



National Schools Equestrian Association

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## National School Competition Framework 2012

Sport: Riding

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Competition Framework Descriptor	Recommended Competition	Level and Location	Scheduling	Next Steps in Competition
<p><b>Grass Roots - Introductory</b> Levels 1-2-3</p> <p><i>Available to all ages 4 – 16</i> <i>Key stage 1-4</i></p> <p><i>The introduction and education of the competitive side of riding to beginners in the sport.</i></p> <p><i>Competitions are agreed by age and ability to encourage participation across the board at this introductory stage.</i></p>	<p>Grass roots (50 cm max in height of jumping course)</p> <p>Competition for Individuals. There would be 3 levels. All to start at level 1 and progress.</p> <p>Competitors would be girls and boys mixed including disabled.</p> <p>Ability- beginner level to provide a path to progress through the 3 levels.</p>	<p>Local level SSP - (several suitable locations in each county to make accessible to all)</p> <p>To be held at equestrian establishments and competition centres.</p> <p>This is undertaken in confined indoor or outdoor arena.</p>	<p>Throughout the year.</p>	<p>Form links with BHS/ABRS and RDA and Clubmark centres where possible to encourage more talented riders to progress to team competitions with support.</p> <p>Keep local schools informed of success to encourage further participation. Clear communication between schools, venues and NSEA.</p>
<p><b>Grass Roots - Competition</b></p> <p><i>Available to all ages 7 – 16</i> <i>Key stage 1-4</i></p> <p><b>Could be split into</b> <b>Junior 7 – 13</b> <b>Senior 11 - 16</b></p> <p><i>A more formal structure of competition to prepare and encourage competitor for further levels.</i></p>	<p><b>Jumping - 40, 50 &amp; 60cm courses</b> <b>Dressage – Walk &amp; Trot Tests</b> <b>Easier Prelim Tests</b></p> <p>Competition for both Teams (3/4 riders) and Individuals.</p> <p>Girls and boys mixed including disabled of beginner/novice level in ability of riding skill.</p> <p>Competition to provide a path to progression.</p>	<p>Local level – SSP (several suitable locations in each county to make accessible to all) at equestrian establishments and competition centres</p> <p>This is undertaken in confined indoor or outdoor arena.</p> <p>Encourage individuals to form teams within a school.</p>	<p>Throughout year</p> <p>6x local</p> <p>2x County SJ &amp; Dressage</p> <p>1 competition/month</p> <p>Regional points league for school teams</p>	<p>Resources available to allow access for all to be able to advance in their riding</p> <p>Encourage riders of all ages to develop a more diverse set of skills enabling them to progress to the higher levels of competition</p> <p>Provide links between schools and centres to facilitate a broader understanding of the sport and progression</p>



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<p>Mini</p> <p><i>Ages 7 – 13 inclusive</i></p> <p><i>Key stage 1-3</i></p> <p><i>This is the first step of the schools equestrian framework that involves both qualifiers and National Championships.</i></p>	<p>Mini (70cm in height of jumping courses)</p> <p>Team (3/4 riders) and Individual</p> <p>Multitude of disciplines offered:</p> <p>Dressage</p> <p>Show jumping</p> <p>Jumping with style (JWS)</p> <p>Hunter trials(HT)</p> <p>One day events(ODE) <i>All jumping 70 cm</i></p> <p>Girls and boys mixed and suitably graded disabled athletes able to participate safely in any of the above disciplines</p>	<p>For: <u>Dressage/Show jumping</u></p> <p>Local level - SSP (to provide accessible competitions to all within each county)</p> <p>National championship qualifiers: to progress from County→Regional→National</p> <p>For: <u>JWS/HT/ODEs</u></p> <p>National championship qualifiers: to start at Regional→National</p> <p>All locations to be established equestrian centres/competition centres.</p> <p><i>All competitions within the NSEA annual framework</i></p>	<p>Points league throughout academic year (refer to glossary)</p> <p>County competitions in Spring and Summer term</p> <p>Regional competitions in Summer and Autumn terms</p> <p>National at end of autumn term</p> <p><i>(ODE to be held in Summer)</i></p>	<p>To encourage riders to be diverse in these disciplines</p> <p>Once the horse and rider combination have developed a strong basis- resources available to support further progression with skills and to compete at a higher level</p> <p>Talent spotting of potential (refer to glossary)</p> <p>Encourage schools to develop riding squads with pointers and support. List of advisors in each region.</p> <p>Encourage a consistently strong level of competition at the national finals that is still accessible to all levels</p>



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<p>Novice</p> <p>Key stage 3 -5 <i>Ages 11 – 19 inclusive</i></p> <p><i>This is the second step of the more advanced schools equestrian framework. This is the most popular/accessible height for secondary school pupils, especially to form teams.</i></p>	<p>Novice (80cm height of jumping courses) Team (3/4 riders) and Individual</p> <p>Multi-discipline Dressage Show jumping (80 cm)</p> <p>Jumping with style (JWS) Hunter trials(HT) One day events(ODE) <i>All (80 cm)</i></p> <p>Girls and boys mixed and suitably graded disabled athletes able to participate safely in any of the above disciplines</p>	<p><u>Dressage/Show jumping</u></p> <p>Local level – SSP (Accessible to all within each county)</p> <p>National championship qualifiers: County→Regional→National</p> <p><u>JWS/HT/ODEs</u></p> <p>National championship qualifiers: Regional→National</p> <p><i>All competitions within the NSEA annual framework</i></p>	<p>Points league throughout academic year (refer to glossary)</p> <p>County competitions in Spring and Summer term</p> <p>Regional competitions in Summer and Autumn terms</p> <p>National at end of Autumn term</p> <p><i>(ODE to held in Summer)</i></p>	<p>To further encourage riders to progress in these disciplines and progress to Intermediate competitions</p> <p>Once the horse and rider combination have developed a strong basis; resources available to support further progression with skills and to compete at a higher level</p> <p>Talent spotting of potential (refer to glossary) Encourage schools to develop riding squads with signposting and support</p> <p>National finals to give riders challenges to aspire to at all levels (springboard to junior/young rider programs in BE, BSJA, BD and Paras)</p> <p>Information needs to be provided to schools to enable them to match these skills to the PE GCSE and A level and DofE requirements</p>



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<p>Intermediate</p> <p>Key stage 3 - 5</p> <p><i>Ages 12 – 19 inclusive</i></p> <p><i>This level starts to have relevance to BE, BD, BSJA and BHS riding club and can be seen as a stepping stone to the above governing bodies</i></p>	<p>Intermediate (90cm)</p> <p>Team (3/4 riders) and Individual</p> <p>Multi-discipline</p> <p>Dressage</p> <p>Show jumping (90 cm)</p> <p>Jumping with style</p> <p>Hunter trials</p> <p>One day events</p> <p><i>All (90 cm)</i></p> <p>Girls and boys mixed and suitably graded disabled athletes able to participate safely in any of the above disciplines</p>	<p><u>Dressage/Show jumping</u></p> <p>Local level - SSP</p> <p>National championship qualifiers:</p> <p>County→Regional→National</p> <p><u>JWS/HT/ODEs</u></p> <p>National championship qualifiers:</p> <p>Regional→National</p> <p><i>All competitions within the NSEA annual framework</i></p>	<p>Points league throughout academic year (refer to glossary)</p> <p>County competitions in Spring and Summer term</p> <p>Regional competitions in Summer and Autumn terms</p> <p>National at end of Autumn term</p> <p><i>(ODE to held in Summer)</i></p>	<p>To further encourage riders to progress in these disciplines</p> <p>Once the horse and rider combination have developed a strong basis; resources available to support further progression with skills and to compete at a higher level</p> <p>Talent spotting of potential and encouraging development through national bodies (refer to glossary)</p> <p>Encourage schools to develop riding squads with signposting and support</p> <p>National finals to give riders challenges to aspire to at all levels (springboard to junior/young rider programs in BE, BSJA, BD and Paras)</p> <p>Information needs to be provided to schools to enable them to match these skills to the PE GCSE and A level and DofE requirements</p>



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<p>Open</p> <p>Key stage 3-5 <i>Ages 12 – 19 inclusive</i></p> <p><i>This level starts to have relevance to BE, BD and BSJA junior and young rider programs</i></p> <p><b>Advanced Open 1.10m SJ</b></p>	<p>Open (1m) Team (3/4 riders) and Individual</p> <p>Multi-discipline Dressage Show jumping (1 m)</p> <p>Jumping with style Hunter trials One day events <i>All (1 m)</i></p> <p>Girls and boys mixed including disabled of competent ability to participate in any of the above disciplines safely</p> <p><b>Regional qualifiers for NSEA Champs</b></p>	<p><u>Dressage/Show jumping</u></p> <p>Local level - SSP</p> <p>National championship qualifiers: County→Regional→National</p> <p><u>JWS/HT/ODEs</u></p> <p>National championship qualifiers: Regional→National</p> <p><i>All competitions within the NSEA annual framework</i></p>	<p>Points league throughout academic year (refer to glossary)</p> <p>County competitions in Spring and Summer term</p> <p>Regional competitions in Summer and Autumn terms</p> <p>National at end of Autumn term</p> <p><i>(ODE to held in Summer)</i></p>	<p>To further encourage riders to be progress in these disciplines</p> <p>Talent spotting of potential and encouraging development through national bodies</p> <p>Encourage schools to develop riding squads with signposting and support</p> <p>National finals to give riders challenges to aspire to at all levels (springboard to junior/young rider programs in BE, BSJA, BD and Paras)</p> <p>Information needs to be provided to schools to enable them to match these skills to the PE GCSE and A level and DofE requirements</p>



#### **GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS:**

**DR-DRESSAGE** (A TEST OF OBIDENCE AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HORSE AND RIDER. NO JUMPS INVOLVED)

**SJ-SHOW JUMPING** (A COURSE OF COLOURED FENCES THAT THE COMPETITOR MUST JUMP CLEAR IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL. CAN BE BUILT ON A SURFACE OR IN A GRASS ARENA)

**XC- CROSS COUNTRY** (A COURSE OF RUSTIC SOLID FENCES BUILT AROUND A FIELD)

**ODE- ONE DAY EVENT (EVENTING)** (AN EVENT THAT HAS 3 DISCIPLINES TO IT. DRESSAGE, SHOW JUMPING, CROSS COUNTRY).

**JWS-JUMPING WITH STYLE (ARENA EVENTING)** (A COMPETITION IN AN ARENA THAT HAS SHOW JUMPS AND RUSTIC FENCES THAT KNOCK DOWN TO SIMULATE A XC COURSE. THE COMPETITOR MUST COMPLETE THE COURSE WITH A STYLE MARK THAT HELPS PROMOTE GOOD RIDING)

#### **WHAT IS A TEAM?**

A TEAM IS MADE UP OF 3 OR 4 RDRERS. THE OVERALL RESULT IS CALCULATED THAT THE BEST 3 SCORES COUNT.

**TALENT SPOTTING**-CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONAL TALENT AND ABILITY WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED TO THE EQUESTRIAN MEMBER BODY CONCERNED IN ORDER THAT OPPURTUNITIES AND POTENTIAL CAN BE MAXIMISED.

**POINTS LEAGUE**- FOR EACH COMPETITION THAT A SCHOOL/INDIVIDUAL COMPETES AT IN THEIR REGION AND IS PLACED, THEY ARE AWARDED POINTS. THE OVERALL WINNER IN EACH REGION IS THE SCHOOL/ INDIVIDUAL WITH THE MOST POINTS.

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