

## NCEL Guide to Scoring

**Responsibilities of Host Team** - There are two sets of points to keep track of for meets – individual and team. Regular season meets and the finale meet have the same scoring rules. It is the responsibility of the host team to keep score of individual and team points, display running totals for the visiting teams, and post the judge's cards. Following the end of the meet the host team will also need to send images of the judge's cards and scoring spreadsheet to the league point of contact for scoring.

Individual points and team points are valued as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 7 Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 5 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 4 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 3 Points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – 2 Points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 Point

**Individual Scoring** – Each NCEL rider shall ride in two classes. A rider may also be chosen for the finale class. Only points from the first two classes count toward the total individual score. Finale points shall not count toward the cumulative points of an individual rider. For example, a rider who places 2nd in a flat class (5 individual points), 4th in a jumping (3 individual points) and 5<sup>th</sup> in a finale class (0 individual points) will have earned 8 points total for that meet.

**Team Scoring** – Only the top point getter for each team in each class (including the finale class) shall have their points counted toward the team total. Consider the example below:

### Class 1 - Novice Flat A

Team	Rider	Placing	Points
Orchard Grass	Annie	3	4
Orchard Grass	Bessie	5	2
Alfalfa	Rachel	2	5
Alfalfa	Kathy	1	7
Oats	Kelly	6	1
Barley	Billy	4	3

Here we have four teams: Orchard Grass, Alfalfa, Oats, and Barley. Team Alfalfa did well capturing the top to places for this class. However, only Kathy's 7 points count toward the team total. Under this example, the team points would be as follows:

Team	Total Points for Class
Orchard Grass	4
Alfalfa	7
Oats	1
Barley	3

**Score Keeping Display** - The host school is required to display a scoreboard showing the running totals for teams during the meet. Team points for each class are added together in order to calculate a team's total points for the meet. In many instances a class may be split into two classes due to the size of the class (more than 8 rider for flat and more than 12 riders for jumping). Classes that are split are considered separately for the purpose of both team and individual points.

Below is an example of how scoring may look. The numerator is the team score for each class, while the denominator is the running total.

Team	Novice Flat - A	Novice Flat - B	Limit Flat	Open Flat	Novice- 4	Novice-6	Limit- 4	Limit-6	Open- 6	Finale
Alfafa	7/7	4/11	3/14	7/21	7/28	5/33	5/38	7/45	3/48	7/55
Barley	3/3	7/10	5/15	3/18	4/22	1/23	7/30	1/31	7/38	5/43
Oats	1/1	5/6	7/13	4/17	1/18	7/25	2/27	4/31	4/35	4/39
Orchard Grass	4/4	2/6	1/7	5/12	2/14	2/16	1/17	5/22	5/27	2/29

**Team Placings** - For the purpose of year-end point totals, each team shall be given a score based on their placing for each meet. The winner of the meet gets 7 points, second place team gets 5 points, third place team gets 4 points, and so on.

**Tie-Breakers** - Team ties in regular season meets and the finale meet are broken with total team points in that day's finale class. In the case of year-end point totals, individual ties will be broken based on cumulative points in jumping classes. Team ties will be broken based on cumulative points of all finale classes for the season.

*\* Clarification to individual points based on division. Each rider shall be designated under a division (novice, limit, open) at the beginning of a season. Under the rules, a rider can only jump in their designated division but may participate in a flat class at a division that is higher than their designated division. For example, a novice rider must either jump or flat at the novice level but may ride in a limit or open flat class for their second class. All points earned in regular season and finale meets (other than the finale class) shall be applied to the rider's designated division and not split between divisions.*