



ADDENDUM TO RULES AND FAQ'S FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW BARNS

THE BELOW CHANGES IN THE RULES HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE A MORE COVID-19 CONSCIOUS FORMAT

1. NCEL is Parent Organization to NCSSEL & JEL. There are 3 divisions: Novice (jumps 2'), Limit (jumps 2'3"), Open (jumps 2'6").
2. NCEL has restructured the league and its affiliates in order to support existing Barns' transition to a COVID-19 conscious format, that will allow the league to continue under state and local constrained operations. The regular season format can be found in the rules section of the NCEL website (<https://ncelus.com>).
3. Under the new rules format, program rides will be added, standards created across all three leagues to create a natural progression from one league to the next as the rider progresses in their riding ability.
4. The new format supports a dynamic program that gives the Barn flexibility to manage each meet without difficult scheduling requirements, while still providing a competitive and learning environment for riders.
5. This new format is designed to support the foundation of our Barns, allowing room for prospective Barns to join and benefit from our affordable, competitive, coaching leagues.
6. NCEL is for most experienced riders who can jump from 2' to 2'6". There are 3 separate divisions and a team may have up to 2 riders for each division.
7. NCSSEL is for Short Stirrup level riders who are comfortable jumping coursed at 18". It is possible to have "flat only" riders in this league. NCSSEL teams may have 6 primary ("point") riders and up to 3 Alternate riders who compete with one another for end of season points and may also be called upon to fill in for an absent primary rider.
8. JEL riders range from lead line ("Division 1") to riders in Division 5 who are equivalent to NCSSEL riders and comfortable over 18" courses.
9. Each NCEL & NCSSEL team will make a non-binding "intent to participate" declaration by 7/15 of the year prior to the new season year and pay league fees of \$320.00* on or before 8/15 of the new season year. *This amount applies to the 20/21 season only – all other seasons an additional \$270.00 is collected and held in the event a team forfeits a regular season meet. If those funds are

unused during the regular season, then they will be applied to that team's Finale entry fees in March. Annual League fees pay for the season's ribbons and awards and Administrative costs.

10. JEL does not pay any league fees, but each team will do 4 regular meets, beginning in September and compete in the March Finale at PGEC.
11. NCEL/NCSSEL Host Barns will be provided ribbons from the league. JEL Host Barns provide their own ribbons.
12. Host Barns must provide their own judge, and judges recognized by MHSA, VHSA or other USHJA affiliates are not required, but are recommended. Judges for the Finale must be recognized by MHSA, VHSA, USHJA, etc. In this special COVID conscious year, Host Barns are not required to provide food concessions or dressing rooms for visiting teams. In regular seasons, however, a food concession and dressing area for each team is required.
13. Host Barns must provide enough help to prepare, tack and manage their horses.
14. New barns do not have to host their first year and if they do wish to host a meet, they do not have to have an indoor ring.
15. Host barns may hold 2, 3 and 4 team meets. Numbers of horses needed to run a meet vary depending on how many teams will attend. NCEL & NCSSEL 4 team meets, (36 riders), can normally be done with 10 – 12 school horses. A JEL 4 team meet, (40 riders), can be done with 8 – 10 horses. Meets may be scheduled on Saturdays, Sunday morning and Sunday Afternoons, depending on teams' availability.
16. An awards banquet for all three leagues is held in late March/early April at Laurel Racetrack.
17. The NCEL/NCSSEL/JEL Board of Directors includes 1 adult from each participating team. All 3 leagues have their own President, Secretary, Treasurer and share an Administrator and her assistants.
18. Website contains all rules, including the addendum which addresses the COVID -19 format for 2020/21

QUICK PARENT REFERENCE FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON:

1. Masks will be mandatory for all coaches and spectators while on the property of the Host Barn. Masks will be provided by NCEL. Riders will not be required to wear a mask during their ride.
2. Unmounted riders will be required to wear a mask.

3. The season will begin September 1st and end in early Spring of 2021. Meets typically will last no longer than 4 hours with the new format. Concessions will be at the discretion of the host facility.
4. Rider points will be individually tracked AND for the overall team points. Riders will earn points individually as well as at the team level for end of year finals.
5. Barns take turns hosting horse shows during the season. New Barns are NOT required to host any shows.
6. Riders use horses provided by the host barn and chosen in a random draw. Host barn will provide saddles unless otherwise noted.