



JEL Quick Facts

JEL (National Capitol Junior Equitation League)

1. A team is made up of 5-10 junior riders.
2. A regular season meet will be a 3 or 4 team meet. 8 – 12 horses will be needed to do the meet.
3. There are 5 divisions of 3 classes in each meet, (15 classes/meet) and riders stay on one horse for the entire division.
4. Up to 2 riders may ride in each division. No division would have more than 8 riders.
5. A barn is not required to have an indoor and if they do not, their meet will be scheduled early in the season to avoid poor weather conditions.
6. Each participating barn (team) competes in 4 regular meets during the season, one of which is hosted by that barn. *New barns are exempt from this rule during their first season*. The season ends in March with a Finale meet at Prince George's Equestrian Center to which all barns bring their own horses. (See <https://ncelus.com/> for more information on the Finale).
7. At the Finale meet each rider will be asked a question chosen from the NCSSEL Study Guide:<https://ncelus.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/NCSSEL-Questions-2019.pdf>
8. Riders are designated for each division at the beginning of the season and remain in that division for the duration of the season.
9. Division 1 Walk as a group; Trot down one long side; Walk or trot over 2 poles. Diagonals do not count.
10. Division 2 Walk/trot as a group; Canter one direction down one long side; Jump 2 very low x-rails. Diagonals do count, leads do not.
11. Division 3 Walk/trot as a group; Canter one direction down one long side; Jump 2 18" x-rails. Diagonals & leads count.
12. Division 4 Walk/trot as a group; Canter one direction as a group; Jump a 4-fence course at 18". Diagonals & leads count.
13. Division 5 Walk/trot as a group; Walk/Trot/canter both directions as a group; Jump a 6-fence course set at 18". Diagonals and leads count.
14. Coaches may remain in the ring with their riders in all divisions except the 5th division. Riders in the 1st division may be led by a coach or assistant.
15. Divisions 4 & 5 are allowed to jump 2 practice jumps unjudged before riding their course.
16. Only the rider who earns the highest ribbon for their team in a class earns points which count toward the overall team score for the meet that day and for yearend High Point Team awards at the end of the season.
17. All riders' points count toward year end individual point totals in each division.
18. Host barns must provide handlers/grooms for each horse, and all tack & equipment. Some barns may choose to invite visitors to bring their own saddles, but this is not required. Host barns should provide clean rest room facilities and concessions as well as a dressing/staging area for each team where courses are posted, as well as brief descriptions of the horses being used, and numbers provided.
19. Coaches will draw horses for their riders; every effort to be sure that suitably sized rider/horse matches should be made.
20. Scores and judge's cards are to be posted after each division.