



## **NORTH DEVON SCHOOLS SHOW JUMPING LEAGUE RULES**

With show jumping heights from 40cm, The North Devon School's show jumping league is a friendly, local competitive league designed to encourage all school age children in the area with ponies to take part representing their respective schools.

The successes of individual riders and teams will be tallied across league tables for the duration of the competition culminating in a championship show on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Primary schools, secondary schools and colleges in the North Devon Area can enter individuals or teams of three or four riders to compete in the league.

For a school/college team to register there is £20 registration fee payable to cover the 2019 league. Team members can be interchanged throughout the year as long as NDSSJL are provided with the rider's details via email to [office@coxleigh.com](mailto:office@coxleigh.com). Along with each team application form please submit an individual application form for each horse/rider.

If a school has individuals that wish to compete they can pay a £10 registration fee for the 2019 league for the horse and rider combination.

### **2019 Qualifying Dates;**

3rd March  
24th March  
14th April  
28th April  
12th May  
2nd June  
15th June

### **Championship;**

7<sup>th</sup> July

### **FORMAT**

Teams will be made up of 3 – 4 riders from the same school or educational federation.

A team can nominate a reserve rider to compete in place of a missing team member. That rider must not be jumping as part of another team in the same class that day.

A horse/rider combination can ride for more than one team but must only compete once per height category. A combination can jump in a maximum of 3 consecutive classes per show.



All team members will jump at the chosen class height. Heights are set from 40-90cm in their respective classes.

Teams and individuals will be awarded points depending on their placing within their height category. These will accumulate over the qualifying competitions. The top 8 teams and top 20 individuals in each height category will then qualify for the Championship Show.

All competitors will jump 2 rounds. 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. The best 3 scores for each team will be counted determine placings and league points. Clear rounds will be placed before those gaining faults in either round.

Knock down – 4 faults

First refusal – 4 faults

Second refusal (anywhere on the course) – 4 faults

Third refusal (anywhere on the course) – Elimination

1<sup>st</sup> Fall of rider – Rider to be examined and will be allowed to continue if deemed safe to do so

2<sup>nd</sup> Fall of rider – Elimination

Fall of horse - 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;

1<sup>st</sup> 12 points

2<sup>nd</sup> 10 points

3<sup>rd</sup> 8 points

4<sup>th</sup> 6 points

5<sup>th</sup> 4 points

6<sup>th</sup> 2 points



### Team points

Awarded when a team is placed. Points as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> 12 points

2<sup>nd</sup> 10 points

3<sup>rd</sup> 8 points

4<sup>th</sup> 6 points

5<sup>th</sup> 4 points

6<sup>th</sup> 2 points

League points will be awarded for every placing but only the top 5 scores for each team / individual will be used to determine championship qualification and those points taken to the championship competition.

### RULES

- To be eligible to compete riders must be in full time education at the school/college they represent. Riders must be aged 7-18 years.
- There is no maximum to the number of teams a school can enter per height category/class.
- 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.
- All riders in the Championship team must have competed for the same team in at least 1 competition throughout the league period.
- Riders and horses may only compete once in a team, so may not ride for two teams or have two horses in the same team or have one horse ridden by two separate riders.
- 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 a horse 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 should 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 registration form.

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Each school must nominate a Team Manager. NDSSJ must be kept updated with details of the Team Manager/s.

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 announced result. 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 40 & 50cm classes. 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.

### **ENTRIES & REGISTRATION**

Registration forms can be downloaded from [coxleigh.com](http://coxleigh.com)

Forms must be completed and returned to the organisers no later than 4 weeks before the competition date via email to [office@coxleigh.com](mailto:office@coxleigh.com) or post to Mrs V Fiddes, The Farmhouse, Coxleigh Barton, Shirwell, Barnstaple EX31 4JL

Registration payment can be made via cheque to 'messers m e gay', by bacs transfer, paypal transfer or online at equo.

Entries must be made via [equoevents.co.uk](http://equoevents.co.uk)

When setting up your team and entering a team please set the main riders name as the team name and use the notes section to add all horse and rider names.

Running orders & times will be available 48 hours before the competition. All teams / riders must ride in the order stated on these sheets.

Requests for specific times/orders must be made no later than 48 hours before the competition closing date. After this time requests may not be able to be fulfilled.

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