th 4 points

6th 2 points

Team points

Awarded when a team is placed. Points as follows;

1st 12 points

2nd 10 points

3rd 8 points

4th 6 points

5th 4 points

6th 2 points

In the event of equality for first place at the Championships or qualifying places at Area Competitions, there shall be one jump-off against the clock and there will be a draw for the order of jumping. All Members of the team must jump-off. The first member of each team in the jump-off will jump first followed by the second and so on. The whole team jumps irrespective of previous faults or eliminations and the best three in each team count. If their jumping faults are equal, their aggregate times decide.

**TEAM FORMAT**

A school can form teams of 3 riders, all riders must be in full time education at the school/college they represent. A school can submit more than one team at the same height. A horse/rider combination can ride for more than one team – BUT they can only ride in one team per class/height. A Horse/rider combination must only jump in a maximum of 3 classes of which the heights must be consecutive.

Teams will be made up of 3 riders, all 3 riders scores will count towards the team score/placing.

A team of 3 is allowed to nominate 1 reserve rider. The reserve rider must not be competing in another team at that height on the competition day. The reserve rider must be in full time education at the school/college/federation they represent.

Every rider competing as part of a team will automatically be counted as an individual too thus allowing a rider to gain points for their team as well as individually. 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.

Each member of the team competes at the same height but a school can enter teams in all 5 heights if they would like. No rider may compete in more than 3 consecutive classes.

Each school must allocate a teacher or parent to act in the role of team manager. This person will be responsible for liaising with the North Devon SJ organisers, registering the teams and/or individuals, entering classes, collecting & paying entry fees on behalf of their team and MUST be present at every event.

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.

All riders in the Championship team must have competed for the same team throughout the league period.

**ENTRIES**

All entries and registration fees must be paid for on Equo. NDSSJL require every competitor to provide us with a completed registration document for individual registration. If you are a part of a team – the team manager must submit a team registration form, providing details of all 3 team members and a reserve rider if required.

The team manager is responsible for all entries for the team they are representing. When you enter the team on Equo you must insure that you tick the button that says ‘I am part of a Team’ and ensure that you enter the Team name as you wish it to appear on the league table. In the notes section you must enter the rider name and horse name for each combination in the team as you wish it to appear on the league table.

If you are an individual entering you MUST enter your school name as you wish it to appear on the league table.

**TEAM MANAGER**

Each school must nominate a Team Manager. In the event of a parent taking on the role of Team. NDSSJ must be kept updated with details of the Team Manager.

The Team Manager is required to be present at every event. The Team Manager acts for the school. Parents must defer to the Team Manager at all times, including when making enquiries.

The Team Manager will be expected to know these general rules, and the rules of the competition at which their school is competing. 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 & experience.

Changes to team members / individuals must be made before the day of the competition. 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.

In the event of an objection, the Team Manager must lodge a written objection with
the Secretary within 10 minutes of the results being announced. This must be accompanied by a £20 deposit, which may be forfeited in the event of an unsuccessful appeal. The Judges decision is final.

The Team Manager is responsible for the conduct of all riders, parents and persons associated with their School. Foul language, bad sportsmanship and bad horsemanship will not be tolerated. NDSSJ promotes good sportsmanship in a friendly and competitive team spirit.

No outside assistance is allowed when competitors are in the ring other than those riding in the 50cm class. It is the Team Managers responsibility to ensure that no parents, trainers or team mates shout instruction to the competitor.

It is the Team Manager’s responsibility to ensure all competitors from their school are correctly turned out and to check the safety of all their equipment, including tack.

In the warm up ring no competitor is allowed to set the practise jump heights more than 10cm above the height of the next class. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure all team members abide by this rule. No team member should be riding in the warm up ring without supervision.

**DRESS**

Competitors are allowed to compete in their school colours/sweatshirts although this is not a requirement. There is no specific dress code required, we just request that competitors are smart in appearance and wear clothing deemed safe for riding.

A riding hat, designed to provide protection, must be worn, at all times when mounted by anyone, whether or not a competitor. Harnesses must be properly adjusted and fastened at all times when mounted. The hat must meet one of the following standards:

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

Body protectors are not compulsory but advisable.

Long hair should be tidy and secured appropriately.

No hooded tops.

Long riding boots or Jodhpur boots with chaps/gaiters must be worn.

**GENERAL RULES**

No horse/pony under the age of 4 to be ridden.

No Stallions

No excessive use of the whip or spurs.

The welfare of the horse/pony and child is of paramount importance.

The Judge has the right to stop any competitor during their round and/or subsequently eliminate them if they deem the following:

The rider, horse or combination is unsafe.

The horse is unsound or unfit.

The rider is being forced to ride against their will.

The rider has been given outside assistance.

The rider, parent or team manager has been rude or abusive to another competitor or NDSSJ organiser.

If riders change schools/colleges throughout the year they can continue to compete for their previous school for the rest of the current league year or alternatively they can compete for their new school but they can only represent one school.

Only the Team Manager, Team Trainer or appointed school official is to deal with NDSSJ on the day of the event.