

Please ensure you have read the SANESA general Rules and Regulations Section 1 and 2

SECTION 3 EVENTING 3 PHASE

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ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE LEAGUE: EVENTING 3 PHASE DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC DISPENSATIONS, RULES & REGULATIONS

The Eventing South Africa (ESA) is the National Association overseeing the Technical Discipline Rules for the discipline Eventing in the **ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE LEAGUE** of SANESA.

Although SANESA will endeavor to adhere to all ESA Technical Discipline Rules including special dispensations noted in this document, SANESA Rules and Regulations will be final.

Tests ridden at SANESA shows will be those published on the SANESA Schedule.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Eventing is also known as horse trials. It's an Olympic sport that originated as a cavalry test and is considered the equestrian triathlon. The horse and rider with the lowest combined score at the end of the event wins. Eventing is suitable for riders and horses of all abilities, as there are several levels of competition.

The three phases of eventing are dressage, cross-country, and show jumping:

- **Dressage**

The horse and rider perform a series of set movements on the flat to demonstrate their graceful partnership.

- **Cross-country**

The horse and rider navigate a series of obstacles, technical questions, and varied terrain to test their bravery, fitness, and determination. The cross-country section includes a "Ten Minute Box" where the horse is given time to cool off and rest before the final cross-country jumping phase.

- **Show jumping**

The horse and rider jump a course of fences in a set sequence to prove their precision.

2. SANESA EVENTING RULES

Eventing Rules as per ESA National Technical Discipline committee rules, including/excluding the following:

- a. Due to the nature of the discipline, no Level 0 classes will be offered.
- b. There may be no cross entry of horse-rider combination between levels at any one show.
- c. For levels 1 and above: No horse/pony may do more than one event consisting of 3 phases, per day.
- d. No horse/pony may be ridden by more than 1 rider.
- e. It is the responsibility of the rider/parent/Instructor to make sure the correct tests are prepared.
- f. If a rider wishes to receive technical discipline qualifying round points, he/she will have to ride at the level in which he/she and his/her horse/pony are registered and apply directly to the relevant technical discipline for recognition of the event.
- g. The onus is on the rider to ensure that he/she and his/her horse/pony are correctly registered and have entered in the correct classes to be considered for qualifying rounds.
- h. **(Refer to Section 2 paragraph 27 for further directives with regards National Discipline Associations recognition)**
- i. Show Jumping and Cross-Country courses must be designed and built according to the ESA Eventing rules.
- j. The entry level / recreational level for eventing is 65cm or 75cm
- k. Qualification needs to be attained to move up to the next level as per the below.
- l. Qualifying rounds:
 - Horse/Rider combinations may compete in 65cm or 75cm without prior qualifying rounds being attained.
 - Horse / rider combinations must complete two 75cm qualifying rounds before moving up to 85cm level – a qualifying round is considered in accordance with ESA MER (no jumping penalties in the XC phase)
 - Horse / rider combinations must complete two 85cm qualifying rounds before moving up to 95cm level – a qualifying round is considered in accordance with ESA MER (no jumping penalties in the XC phase)
 - Horse / rider combinations must complete two 95cm qualifying rounds before moving up to 1,05m / 1* level – a qualifying round is considered in accordance with ESA MER (no jumping penalties in the XC phase)

A violation of this rule will result in disqualification and NO school or individual points will be awarded.

m. Reverse Qualifications

A reverse qualification is the obligation for a Horse to show restored competence at a lower level (MER) after a number of unsuccessful attempts at a certain level. Reverse qualification only applies to the Horse.

A reverse qualification is triggered by:

- two consecutive Cross Country eliminations
OR
- a total of three Cross Country eliminations within 12 months rolling period of time in competition.

For this purpose, the relevant reasons of elimination on Cross Country would be:

- Three refusals at one obstacle

- 3 or 4 cumulative Refusals dependent on level
- Fall of Horse or Athlete
- Dangerous riding

In the case of a reverse qualification at certain level the Horse must obtain a Minimum Eligibility Requirement in a Competition at a lower level before being allowed to compete again at the original level (e.g. a Horse with 2 eliminations at Ev1.05 / 1* must obtain MER at Ev95 before going back to Ev1,05 / 1*. If a reverse qualification is triggered by eliminations that occur at different levels, then the Horse must obtain an MER at the level below the highest level of Competition at which elimination occurred.

- n. Penalties for Cross Country
 - Each second over the optimum time – incurs a 0,4 penalty per second
 - Each second under the grace period allowed under the optimum time (40 seconds) – incurs a 1 penalty per second
- o. A qualifying round is classified as such if the score sheets from the event (whether a training event or graded) is signed off by a currently qualified national or candidate TD.
- p. **Medical cards are compulsory** for the cross-country phase. These cards can be printed from the SANESA website and need to be completed and attached by a medical armband to the arm or ankle of the rider.

Body Protectors are compulsory for the cross-country phase and are recommended for the show jumping phase.

NB: Air jackets may be worn on top of a body protector for additional safety but they do NOT replace a body protector

- q. **Jodphur boots or long equestrian boots (boots covering the ankle) are compulsory** to be worn by the athlete in all 3 phases of competition.
- r. Vest numbers to be worn for all 3 phases & hair to be tied up so as not to obscure the riders number. Bridle numbers may be worn to replace the number vest for the Dressage phase of the event.
- s. Surcingle are recommended in the cross country phase
- t. Dressage callers are permitted for all levels up to and including 95cm for Primary School and High School.

High School Level 7 = 1,05 / 1* are not permitted a caller for this phase of the discipline

4. EVENTING DISPENSATIONS/DIRECTIVES GIVEN TO SANESA

- a. Horses and ponies may compete together in all classes.
- b. Stallions may compete in these classes providing the relevant SANESA requirements have been met.
- c. Competitors at all levels will be required to participate in all the phases as per the event. This would include a dressage phase, show-jumping phase and cross-country phase, or as directed in the show schedule.

5. PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS EVENTING LEAGUE

Primary School Eventing League Classes

- **Level 2:** Cross Country: 65cm Jumping: 65cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
- **Level 4:** Cross Country: 75cm Jumping: 75cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
- **Level 6:** Cross Country: 85cm Jumping: 85cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
Qualifying: Minimum of two MER rounds (over two shows) in the cross country at Level 4.
- **Level 7:** Cross Country: 95cm
Jumping: 95cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
Qualifying: Minimum of two MER rounds (over two shows) in the cross country, at Level 6

High School Eventing League Classes

- **Level 1:** Cross Country: 65cm Jumping: 65cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
- **Level 3:** Cross Country: 75cm Jumping: 75cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
- **Level 5:** Cross Country: 85cm Jumping: 85cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
Qualifying: Minimum of two MER rounds (over two shows) in the cross country, at Level 3
- **Level 6:** Cross Country: 95cm
Jumping: 95cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
Qualifying: Minimum of two MER rounds (over two shows) in the cross country, at Level 5
- **Level 7:** Cross Country: 1,05cm
Jumping: 1.05cm
Dressage: as per the schedule published
Qualifying: Minimum of two MER rounds (over two shows) in the cross country, at Level 6