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# SECTION 1

## **SANESA GENERAL REGULATIONS**

1. These rules must be read in conjunction with the SANESA Constitution and are applicable to all disciplines offered in SANESA.
2. Discipline specific Rules and Regulations will apply as per the relevant National Discipline Association unless specifically excluded or amended in this document.
3. The onus is on the parent and/or instructor and/or rider to know the discipline specific Rules for the discipline he/she competes in.
4. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands.
5. This includes good horse management, training methods, farrier and tack, and transportation.
6. All SANESA riders and their parents/guardians are responsible for their horses and their horses' behaviour at all times. Should a rider choose to ride a stallion, the total responsibility for that stallion's behaviour and that of the safety of other riders in contact with that stallion, will be with the rider and his/her parents/guardian.
7. All SANESA riders/parents/coaches shall acknowledge and accept the Riders' Code of Conduct and parents will sign to this affect with each entry submitted.
8. All riders of stallions may not compete unless they have lodged the "Stallion Indemnity Form" (available from [www.sanesa.co.za](http://www.sanesa.co.za)) with the National Office and their Provincial/District body concerned. This form needs to be completed annually.
9. All stallions must display the yellow "stallion tag" on their bridles at all times.
10. All horses that kick out when in warm-up arena's etc, need to display a red ribbon in their tails at all times.
11. The show organisers in conjunction with the SANESA Committee reserve the right to ask any person at any SANESA show to leave the venue should such persons, in the opinion of the organisers and the SANESA Committee, display bad and unacceptable behaviour, including maltreatment of horses/ponies.
12. The organisers in conjunction with the SANESA Committee reserve the right to intervene at any stage should they feel that the horse and/or rider pose a safety risk to themselves and/or anyone else at a show.
13. No rider may ride at any SANESA show unless they are accompanied by a parent or designated guardian who takes FULL responsibility for the rider and his/her horse/s.
14. Neither the SAEF, the Discipline Associations, SANESA, or venue, nor its agents, employees, officers, officials, members, independent contractors, volunteers or any other persons associated therewith shall be responsible or may be held liable for any loss, damage or injury including consequential losses, suffered by or caused to any person or property on or about the property or premises on which any SANESA event, competition, match, practice or related activity or any other activity of the

SANESA of whatsoever nature is held, whether or not such loss, damage or injury is occasioned by any act or omission of the SANESA its agents, employees, officers, members, independent contractors, volunteers or any other persons associated therewith or for whose actions they or any of them would be liable in law, or by reason of vis major, casus fortuitus, rain or other water, riots, strikes, theft or burglary with or without forcible entry, or by any reason or any condition on or off any grounds, building structures, premises or facilities on or about which any SANESA event, competition, function or meeting of whatsoever nature is held, or caused by any sporting activity, or by any other cause of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising.

15. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in any equestrian event and to keep the policy up to date.
16. SANESA National Council reserves the right to amend the structure, rules and regulations for SANESA at any time when deemed necessary to the benefit of the sport, the horse and the rider.

# SECTION 2

## **SANESA GENERAL COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS including the DESCRIPTION OF SANESA TERMINOLOGY**

### **1. SANESA**

- 1.1 South African National Equestrian Schools Association, in short SANESA.
- 1.2 SANESA is governed by its own Constitution and these Rules and Regulations will form part thereof.
- 1.3 As Equestrian is a sport that measures the skill of a combination (horse and rider), it is therefore not possible to compete in age levels as with other school sports.
- 1.4 SANESA will differentiate between Primary and High schools with various levels being offered in the various equestrian disciplines in both the High school and Primary school league.

### **2. PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

- 2.1 Primary School will include riders that are *bona fida* learners of all schools **from Pre-Primary through to Grade seven (7)**, registered with their relevant Education Departments as per the areas allocated in the DBE Schools list. From Levels 1 – 7 will be limited to riders from grade nought (0) up to and including Grade seven (7) Riders in lower grades may participate in the Rising Stars Challenge Challenge classes only and only from the year in which they turn 4.
- 2.2 Riders with disabilities may compete in all SANESA classes at own risk and shall, when registering as rider on the SANESA website, indicate the National Office of their disability.

### **3. HIGH SCHOOLS**

- 3.1 Riders competing in this League will include riders that are *bona fida* learners, irrespective of their age, in grade eight (8) through grade thirteen (13) of all schools registered with their relevant Education Departments as per the areas allocated in the DBE Schools list.
- 3.2 Riders with disabilities may compete in all SANESA classes at own risk and shall, when registering as rider on the SANESA website, indicate the National Office of their disability.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 As per the SANESA Constitution, membership of SANESA is restricted to schools. Learners will form part of SANESA via their school. Individual persons remain free to join any National Discipline Association if they wish to do so.
- 4.2 The SANESA Constitution and SANESA Rules and Regulations govern SANESA.

- 4.3 SANESA essentially runs an equestrian league for competing schools, to develop this sporting code amongst learners at primary and high school level throughout the country.
- 4.4 Riders do not need to be registered with any National Discipline Association, Provincial Sporting Structure or a Breed Society unless they wish to receive recognition by those entities for the disciplines in which they are competing.
- 4.5 A rider may only compete for a school at which they are a *bona fida* learner.
- 4.6 All schools must be registered with the Department of Education and with SANESA.
- 4.7 To compete in SANESA, horses and ponies do not need to be registered to any National Discipline Association, Provincial Sporting Structure or Breed Association.
- 4.8 All horses and ponies need to be registered with SANESA.
- 4.9 As per SANESA Constitution, all horses and ponies need a **valid official SA passport**.
- 4.10 It is compulsory that riding schools register their ponies/horses on their riding school profiles. Correct passport numbers and horse information is crucial and that those horses/ponies are correctly registered against all riders in the school utilizing the ponies/horses.

## 5. **SCHOOLS LEAGUE**

- 5.1 This competition will consist of a High Schools League and a Primary Schools League.
- 5.2 This League includes various disciplines and levels as described.
- 5.3 Riders will compete for provincial/district teams and school team qualification as a horse-rider combination.
- 5.4 Team selection for riders riding “riding school” ponies will be the same as for all other riders.
- 5.5 The “**Core League**” will constitute of the disciplines Dressage, Dressage Freestyle, Prix Caprilli, Jumping, Equitation, Working Riding, Working Hunter, Performance Riding and In- hand utility.
- 5.6 “**Additional Disciplines**” will be the disciplines of Endurance, Eventing, Vaulting, Western Mounted Games, Saddle Seat, Mounted Archery, Working Equitation and any other discipline as may be added to SANESA from time to time.
- 5.7 Riders competing will be eligible for both District and Provincial School Equestrian Colours where and when applicable as determined by Council from time to time.
- 5.8 Should the opportunity arise for international competition, National Schools Equestrian Teams will be selected as per selection criteria to be determined by Council as and when required.

## 6. DRESS CODE

- 6.1 All riders to wear their unique Rider number **on the LEFT side that clearly displays the number.** (Unless otherwise stated in the specific discipline rules and regulations). Cloth bands must be 10cm wide **with clearly identifiable numeric number only**, stenciled at least 6cm in height.
- 6.2 It is **highly recommended** to wear some form of school attire as to identify the various schools riders during competitions. This can be in the form of a school shirt and tie, a waist coat, blazer, numnah with the school logo on, etc. (unless otherwise stated in discipline specifics).
- 6.3 All competitors must wear an approved hard hat with a three-point harness and correct foot ware, shoes with heel, at all times when mounted.
- 6.4 School shirts and shirts (with/without school tie) with sleeves and collars, golf shirts, school blazers and/or school tracksuit tops are acceptable in all classes. (unless otherwise stated in discipline specifics for level 7).
- 6.5 Jodhpurs or breeches must be worn, preferably beige, cream or white. (unless otherwise stated in discipline specifics for level 7).
- 6.6 Black or navy jodhpurs in any discipline are not allowed.
- 6.7 Level 0 riders may not wear spurs in any of the level 0 disciplines.
- 6.8 Black gaiters or chaps that look like gaiters are acceptable. No other chaps are allowed.
- 6.9 Long hair must be neatly tied back and preferably in a hairnet.
- 6.10 Please take note of dress specifics at each of the relevant discipline sections.
- 6.11 Approved sponsors may display their logo on the sleeves (max 3cmx5cm) and/or the back of the shirt in an appropriate size.
- 6.12 The National Executive committee must be informed and approve sponsors logos to be displayed in writing.
- 6.13 For religious purposes a split or divided skirt also referred to as "culottes" may be worn.

## 7. TACK AND TURNOUT

- 7.1 Tack must comply with the National Discipline Association's rules for each discipline, unless otherwise stipulated in this document.
- 7.2 School numnahs and brow-bands are acceptable in all classes.
- 7.3 Sponsor logo's on numnah's may not exceed 10cm square.
- 7.4 Please take note of turnout requirements at each of the relevant discipline sections.
- 7.5 Triangular reins MAY NOT be used in any of the disciplines.

## **8. HORSES AND PONIES**

- 8.1 NO horse/pony may compete in more than four (4) classes on any one day EXCEPT Lead Rein ponies who may do six (6) LEAD REIN CLASSES ONLY per day. For Level 0 Dressage classes, a maximum of 4 classes a day on and off lead. In-hand utility may be done over and above the 4 classes.
- 8.2 NO horse/pony may compete in more than 2 show jumping classes per day.
- 8.3 No horse/pony may compete in more than 2 dressage classes per day. Medium, Advanced and **Prix St Georges** levels are limited to 1 class a day.
- 8.4 Infringement of this rule will result in the disqualification of rider and/or school for the season.
- 8.5 Riders can ride horses or ponies of any size in both High School and Primary School Competitions.
- 8.6 No rider is allowed to ride a stallion at any SANESA show in any class unless the District, Provincial or National Executive Committee has granted specific permission and the relevant indemnity form has been completed annually and lodged. The form is available on [www.sanesa.co.za](http://www.sanesa.co.za) .
- 8.7 Stallions may not be ridden in any of the PRIMARY and HIGH school Level 5 and Level 7 showing classes (performance, working riding and working hunter).
- 8.8 No level 0 riders may compete on stallions in any discipline.
- 8.9 Registering the same horse or pony under different names or with different passport numbers, will be seen as a serious offence and may result in the disqualification of rider and/or school for the season.
- 8.10 At all SANESA shows, Qualifiers, District Finals and Nationals, only competitors themselves must do warming up of horses/ponies starting from 6pm the night before the start of the show until the end of the show for all disciplines. Disciplines will be as per all classes on that specific show schedule **or as per the Discipline Association rules.**

Riders with disabilities need to inform in writing the show organizers and National office should they require exception from this rule prior to the commencement of a show.

## **9. QUALIFYING SHOWS**

- 9.1 All classes of a Qualifying show will be held at the same venue and over 4 consecutive days where particular disciplines are offered.
- 9.2 Qualifying school shows will be held in each Province or District, with the FINAL District show staged annually at a suitable venue in each Province, where there is more than one District, to select a Provincial Schools Equestrian team for the annual National Championship.
- 9.3 Should a rider change district/province during the year, the National Office must be informed so that the rider can compete for the new district/province.
- 9.4 If a province does not compete in districts, they will select their Provincial teams from the qualifying shows.
- 9.5 ALL selection criteria must be published, on the national website, by 31 December of the preceding year.

- 9.6 Those criteria will be applicable for the duration of that season.
- 9.7 Failing to do so will result in the National Rules and Regulation to be implemented. Selection of teams will be done on participation in all shows offered during the season in a District/Province in that particular league (Core or Additional) to qualify.
- 9.8 No prize money shall be awarded at any SANESA qualifying show.
- 9.9 SANESA committees may raise sponsorships for their qualifying Shows. **Sponsorships in fields of opposition to National sponsors must be cleared by the National Office.**
- 9.10 Individual rosettes will be given in a minimum ratio of 1 in 3 competitors per class.
- 9.11 Any other awards (eg. Medals) may be awarded at the discretion of the SANESA committee.

## **10. SIZE CATEGORIES**

- 10.1 The highest number of horse-rider combinations actively participating, with results during the season will determine the school size category, not the number registered horse-rider combinations at a school.
- 10.2 Physical results processed will be used by the computer system to determine the participation of combinations.
- 10.3 Although Level 0 (Lead Rein and Level 0 – Off Lead in Primary Schools) and Level 0 (High School) riders will be competing in their own challenge, their points will still be allocated to their school in the League competition.
- 10.4 Size categories will be as follows.
1. I = 1 rider only
  2. H = schools with 2-4 rider combo's
  3. G = schools with 5- 8 rider combo's
  4. F = schools with 9- 12 rider combo's
  5. E = schools with 13-16 rider combo's
  6. D = schools with 17-20 rider combo's
  7. C = schools with 21 - 27 rider combo's
  8. B = schools with 28 - 34 rider combo's
  9. A = schools with 35 or more rider combo's
- 10.5 Competitors in both the Core League and the Additional Disciplines will contribute towards the school points, category and placing.
- 10.6 A school may not drop to a lesser category during the season.

## **11. SCHOOL LEAGUE SCORING**

- 11.1 There will be an accumulative school score in each size category, which will determine the eventual placing of schools at the end of the equestrian league season.
- 11.2 The individual scores of horse-rider-combinations will be accumulated concurrently with the schools scores over the same shows offered **for** that District/Province for District and/or Provincial Team selection.



- 11.3 Should a pupil change schools during a season, any school points that he/she has already accumulated will remain credited to the school for which they were scored.
- 11.4 Any further points that the pupil scores will be credited to his/her new school.
- 11.5 Individual points will remain credited to the riders irrespective of the school change.
- 11.6 Scoring will be done electronically and the processing and publishing will be the responsibility of each SANESA Provincial or District committee.
- 11.7 It is the parent / chef d'equipe / rider / schools' responsibility to check all results within the given time frame and to email all queries to the relevant District and Provincial SANESA committee.

## 12. POINTS

- 12.1 Points will ONLY be awarded for all the competitors participating in the approved qualifying shows.
- 12.2 SCHOOL POINTS: Irrespective of the number of competitors in a class, points will be allocated as follows:
 

Level weight:	Lev 0 = 00	Lev 1 = 05
	Lev 2 = 10	Lev 3 = 15
	Lev 4 = 20	Lev 5 = 25
	Lev 6 = 30	Lev 7 = 35

  - 12.2.1 For level 0 – 6, the top third of a class will earn higher points per placing starting at 200 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 195 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place decreasing in increments of 5 PLUS their level weight point. The lower two thirds of a class will all receive 20 participation points plus their level weight point. Some additional disciplines will earn more points, please see the schedules where relevant.
  - 12.2.2 For Level 7, the top 50% of the class will earn higher points per placing plus their level weight point and the lower half will receive 20 participation points plus their level weight point. Some additional disciplines will earn more points, please see the schedules where relevant.
  - 12.2.3 The school points will be used to determine the top school teams to qualify to participate at the annual National Championships in the School Team category (all disciplines and levels) if and when such a competition is held.
  - 12.2.4 Number of schools to qualify will be determined by the National Council on an annual basis.
- 12.3 INDIVIDUAL POINTS: Irrespective of the number of competitors in a class, points will be allocated as follows: 100 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 99 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 98 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place down till the last competitor placed. **Select additional disciplines will earn more points, please see the schedules where relevant.**
  - 12.3.1 Elimination and retirements will receive 10 participation points.
  - 12.3.2 Elimination or retirements in 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds, when and where applicable, will receive their placing points.
- 12.4 Ties will be awarded equal points.
- 12.5 No points will be awarded for a no-show or a scratching.
- 12.6 For cancelled classes on the day, 20 points plus the level weight points will be allocated for both the Rider and the School.
- 12.7 The elimination of rider by judge for minor infringements will result in no placing and no point in that particular class.

- 12.8 Disqualification by a judge and in consultation with the SANESA committee, as set out in 29.7 below, will result in a particular classes score in terms of 29.7.2, or all scores in terms of 29.7.3, being “0” and no placing being awarded on the day.
- 12.9 Horse-rider combinations may move up in levels, but individual and school points will not be carried forward to the next level.

### **13. SCHEDULES**

- 13.1 The National committee will provide, on the website, a standard schedule to be used by all Districts and Provinces in their various qualifying shows during the season.
- 13.2 Each Provincial or District SANESA committee will be responsible for administering the publishing of their schedules for the Normal League.
- 13.3 The **National Additional Discipline** administrator will be responsible for the publishing of all schedules for the Additional Disciplines in conjunction with the relevant SANESA committee hosting those disciplines.
- 13.4 Schedules will remain on the SANESA website until the qualifier weekend after which they will be archived.
- 13.5 Any National Championship schedule **should** be published on the SANESA website not less than 5 weeks prior to the competition.

### **14. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES**

- 14.1 All entry forms will be available on the website to be completed electronically.
- 14.2 An entry form submitted electronically will be seen as an acknowledgment and acceptance by the parents/guardian of the rider to the indemnity as stated on the schedule and entry forms.
- 14.3 Entries fees will be the amount indicated on the schedules.
- 14.4 ALL PAYMENTS made into the SANESA bank account for whatever reason must be referenced **with the Invoice number**.
- 14.5 Failing to quote the correct payment reference will cause delay in payment reconciliations, which may result in refusal of participation.
- 14.6 Payments into wrong bank accounts will be seen as a NON payment.
- 14.7 The National Office will do all show entry payment reconciliations.
- 14.8 District and Provincial committees will be responsible to follow up non payments, wrong payments as well as all queries surrounding entries.
- 14.9 Any rider with outstanding entry fees will automatically be prohibited by the computer system to enter for any further shows till outstanding monies are settled.
- 14.10 No late entries will be accommodated.
- 14.11 No changes to any entries will be made by **Committee Members/Chair** after final cut off date of 5 days **after close of entries**. Exceptions will be handled on merit and only the **National Office** will be able to release entries after this period but no changes can be made from 3 days prior to the event.
- 14.12 The National AGM on an annual basis will determine the entry fee and the fixed levy per entry to be paid over to the SANESA National fund.

## **15. PROGRAMS**

- 15.1 Compilation of the qualifier programs and running orders and the handling of all queries will be the responsibility of each Provincial and SANESA District committee.
- 15.2 Programs and running orders for the Additional Disciplines (when applicable) will be the joint responsibility of the National Additional Discipline Representative and the District and/or Provincial committee hosting the Qualifier.
- 15.3 FINAL programs must be uploaded onto the SANESA website at least two (2) days before the commencement of the show.

## **16. RESULTS**

- 16.1 All original score sheets of each qualifying show together with the results must be stored for record keeping purposes by the District or Provincial SANESA committees.
- 16.2 A copy of all score sheets must be sent to the National Office for record keeping.
- 16.3 All electronic score sheets for the Core League will be processed and published on the website by the various District and Provincial SANESA committees.
- 16.4 All electronic score sheets for the Additional Disciplines will be processed and published by the SANESA National Discipline administrator or the National Discipline Representative.
- 16.5 Processing of National results will be the responsibility of the National Office.
- 16.6 No queries or changes to qualifier results must be done 7 days after publishing of results. For Finals and National Championships, this period will be 30 minutes after results are published.

## **17. SUBSTITUTIONS**

- 17.1 In any qualifying SANESA show, a substitution may be made of horse AND/OR rider PROVIDED the rider is from the SAME SCHOOL and compete in the EXACT same class and both the rider and the horse are already registered on the system.
- 17.2 NO horse or rider not registered on the system may compete as a substitution at any SANESA Qualifier.
- 17.3 Should a riders' horse die, suffers a long term injury (certified by Veterinarian incapacitated for at least 4 months) or be sold and is replaced with a new horse after the combination has done at least one (1) Qualifier, the new combination may, after competing in 2 subsequent Qualifiers in the same level and class, request the National Office, in writing with reason, to transfer the points earned by the first combination, to the second combination. Any situation not fitting into these criteria can be put in writing to the District/Provincial chair or the National Additional Discipline Representative to be considered on merit. ALL supportive documentation must accompany the request. This request must be processed before team selection happens after the final qualifier.
- 17.4 However, NO substitutions will be allowed for District Finals, the National Championship and/or International competitions.

- 17.5 Competitors must check their entries before closing date. No changes will be accepted after closing date (eg. Moving up or down levels)
- 17.6 NO substitution may be bought or sold for money at any SANESA Show.

## **18. DISTRICT FINALS**

- 18.1 Where provinces elect to compete in more than one District, a Final show (known as Finals) will be held in each province where the different District and school teams (if and when applicable) will compete against each other.
- 18.2 In those provinces electing to compete without Districts, the provincial teams to represent them at the annual National Championship, will be selected from the horse-rider-combinations that participated during the qualifying shows offered in their province.
- 18.3 No Level 0 competitions will be held at any District Finals unless approved by the SANESA National Executive Committee in writing.
- 18.4 District and School teams (if and when approved by the Council), will participate at the Final District Competition.
- 18.5 A District may field a maximum number of **two (2) District teams** per level per discipline to compete in the District Finals.
- 18.6 **District teams** will consist of a maximum of **four (4) riders** per team.
- 18.7 District teams will be selected from individual horse-rider-combinations that participated during the season as per selection criteria.
- 18.8 Top **School Teams** (if and when approved by the Council), in each school category (each level and discipline) will participate at the Finals to qualify to participate at the annual National Championships. The number of schools allowed to qualify per level per discipline will be determined annually by Council.
- 18.9 School teams (if and when approved by the Council), will consist of a maximum of **three (3) riders** per team except in the Category for schools with only 1 horse-rider combination.
- 18.10 Schools may only field one (1) team in each level and discipline.
- 18.11 Schools will be allowed to select their teams from horse-rider combinations that have participated in the particular level and discipline during the season.
- 18.12 Individual results for the season will be available to schools to assist in team selection.
- 18.13 The schools' team nominations will be final and no correspondence will be entered into once they are published.
- 18.14 At this competition, the horse-rider-combinations, which will represent their Province at the annual National Championship, will be selected. Both School teams and District Teams riders will be eligible for selection.
- 18.15 NO rider may be selected on more than one horse per District team per level per discipline. i.e. no rider may be selected to represent more than one team (may not be in the A and B team) in the same discipline in the same level even on different horses (with the exception of Dressage).

- 18.16 Should a rider qualify on more than one horse **in the same class**, the rider must nominate the horse he/she wishes to compete on. Team selection criteria will be enforced as for all other riders thereafter.
- 18.17 A competitor may only ride one (1) horse in any one team.
- 18.18 Provincial teams will be selected on the placing at the Finals show and will be made up by individual horse-rider-combinations and not school teams.
- 18.19 School team points will be calculated in the same manner as the District and/or Provincial Team scoring.
- 18.20 Individual points will be calculated as per clause 12.
- 18.21 No prize money shall be awarded at any SANESA District Finals.
- 18.22 Organisers may raise sponsorships for SANESA District Finals shows.
- 18.23 Individual rosettes will be given in a minimum ratio of 1 in 4 competitors per class.
- 18.24 Any other awards (eg. Medals) may be awarded at the discretion of the SANESA committee.

## **19. DISTRICT SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN COLOURS**

- 19.1 Pupils who are selected, and who actually did compete for their respective DISTRICTS will receive Schools' District Equestrian colours from their relevant Sports Council or authorised institution.
- 19.2 No District colours will be awarded to riders representing school teams.
- 19.3 Pupils who received schools District colours, but who did not compete, will have their District schools colours withdrawn.
- 19.4 This is the only School Equestrian District colours that will be recognized by all National Discipline Associations, SAEF and SASCO.

## **20. PROVINCIAL SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN COLOURS**

- 20.1 Pupils who are selected, and who actually did compete for their respective PROVINCES, will receive Provincial Schools' Equestrian colours from their relevant Sports Council or authorised institution.
- 20.2 This will be awarded to all pupils who are selected, and who actually did ride, representing their respective PROVINCES at the Nationals Championship.
- 20.3 This colours award will be in the format of a metal pin: Gold for the A team and Silver for B team and Bronze for C Team where applicable.
- 20.4 Pupils who received provincial schools colours, but who did not compete, will have their provincial schools colours withdrawn and the schools will be notified.
- 20.5 No provincial colours are awarded to learners representing school teams.
- 20.6 This is the ONLY Provincial Schools Equestrian colours that will be recognized by all National Discipline Associations, SAEF and SASCO.

## **21. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 21.1 This is the final Schools' Equestrian event of the season held between all participating provinces.

- 21.2 Should the opportunity present itself to compete internationally, a National Schools' Equestrian Team will be selected from this competition, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
- 21.3 No level 0 (Primary and High) classes will be part of the SANESA Schools National Championships.
- 21.4 **Provincial Teams** will consist of a maximum of **four (4) riders** per team.
- 21.5 **School Teams** (if and when approved by the Council), that qualify will consist of a maximum of **three (3) riders** per team.
- 21.6 A horse-rider-combination (provincial teams) and school teams must have qualified at the Provincial Qualifying shows or, where applicable, the Provincial Finals.
- 21.7 No cross entry of a horse-rider-combination is allowed between the Levels in any one discipline.
- 21.8 No rider may be selected to compete for both A and B team in the same class even on a different horse.
- 21.9 In equitation a rider may compete only once (*i.e. may only be a member of one equitation team*), but the horse may compete more than once with a different rider (may not exceed the 4 classes per day rule).
- 21.10 Qualifying for equitation teams will be on participating RIDERS' performance during the qualifying shows and therefore any horse that has competed at least twice during the season in the particular class may be nominated.
- 21.11 No horse/pony may compete in more than four (4) classes on any one day. In-Hand Utility is not counted as part of the 4 class a day rule.
- 21.12 There shall be NO substitutions permitted for what ever reason at National Championships.
- 21.13 **Each Province** may enter **two (2) teams** (A and B) at the annual SANESA National Championships. The Province of Gauteng may enter 3 teams (A, B and C).
- 21.14 Top **School Teams** (if and when approved by the Council), in each school category (each level and discipline) to participate at the annual National Championships will qualify as per clauses 9 and 18.8.
- 21.15 School teams will consist of a maximum of **three (3) riders** per team.
- 21.16 Schools may only field one (1) team each.
- 21.17 Schools will be allowed to select their teams from horse-rider combinations that have participated in the particular level and discipline.
- 21.18 Individual results for the season will be available to schools to assist in team selection.
- 21.19 The schools' team nominations will be final and no correspondence will be entered into once they are published.
- 21.20 Each province must publish, on the national website, their provincial selection/qualifying criteria, by 31 December of the preceding year.
- 21.21 Those criteria will be applicable for the duration of that season.
- 21.22 **Provincial placing** will be calculated on a team basis, A against A, B against B and if there is a C team, then C against C.

**Team Placing** for “Core League”: In the top two levels, the top 2 riders scores of each single team will determine the team score. In all other levels, the top 3 riders scores in a single team will determine the team score.

**Team Placing** for “Additional Disciplines”: The top 2 riders of each team in all levels will determine the team score.

**School Placing** will be calculated by using the Individual scoring system as per clause 12 of the Rules and Regulations. Top two riders school points will be used in this calculation.

- 21.23 No prize money shall be awarded at any SANESA National Championship.
- 21.24 Organisers may raise sponsorships for the National Championship shows.
- 21.25 Participation certificates for each competitor that takes part in any National Championship will have facility to download a “Nationals Participation Certificate” from their rider profiles after the last discipline has held their respective National Championships.
- 21.26 Team rosettes will be given to the first 4 teams in a class.
- 21.27 Individual rosettes will be given in a minimum ratio of 1 in 4 competitors per class.
- 21.28 Any other awards (eg. Trophies or medals) may be awarded at the discretion of the SANESA committee.
- 21.29 A championship class will be offered at level 6 & 7 (or at the highest 2 levels offered in that discipline) regardless of number entries.

## **22. NATIONAL SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN COLOURS**

- 22.1 National School Equestrian teams will be selected from riders that competed at the SANESA National Championship when the opportunity arises for International competition, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
- 22.2 SANESA National Council will award National School Equestrian colours in collaboration with the relevant Sports Council or authorised institution.
- 22.3 A rider is only deemed to have National colours if he/she actually rides in a competition for which the colours were awarded.
- 22.4 Should learners participate in a World Cup for Schools or any similar competition (school teams competing) NO National colours will be awarded to learners as per directive from DBE and SRSA.

## **23. RISING STARS CHALLENGE**

- 23.1 This Challenge will form part of the SANESA League and will consist of all classes offered at Level 0.
- 23.2 This Challenge will consist of a Primary Schools Challenge (Level 0 Lead Rein and Level 0 – Off Lead (Primary Schools) and a High Schools Challenge (Level 0).
- 23.3 Although the Rising Stars Challenge will be a competition on its own, in both Primary Schools and High Schools, their points will still be allocated to their school as with all other riders during the 4 Qualifying shows.
- 23.4 Riders may cross enter between Level 0 Lead Rein and Level 0 - Off Lead in one show.

- 23.5 Riders entering Level 0 may NOT cross-enter any other level at any one show.
- 23.6 There is no restriction on the number of competitors that a school may enter in one class.
- 23.7 School Teams may enter in each school category (each level and discipline) and will be allowed to compete at the Annual Rising Stars Challenge Championships.
- 23.8 School teams will consist of a maximum of **three (3) riders** per team.

## **24. RISING STARS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 24.1 This show is open to all Level 0 competitors of all provinces.
- 24.2 To qualify for participation in the Rising Star Challenge Championship, a rider must have competed in at least two (2) qualifying shows.
- 24.3 Only riders who have competed the majority of their legs in Level 0 will be allowed to compete in the Rising Stars Challenge Championship.
- 24.4 NO rider may compete at the Rising Stars Challenge Championship if they have been selected to represent / competed in any District and/or Provincial team in any other level in any discipline.
- 24.5 Riders enter as individuals in the Rising Stars Challenge Championship.
- 24.6 Prizes will be allocated to individual placing.
- 24.7 There is no restriction on the number of individual competitors that may enter for this Challenge Championships.
- 24.8 Schools may enter one (1) team per discipline in the school team competition if and when applicable.
- 24.9 School teams may consist of a maximum of **three (3) riders** per team.
- 24.10 Schools will be allowed to select their teams from horse-rider combinations that have participated in the particular level and discipline during the season.
- 24.11 Individual results for the season will be available to schools to assist in team selection.
- 24.12 The schools' team nominations will be final and no correspondence will be entered into once they are published.
- 24.13 No colours will be awarded to any Level 0 rider, but riders will receive recognition in the form of a metal pin awarded by the SANESA National Council.

## **25. SEASON**

The qualifying season will run in a calendar year with the last competitions preferably not less than 6 weeks before the National Championships. **The SANESA Endurance season could run over 2 calendar years.**

## **26. JUDGES AND OFFICIALS**

- 26.1 Suitably qualified Judges, Course Designers and venues must be used for all the qualifying and Final competitions in classes that offer the relevant National Discipline Association grading or qualification points.
- 26.2 Graded classes judges have to be on the judges panel at that particular level they are scheduled to judge.



26.3 Abuse of any show officials (which shall include scholars performing their community service), in any manner, by any riders or instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent associated with a rider, shall not be tolerated.

26.3.1 All such abuse shall be reported to the Show Director by the affected official, who shall complete a relevant complaint form, which shall record:

26.3.1.1 the name of the rider, parent, *chef d'Equipe* or instructor involved;

26.3.1.2 the school under whose name the rider is participating;

26.3.1.3 the names of any witnesses to the instance;

26.3.1.4 the class in which the rider, parent, *chef d'Equipe* or instructor was involved during the instance.

26.3.2 The following penalties shall, at the discretion of the show director, be applied in respect of the report of any such abuse:

26.3.2.1 The school in whose name the rider participates shall be advised, and encouraged to take any further disciplinary action the school deems appropriate within their existing disciplinary code; and

26.3.2.2 The first reported instance of abuse by any rider, or parent, *chef d'Equipe* or instructor associated with a rider, shall result in the immediate elimination of the rider from all classes in that particular qualifier, there shall be no refund of entry fees;

26.3.2.3 The second reported instance of abuse by any rider, or parent, *chef d'Equipe* or instructor associated with a rider, shall result in the ban of the rider from all future SANESA qualifiers and shows for the remainder of the year;

26.3.2.4 The relevant National Discipline Association may also be advised of any such disciplinary action taken.

26.3.2.5 In the event that action in terms of either 26.3.2.2 or 26.3.2.3 is taken, the show director shall also submit the matter to a disciplinary enquiry as set out in clause 30 below.

26.3.3 Any appeals against a decision taken by the show director at any qualifier are to be directed **in writing** to the Chairperson of the organising committee, who shall submit the appeal to the organising committee for their deliberation and decision, and which decision shall be recorded in writing, and shall be final.

26.4 Should any rider, parent, *chef d'Equipe* or instructor have any issues with an official, they are invited to address these issues to the show director at the show office, who

shall attempt to deal with the issue and resolve it, to the benefit of all parties concerned.

## **27. DISCIPLINE ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION**

- 27.1 Points received at SANESA competitions relate only towards the Qualifiers and the Finals and are not part of the SAEF Provincial bodies grading system. SANESA points system is unique to SANESA.
- 27.2 A separate point system, as prescribed by the Discipline Association will apply to those riders who may receive that dispensation.
- 27.3 Riders who would like to be recognised by the Discipline Association have to be a paid up member of that structure and may then apply to their Association to receive recognition.
- 27.4 The Discipline Associations have access to the results of the graded riders.

## **28. CODE OF CONDUCT**

**All riders and their parents acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions as well as Riders/Parents Code of Conduct with each entry. Available on [www.sanesa.co.za](http://www.sanesa.co.za)**

- 28.1 All riders, instructors, *chef d'Equipe* and parents are reminded that all SANESA shows are school events, and as such, it is required that all parties attending such shows conduct themselves with dignity and respect, both in respect of their conduct towards other people as well as towards the horses and ponies at these events. No unsuitable conduct or foul or abusive language will be tolerated, and any such conduct will be handled in accordance with Clause 29: Disciplinary Procedures below;
- 28.2 All riders, instructors, *chef d'Equipe* and parents are required to act in the best interest of their horses/ponies and adhere to all rules and regulations governing all SANESA events, which shall include but not be limited to:
  - 28.2.1 not entering a horse/pony into more than four (4) classes on any one day, or in the case of a lead rein pony who may do six (6) lead rein classes only per day
  - 28.2.2 ensuring that all rider and horse/pony registration details are fully completed and correct for each qualifying show, prior to the closing date for the entries for that show;
  - 28.2.3 handle the horse/pony with dignity and respect, ensuring that the interest of the horse/pony is placed first, over and above any other considerations, other than the safety and security of the rider or other people around the horse/pony;
  - 28.2.4 comply with all safety rules and regulations in place, both in terms of the SANESA rules and regulations, and those that may be particular to the venue of the show, or that may be introduced by the organising committee from time-to-time;
  - 28.2.5 to always act in a manner which honours the school or the team, which they are representing, at all SANESA shows;

- 28.2.6 to respect the show schedules and published riding times and/or riding orders, as dictated per riding discipline, and to provide suitable and correct notice to the officials or judges of each class, as the case may be, that the rider may be late or is to be scratched from the class;
- 28.3 All riders, instructors, *chef d'Equipe* and parents are to treat all show officials (which shall include scholars performing their community service), with respect and courtesy, and are to address any complaints or issues with payment of a complaints fee of R200.00 to the relevant official in an appropriate manner and according to the correct procedures;
- 28.4 Any complaints in respect of an official are to be addressed to the show director in accordance with clause 26.4 above with payment of a complaints fee of R200.00;
- 28.5 All riders, instructors, *chef d'Equipe* and parents are required to accept the judge's decision as final in respect of the results of each class. If they are not satisfied therewith, they must approach the show director with their concerns, who shall, if he/she feels that the complaint is justified, attempt to resolve it by approaching the relevant judge with the concerns raised.
- 28.6 All riders, instructors, *chef d'Equipe* and parents are required to respect the venue owners and their staff, and all notices which the venue may publish with regard to access points, no-horse/pony areas, no-riding areas etc.;
- 28.7 Any complaints in respect of any SANESA shows are to be directed to the relevant organising committee for that particular show, in writing, within 48 hours of the event with payment of a complaints fee of R200.00. All such complaints shall be considered and responded to by the relevant organising committee within due course. No anonymous or verbal complaints will be entertained;

## **29: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

- 29.1 This clause is to be read in conjunction with the SANESA Constitution and Clause 26 above, in respect of disciplinary action required in respect of abuse of judges and/or officials (which shall include scholars performing their community service);
- 29.2 If any rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent contravenes any of the SANESA rules or regulations, a disciplinary process will be instituted;
- 29.3 The disciplinary process may result in the
- 29.3.1 suspension of the rider, and/or
  - 29.3.2 suspension of the school, and/or
  - 29.3.3. loss of qualifying points for both rider and/or school, and/or
  - 29.3.4 the rider's loss of school, provincial or national colours, and/or
  - 29.3.5 a disciplinary enquiry in terms of clause 30 below;
- 29.4 The provisions of this clause dealing with disciplinary procedures may be implemented where the following is reported:
- 29.4.1 the poor conduct of a rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent in contravention of the provisions of clause 28 above,
  - 29.4.2 the welfare of a horse/pony;
  - 29.4.3 the ill-treatment of a horse/pony,

- 29.4.4 the illegal substitution of a horse/pony and/or rider in contravention of the provisions of clause 17,
- 29.4.5 the non-compliance with any specific requirements of a discipline or class, as set out in the rules for that specific discipline or class;
- 29.4.6 or any other act or omission by any rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent which, in the opinion of the show director, warrants it.

## **29.5 WELFARE OF THE HORSE/PONY**

- 29.5.1 **Where a judge is concerned** that it is not in the horse/ponies welfare to continue to compete, due to an injury or illness of the horse/pony, which is not due to the fault of the rider, the judge may, disqualify the horse/pony from taking part any further in the current event, and the show director will be informed thereof, and upon his/her due consideration, shall scratch the horse/pony from any further classes for which it was entered for the remainder of the show. This shall not affect any results achieved by the horse/pony during prior classes. There shall be no refund of entry fees.
- 29.5.2 In the event that it is suspected that a horse or pony may be subject to doping, this shall be reported to the show director, who shall be obliged to report the suspicion to the South African Equestrian Federation for further investigation. In addition, the show director, together with the SANESA local organising committee and the SANESA national executive, shall be entitled to report the matter to any other body which they may feel appropriate, in the circumstances

## **29.6 MINOR INFRINGEMENTS**

- 29.6.1 Minor infringements shall include but not be limited to:
  - 29.6.1.1 incorrect tack, equipment or dress as per the requirements of the discipline;
  - 29.6.1.2 failure to ride at published riding times or in the correct running order as published for the class;
  - 29.6.1.3 any other minor infringement which, at the discretion of the official, warrants the action taken;
- 29.6.2 shall be subject to the following penalties, at the discretion of the judge, official or show director, following the reporting of such an infringement in the correct manner, and subject to the level at which the rider is competing, with level 0 and 1 riders being treated more leniently, and the top level riders more strictly:
  - 29.6.2.1 a verbal warning, providing the rider with the opportunity to correct the error, in the event that the error is able to be rectified;
  - 29.6.2.2 a points penalty, in the event that the error is unable to be rectified, affecting the placing of the rider in the class;
  - 29.6.2.3 an elimination of the rider from the class, in the event that the error is able to be rectified and the rider fails to rectify it, resulting

in no points accumulating for the rider's school. There shall be no refund of entry fees.

## 29.7 MAJOR INFRINGEMENTS

- 29.7.1 Major infringements shall include but not be limited to:
- 29.7.1.2 the whipping of a horse/pony by a rider in contravention of the rules but without cruelty;
  - 29.7.1.3 the whipping of a horse/pony over the head or from the ground, without any remorse, by either the rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent;
  - 29.7.1.4 the severe abuse of a horse/pony, which may have caused physical marks on the horse/pony, by either the rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent;
  - 29.7.1.5 the display of bad temper and verbal abuse by either the rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent, towards a horse/pony or any other person, including a rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent;
- 29.7.2 shall be subject to, at the instance of a show official, acting together with the show director:
- 29.7.2.1 the disqualification of the rider from a particular class; and
  - 29.7.2.2 the annulment of any individual and school points accumulated by the rider in that particular class; and
  - 29.7.2.2 the forfeiting of the rider's placing on the day in that particular class; and
  - 29.7.2.1 the reporting of the offence to the school for which the rider competes, for the school to take appropriate disciplinary action against the rider; **and**
  - 29.7.2.2 the reporting of the offence to the National Discipline Association of that particular class to which the rider may be associated;
- 29.7.3 in the event that a rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent, ignores any warnings given to cease any such major infringement, following the implementation of the penalty as set out in 29.7.2 above, and continues with his/her actions, the show director, upon the reporting thereof by any show official in the correct manner, shall have the discretion to
- 29.7.3.1 disqualify the rider from all classes, whether completed or not, in which that rider was entered for that particular show, and
  - 29.7.3.2 the annulment of any individual and school points accumulated by the rider for all classes participated in at that particular show, in total; and
  - 29.7.3.3 the rider may be required to immediately leave the show venue; and
  - 29.7.3.3 the school for which the rider competes shall be advised of any such disqualification, and the reasons therefore; and
- 29.7.3.4 There will be no refund of entries.
- 29.7.4 in the event that a rider, instructor, *chef d'Equipe* or parent has been subjected to any disciplinary action in terms of 29.7.3 above, a disciplinary enquiry in terms of Clause 30 below shall be conducted.

### **30: DISCIPLINARY ENQUIRY**

- 30.1 In the event that the show director has taken disciplinary action in terms of clause 29.7.3 during a show, the show director shall provide a detailed written report to the organising committee for that show, within 48 hours of the completion of the show, detailing:
- 30.1.1 the full name of the rider and horse/pony;
  - 30.1.2 the school for which the rider competes;
  - 30.1.3 in the event that it was not the rider guilty of the infringement, the name and relationship of the person to the rider guilty thereof;
  - 30.1.4 the nature of the infringement;
  - 30.1.5 the circumstances surrounding the infringement;
  - 30.1.6 the names and contact details of any officials, judges or witnesses to the infringement;
  - 30.1.7 the recommendations of the show director in respect of the disciplinary action to be taken.
- 30.2 the organising committee shall advise the defendant in any such enquiry, by way of a notice, within 5 days of receipt of the complaint, which notice shall set out:
- 30.2.1 the nature of the complaint;
  - 30.2.2 the grounds upon which the complaint is made;
  - 30.2.3 the date, time and venue at which the enquiry will be held, and at which the defendant may state his/her side of the matter if they choose to do so;
- 30.3 Should the defendant be a minor, they must be represented and/or assisted by their parent or guardian, but are required to attend the enquiry;
- 30.4 In the event that the defendant is the rider, the school for whom the rider competes shall also be advised of the date, time and details of the enquiry, and shall be entitled to send a representative, should they so choose;
- 30.5 The disciplinary enquiry shall be presided over by the organising committee chairperson and two other committee members, provided that if any of the committee members are in any way associated with either the defendant, the rider (if they are not the same person) or the school for which the rider competes, they shall recuse themselves from such enquiry;
- 30.6 The outcome of the disciplinary enquiry shall be recorded in writing, and shall be forwarded to all parties involved in the enquiry, as well as to the SANESA National Office, for record keeping;
- 30.7 The penalties which may be imposed by the disciplinary committee shall be at their discretion, and shall include:
- 30.7.1 to uphold the disqualification issued by the show director in terms of 29.7 above, or to overturn it should the evidence as produced by the defendant warrant it;
  - 30.7.2 in the event that the defendant had been subjected to a previous disciplinary enquiry within the same year, which had upheld any disciplinary action taken

- by the show director in terms of 29.7 above, the disciplinary committee may, as a result of the repeat offence,
- 30.7.2.1 disqualify the defendant from future participation in SANESA events;
  - 30.7.2.2 remove all points accumulated by the rider, both personally and on behalf of his/her school, in all previous SANESA events;
- 30.8 In the event that a school refuses to participate in or acknowledge the disciplinary action being taken by the organising committee, this may be reported to the SANESA Executive Committee, who may decide to suspend such school as a whole from further participation in the competition for the applicable year
- 30.9 All correspondence in any disciplinary enquiry, including all correspondences with schools, shall be sent to the National Office for record keeping.
- 30.10 Any disciplinary action required to be taken against either officials or committee members shall be taken in accordance with the SANESA constitution.

**COMPLAINT FORM (Complaint Fee R200.00 see Rule 28.3)**

**IN RESPECT OF CLAUSE 26 – ABUSE OF JUDGES AND/OR OFFICIALS**

<b>DATE:</b>		
<b>DISTRICT :</b>		
<b>NAME OF COMPLAINANT:</b>		
<b>CONTACT DETAILS OF COMPLAINANT:</b>	CELL:	
	E-MAIL:	
<b>ROLE OF COMPLAINANT:</b>		
<b>DISCIPLINE:</b>		
<b>NAME OF OFFENDER:</b>		
<b>ROLE OF OFFENDER:</b> <i>(ie rider, parent, instructor)</i>		
<b>SCHOOL:</b>		
<b>NATURE OF OFFENCE:</b> <i>Please be as detailed as possible</i>		
<b>WITNESSES TO OFFENCE:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	
	<b>Contact details:</b>	
	<b>Name:</b>	
	<b>Contact details:</b>	
	<b>Name:</b>	
	<b>Contact details:</b>	
<b>SIGNED:</b>		



**COMPLAINT FORM** (Complaint Fee R200.00 see Rule 28.3)  
 IN RESPECT OF CLAUSE 30 – DISCIPLINARY ENQUIRY handled by Disciplinary Committee.

<b>DATE:</b>		
<b>DISTRICT:</b>		
<b>NAME OF COMPLAINANT:</b>		
<b>CONTACT DETAILS OF COMPLAINANT:</b>	CELL:	
	E-MAIL:	
<b>ROLE OF COMPLAINANT:</b> <i>(Judge, Official, Committee, Public)</i>		
<b>DISCIPLINE:</b>		
<b>NAME OF OFFENDER:</b>		
<b>ROLE OF OFFENDER:</b> <i>(ie rider, parent, instructor)</i>		
<b>SCHOOL:</b>		
<b>NATURE OF OFFENCE:</b> <i>Please be as detailed as possible</i>		
<b>WITNESSES TO OFFENCE:</b>	Name:	
	Contact details:	
	Name:	
	Contact details:	
	Name:	
	Contact details:	
<b>SUGGESTED PENALTY:</b> <i>(based on nature and severity of offence as witnessed)</i>		