



2025 FEI GROUP IX INTER AFRICA COMPETITION
2025 Easter Festival
16th -21st April 2025

S A SHOWJUMPING SELECTION CRITERIA

Team Event – 20th April 2025

1. OVERVIEW

The following document outlines the selection policy, process and timeline that will be followed in order that SA Show Jumping will fairly and transparently select athlete and horse combinations that are able to achieve the best possible results and include development athletes.

The selection will also be looking at transformation with 50% athletes of colour.

2. DEFINITIONS

Athlete	The Rider
SASJ	South Africa Show Jumping
GIX	Group IX
QR	SASJ Qualifying Round
SAEF	South African Equestrian Federation
Selectors	The appointed Selectors of SASJ
Selection Process	The Selection Process that will commence on 21 st February 2025.

3. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee will be made up of the following members:

- 3.1 Convener – Kate Launder
- 3.2 Brendan Mc Nevin
- 3.3 Tracey Carney
- 3.4 Jonathan Clarke

4. ELIGIBILITY

Athletes seeking selection to the team must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

- 4.1 The athlete and horse must be a current member of SASJ and SAEF in good standing.
- 4.2 The athlete must be a citizen of the Republic of South Africa and hold a valid SA Passport.
- 4.3 The athlete does not have a criminal conviction and has not been charged with any criminal wrongdoing.
- 4.4 Athletes must have submitted an EOI for the event with the horse/s for the event.
- 4.5 Athletes must note that the team is selected based on a combination of horse and rider, and a horse cannot be changed.
- 4.6 Athletes must be eligible to compete in Junior or Adult classes.
- 4.7 Athlete/horse combinations must be competing successfully at the specified heights.
- 4.8 Athletes must be available to attend any team functions.

5. SELECTION

- 5.1 Athletes may not engage with the selection committee directly regarding matters pertaining to the selection process, however they may direct any queries and/or concerns in writing to the convener.
- 5.2 Subject to the right of appeal set out below, the selection committee's decision is final, and no correspondence shall be entered into in this regard.

6. APPEALS

- 6.1 Appeals concerning non selection of athletes or horses for the SA Team will be heard by a SASJ Appeal committee in accordance with the SASJ constitution.
- 6.2 The only grounds for appeal will be a breach of the published selection process/policy, being that the selection process was procedurally flawed and was therefore non-compliant with the selection policy.
- 6.3 Only athletes may appeal their non selection. Owners of horses may not appeal any decision.
- 6.4 An athlete must lodge their notice of intention to appeal in writing with the SASJ Executive within three (3) working days after the announcement of the SA Team for the event.

7. COLOURS

SASJ will apply for SAEF colours.

8. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- 8.1 The selectors will consider all eligible athletes for selection to the Team. The selectors will apply their discretion and select athletes whom they consider can meet the objective above.
- 8.2 Performance will include results, rankings, consistency, QR's and transformation.
- 8.3 Results will be considered from 1st July 2024 to current form.
- 8.4 The following may also be considered:
 - 8.4.1 The demonstrated ability of the rider to achieve Qualifying (clear) rounds under the demands and pressure of a team competition.

9. SUBSTITUTION/REPLACEMENT/LATE ADDITION OF ATHLETES OR HORSES

- 9.1 Should an athlete or horse be unable to compete due to medical conditions or veterinary conditions, the selection committee will replace the combination with the next reserve on the selection list.
- 9.2 The Athlete must supply a medical or veterinary certificate.
- 9.3 An athlete can be replaced should they contravene the regulations, anti-doping polices, veterinary regulations.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1 Selection is subject to compliance with SASJ, SAEF, FEI and WADA regulations on doping for athletes and FEI veterinary regulations for medication control for horses.
- 10.2 SASJ social medial policy is to always be followed.

11. 2025 GROUP IX TEAM COMPETITION

- 11.1 Horse and Rider Combinations to be entered in the 2025 Easter Festival in their relevant grades for individual warm up classes.
- 11.2 Each team will comprise of three team athletes and one reserve athlete.
- 11.3 The Team competition will have 3 heights – 1.10m, 1.20m and 1.30m.

The team competition is open to adult and Junior registered Athletes.

- 1.10m combination Rider/ Horse must be registered with SASJ and SAEF to compete at a maximum of 1.10m height. Horse must be at least 5 years of age.
 - 1.20m combination Rider/Horse must be registered with SASJ and SAEF to compete at a maximum of 1.20m height. Horse must be at least 6 years of age.
 - 1.30 combination Rider/Horse must be registered with SASJ and SAEF to compete at a maximum 1.30m/1.35m height the horse must be at least 6 years of age.
- 11.4 Each team may have no more than 2 athletes in any one height.
 - 11.5 A draw for the riding order of the teams will take place the day before the team event at a place and time to be advised.
 - 11.6 The Competition will offer the heights of 1.10m, 1.20m and 1.30m at a speed of 325m.p.m
 - 11.7 Teams will be declared by the Chef d 'equip and consist of a max of 3 athletes, with a reserve horse & rider. No more than **two** athletes may ride at any one level.
 - 11.8 The competition will be run as a Two phases Art 274.2.5
 - 11.9 The competition will run in progression from the lowest to the highest height.
 - 11.10 A team's score is based on the best 3 team members results combined, eliminations and retirements will be given a score with 10 penalties added to the highest penalties recorded by any athlete in that round and 10 seconds added to the time of the worst second phase time of that round. Where there is equality of the aggregate penalties the times of the three team members with the lowest penalties in the second phase of the competition will decide the placing.