



## NCSSEL Quick Facts

### NCSSEL (National Capitol Short Stirrup Equitation League)

1. A team is made up of 6 – 9 junior riders.
2. Up to 6 Primary or “Point” riders who will compete for end of year team and individual awards.
3. Up to 3 Alternate riders who will compete against each other for yearend individual awards and may be called upon to fill in for a Primary rider.
4. Each Point rider will ride in 2 out of 4 classes: WT, WTC, a 4-fence course or a 6-fence course which will have a halt and a trot fence. Riders may do 2 Flat classes, but they may not do 2 jumping classes.
5. 2 riders from each team will be randomly drawn at the beginning of the meet to compete in the Finale class at the end of the meet. This class includes work at the walk, trot and canter with stirrups, a test over 2 fences and a question chosen by the judge from the study guide. (<https://ncelus.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/NCSSEL-Questions-2019.pdf>)
6. Riders may ride as either a Point rider or an Alternate at the coach’s discretion at any meet during the season. If an Alternate rides only 1 time as a Point rider, that rider’s points will be added to both their Alternate cumulative score as well as their team’s points for that one meet. After that, any Alternate who competes again as a Point rider will earn points only for the team, and those points will not be added to their accumulated Alternate points.
7. All Primary riders’ points count toward a team’s final score for the day of the meet and toward that team’s yearend final score. All riders’ points count toward their yearend individual high point score except for the Finale Class points.
8. All Alternate riders’ points count toward their yearend individual high point scores, except for those earned when riding for more than a single time as a Primary rider.
9. 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).
10. If a barn does not have an indoor, their meet will be scheduled early in the season to avoid poor weather conditions.
11. A regular season meet will be a 3 or 4 team meet. 8 – 12 horses will be needed to do the meet. There are 8 classes in each meet, including the Finale class. Flat classes with more than 8 riders will be split as will jumping classes with more than 12 entries.
12. 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.
13. Scores and judge’s cards are to be posted after each class.
14. Coaches in this league will draw horses for their riders; every effort to be sure that suitably sized rider/horse matches should be made.