

NCSSEL 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 school 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.

Points are valued as follows:

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

Individual Scoring – Each NCSSEL team may have up to 9 riders – 6 Point Riders and up to 3 Alternate Riders. All riders shall compete in two classes – either two flat classes, or one flat class and one jumping class. Point riders may also be chosen to compete in the finale class.

For individual points, the cumulative points from a rider's first two classes count toward the total individual score. Finale points may not count towards 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 class (3 individual points) and 5th in a finale class (0 individual points) will have earned 8 points total for that competition.

Team Scoring – All points earned by a Point Rider (including finale) count toward the team total for a meet. Alternate Rider points do not count toward the team total. Consider the example below:

Class 1 – Alternate Walk, Trot, Canter

Team	Rider	Placing	Points
Alfalfa	Robert	3	4
Oats	Tessa	1	7
Oats	Donna	2	5

Class 2 – Walk, Trot, Canter - 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

Class 1 is an Alternate Rider class. These points do not count toward the team total. Class 2 is a Point Rider class, and all points count toward the team total. Under this example, the running team point total would be as follows:

Team	Running Total
Orchard Grass	6
Alfalfa	12
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. Below is an example of how that scoring may look. The numerator is the score for that class, while the denominator is the running total. Note that the "ALT" (or alternative) classes do not count toward the running total.

Team	WT-A	WT-B	WTC-A	WTC - B	ALT-WTC	ALT-WT	ALT - 4	4-Fence	6-Fence	Finale
Alfafa	3/3	10/13	9/22	11/33	4/33	-/33	3/33	8/41	1/42	11/53
Barley	7/7	4/11	6/17	7/24	-/24	7/24	7/24	5/29	3/32	4/36
Oats	12/12	6/18	3/15	2/17	12/17	-/17	9/17	4/21	9/30	5/35
Orchard Grass	5/5	3/8	2/10	1/11	-/11	5/11	2/11	5/16	9/25	2/27

Team Placings - For the purpose of year-end point totals and awards, the cumulative team points from each meet will be added together to determine the team total. For example, if Team Alfalfa came in first at a meet with 53 points, then those 53 points are to be added to their cumulative score for the season.

** Clarification to points for Alternates - An Alternate Rider may ride in Point Rider classes if a Point Rider is absent and the coach has designated them as a substitute. When an Alternate rider moves up to fill in for an absent point rider, that rider's points will be added to the team's overall score for the day and also added to that rider's total individual Alternate points for only one meet in the season. In the event an Alternate must ride again for team points, those points will apply only to the Team's score and to that rider's year-end primary rider score total but not to the individual year-end Alternate points.*