

2026 RULE PROPOSALS – SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER COUNCIL 2025

S A Show Jumping Rules - South Africa

~~2025-2026~~

ANNEXURES following on from FEI Rules

ANNEXURES A - H

2024 FEI JUMPING RULES with the following Annexures to be applicable to Events run in South Africa under the auspices of SASJ.

PREAMBLE

These Showjumping Annexures (hereinafter SJRs) are effective on 1 January 2026

The Rules are presented in the following groupings:

Annexure and Sections - South African Local Rules

FEI Regulations

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these SJRs. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person or body to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the SJRs. Should there remain any omissions in the SJRs, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these SJRs, other of the rules and regulations of the FEI, and in a sporting spirit.

ANNEXURE A - Registrations – *Fees after SASJ Council Meeting Budget Approval (27th Oct2025)*

ANNEXURE B - Grading

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ANNEXURE E - Officials

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ANNEXURE I - GENERAL MEDICAL COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SASJ EVENTS

Section 1 - S A Championships

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Section 6 - SA Team Events

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Section 9 - S A Rising Star Youth Series

Section 10 – Platinum Tour Grand Prix

OTHER PROPOSALS

NOTE: FEI are renumbering their rules and after

***(Insert New FEI Rule Number)* we will leave the old number in brackets and insert NEW NUMBER – FEI will only publish after rules approval at FEI General Assembly 7th November 2025**

FEI Article 238 2.1.1 (FEI Changed after Publication)

SECTIONS

PROPOSALS	Section 1 – S A CHAMPIONSHIPS
KZN Proposal	Proposed 2024 KZN for 2025 NOT DISCUSSED AT OGM Re the Numbers qualified for the SA Championships I think if the rules are the same then the same number of starters across the board. Not sure why it's 20 for ponies, 24 for juniors and 30 for adults? Adult & U25 = Top 30 Junior = Top 24 Pony Rider = Top 20
Tech Proposals	13.3.The qualifying for the: Championships a. Adult & U25 top 30 (thirty) ranked combinations per class. b. Junior top 24 (twenty-four) ranked combination per class. c. Pony Rider top 20 (twenty) 24 (twenty-four) ranked combinations per class. *Proposal KZN to all Top 30

Notes	<p>Tech –.3 C = Pony Rider Qualifications = Top 24 as per old SANE regulations</p> <p>3.2 Insert: There must be a minimum of 2 Arenas and 2 Warm Up Arenas (As Per Annexure D)</p> <p>** 350 Stables – 200 ANNEXURE D</p> <p>15- SASJ Representative to not be on the Ground Jury for SA Adult Championships and S A Youth Championships</p> <p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS.</p> <p>2.1 – must take place outdoor in daylight.</p> <p>Show Jumping across document</p> <p>Add Course = Course Height</p> <p>Add: South African to SA</p> <p>5.2 - 2 Horse per rider for Title Class added for ease of reference (<i>refer 13.3.6</i>)</p> <p>Qualifying Competition named Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 2</p> <p>9.4 and 16.14 - Horse Veterinary</p>
PROPOSALS	Section 2 – S A OUTDOOR GRAND PRIX EVENTS
Tech Proposals Notes	<p>3.2 – Add As Per Annexure D</p> <p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS.</p> <p>Add Course = Course Height</p> <p>Add: South African to SA</p> <p>Show Jumping across document</p> <p>Qualifying Competition named Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 2</p> <p>5.2 - 2 Horse per rider for Title Class added for ease of reference (<i>refer 12.3.6</i>)</p>
PROPOSALS	Section 3 – S A DERBY EVENTS
Tech Proposals Notes	<p>2 – Add As Per Annexure D</p> <p>9.4 A combination is considered to be completely closed if the sides which surround it can only be surmounted by jumping – FEI 214.1 (Insert New FEI Rule Number)</p> <p>Definition: Closed Combination</p> <p>This implies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No lateral escape is possible — the horse must jump to enter or exit or step up or down. The obstacle is enclosed by rails, walls, banks, bales or terrain that cannot be bypassed. It may include natural features (e.g., ditches, banks) or constructed elements (e.g., boxed-in fences, table jumps). <p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS.</p> <p>Add Course = Course Height</p> <p>Add: South African to SA</p> <p>Show Jumping across document</p> <p>3.2 - 2 Horse per rider for Title Class added for for ease of reference (<i>refer 7.3.6</i>)</p> <p>3.2.3 Pony Rider Derby is are restricted to Ponies as per Annexure A & C</p>
PROPOSALS	Section 4 – PRESIDENTS CUP
GS Tech Proposals Notes	<p>5.2.1 Change The second competition will be conducted according to FEI Art 238.2.2 274.2.5.</p> <p>To stop scratchings in the jump off.</p> <p>2. Eligibility - No Athlete is allowed to ride more than two horses in the Final competition for Presidents Cup (All 3 Age Categories). Exception for Pony Riders</p> <p>An Athlete/Horse Combination may only compete in one S A Presidents Cup title class and Qualifiers in a calendar year.</p> <p>Final Competition – Riders with more than 2 Horses - Adults horse to go to 1.40m Championship and Juniors to go to Adult 1.30m Championship – change to J/A after entries close so Juniors can move there.</p> <p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS</p> <p>Add Course = Course Height</p> <p>Add: South African to SA</p> <p>Show Jumping across document</p>
PROPOSALS	Section 5 – Riders Grand Prix Rules

<p>Tech Proposals</p>	<p>3. DESCRIPTION OF THE RULES The competition will be run over 2 rounds. Both rounds against the clock. At least 25% return for the second round, based on their penalties and time in the first round; in any case all Athletes without penalties in the first round, return for the second round. Starting order of the second round shall be reverse order of penalties and time in the first round, and Athletes retain their draw order in case of equality of penalties and time. Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round. Athletes eligible for placings not taking part in the second round according to their Penalties and time incurred in the first round. Will be placed according to FEI Art 247 (Insert New FEI Rule Number)</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS ADDED; 1. These Grand Prix classes are not open to riders with Dual Licences.</p>
<p>PROPOSALS</p>	<p>Section 6 – SA Team Events</p>
<p>Council after TRIAL PERIOD 2025</p> <p>Notes</p>	<p>1. ELIGIBILITY Veterans and Young Riders Teams – COUNCIL after 2025 Trial Period</p> <p>2. Must be entered into SA Championships with a dual licence or Adult Category 1 subscription.</p> <p>3. **INTERPROVINCIAL</p> <p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS ADDED; Add: South African to SA Adult/Senior South African National Team Event – 1.35m Junior South African National Team Event – 1.30m Pony Rider South African National Team Event – 1.10m SECTION 6 A Lower-Level Teams (90cm – 1.20m) Pony Riders = 60cm to 1.00m. Juniors = 70cm – 1.20m Adults = 80cm – 1.20m</p>
<p>PROPOSALS</p>	<p>Section 7 – SASJ Challenge Events</p>
<p>Tech Proposals</p> <p>Notes</p>	<p>Competitors eligible to compete in multiple Age Groups in any one calendar year may only compete in either Junior or Adult one age group in that year. (Clarification)</p> <p>Added Each Provincial Committee shall be responsible for determining the process and criteria for awarding provincial winners within their respective province.</p> <p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS ADDED; Height clarifications added i.e. – 1.20/1.25m (as no 1.25m QR's) for levels applicable add .1 to FEI A2 Rule and .5 to FEI 2 phase rule</p> <p>SASJ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – IF SCHEDULED</p> <p>Depending on sponsorship received, the top thirty overall prize winners of the SASJ National Show jumping competition in each of the three levels will be invited to compete in the National Championship for that level, The championship shall be held each year between 1 December and 31 April of the following year in respect of such levels as are determined annually by the Show jumping Technical Committee. Entries to these national championships shall be limited to the top thirty qualified horses in each level based on the results of the SASJ National Show jumping Competitions of the same year. Any horse that has competed in a higher level after the SASJ Competition shall not be eligible for any championship. The Championship classes will be run over two rounds, the first not against the clock and the second over a different shorter course against the clock. FEI Art 273.3.3.1 and Art 273.4.3. (Insert New FEI Rule Numbers)</p> <p>The OC should offer a warmup competition.</p>
<p>PROPOSALS</p>	<p>Section 8 – S A INDOOR GRAND PRIX EVENTS</p>
<p>Tech Proposals</p>	<p>2 – Add As Per Annexure D</p> <p>5. SPEED The minimum speed for the South African Indoor Grand Prix is 350mpm. The minimum speed for the South African Junior Indoor Grand Prix is 350mpm. The minimum speed for the South African Junior Indoor Grand Prix is 325mpm</p>

Notes	<p>6.2 Council to clarify number of horses per rider</p> <p>6.2.1 Senior South African Indoor Grand Prix Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries. Horses must be 7 years and older. Course Height: 1.50m <u>(1.40m/1.45m)</u></p> <p>6.2.2 Junior South African Indoor Grand Prix Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries. Horses must be 7 years and older. Course Height: 1.30/1.35m <u>(1.25m/1.30m)</u></p> <p>6.2.3 Pony South African Indoor Grand Prix is restricted to Ponies as per Annexure A & C. Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries. SASJ Ponies heights apply and must be 6 years or older. Course Height: 1.10/1.15mm <u>(1.05m/1.10m)</u></p> <p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS Add Course = Course Height Add: South African to SA Show Jumping across document Qualifying Competition named Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 2</p>
PROPOSALS	Section 9 – Rising Star Youth Series
Tech Proposals	<p>1. Each leg must be a standalone competition class.</p> <p>Should there be a tie for first place overall after completion of the series, the highest placed Athlete competitor Combination in the last competition will be declared the Series winner. Clarification wording</p> <p>Council to discuss Series – proposal request for Junior 1.20m and Pony Rider 1.00m</p>
PROPOSALS	Section 10 – Platinum Grand Prix
Tech Proposals	<p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS ADDED Remove previously agreed 4 Fences at 1.55m These Grand Prix classes are not open to riders with Dual Licences.</p> <p>3. DESCRIPTION OF THE RULES The competition will be run over 2 rounds. Both rounds against the clock. At least 25% return for the second round, based on their penalties and time in the first round; in any case all Athletes without penalties in the first round, return for the second round. Starting order of the second round shall be reverse order of penalties and time in the first round, Athletes retain their draw order in case of equality of penalties and time. Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round. Athletes not taking part in the second round will be placed according to the Penalties incurred in the first round according to their Penalties and time in the first round. Will be placed according to FEI Art 247 <u>(Insert New FEI Rule Number)</u></p>

ANNEXURES	
PROPOSALS	ANNEXURE A
Tech Proposals	<p>8. Fees determined at SASJ Council OGM Oct 2025</p> <p>SMALL CLARIFICATIONS ADDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates from 2025 to 2026 7 – add Pony and Microchip (to Passports) 7 – add or on instruction from SAEF 8. Sponsor Registration Split Sponsors to cover Yards, Committee members added 9.4 Dual Licence – add refer to specific class rules 12.4 add refer to specific class rules
Notes	<p>10.2 RED RIDING JACKETS Red Jackets are ONLY ALLOWED only for riders that have competed at Adult Open Level and Qualified to ride in the Adult SA National Title Classes.</p>

	<p>10.3 GREEN RIDING JACKETS Green Riding Jackets (Protea/RSA colour green) are NOT ALLOWED. This has been a long-standing rule and are reserved for Athletes with SJ Protea Colours. Thus, only Riders with SJ PROTEA COLOURS may compete in Green Riding Jackets A list of Athletes with SJ Protea Colours is listed on the SASJ Website. Athletes representing their country in their National Colours (i.e., Zimbabwe have a dark Green Jacket for the National Riders) is allowed - provided the relevant Federation confirms the necessary colours. Refer to SAEF COLOURS POLICY A South African Flag may only be worn in the competition arena on the left breast of the Jacket by SJ Riders Holding S A Protea Colours. The entitlement to wear the flag is permanent Refer to SAEF COLOURS POLICY Maximum Size of Flag allowable = Height: 32.68 cm, Width: 50.19 cm</p> <p>The South African national flag may only be displayed on competition jackets that are Green, Navy, Red, or Black in colour. Riding Jackets in any other colour shall not bear the national flag, unless explicitly authorized by the SASJ Executive Committee for ceremonial or international representation purposes.</p> <p>Only Riders competing in an RSA Team in South Africa may compete with an RSA Flag on their saddlecloth. Riders representing South Africa outside RSA with SAEF endorsed Licences may compete with RSA Saddlecloth's. Refer to SASCOC/SAEF/SASJ Colours Regulations.</p>
PROPOSALS	ANNEXURE B - GRADING
Tech Proposals	<p>4. QUALIFICATION POINTS REQUIRED AS PER TABLE BELOW Council to discuss PR 1m Class: Clarify its role within the national event structure - Should PR 1m require stricter QRs to ensure readiness for Open levels? Review current QR thresholds for PR 1m</p> <p>7. CLASSES ON THE SASJ ONLINE ENTRY PR Classes J Classes U25 Classes for Special events AD Classes FEI JCH (FEI Jumping World Challenge Age Criteria) FEI Childrens Classics--(FEI CH Classics Age Criteria Ponies & Horses) Recreational Classes J/AD Classes - May not be combined with any other category (Or must be more less than 16 in either category) Proposal to remove J/A and shows must handicap classes. (Or only combine Juniors and Adults after entries have closed) J/U25 & may be combined.</p> <p>8. HANDICAPPING OF CLASSES PR Classes may not be handicapped with any other age category. A maximum of two heights may be handicapped. Only classes run at the same speeds my be handicapped. Heights and age categories may be handicapped together providing only Two heights are affected (Junior and Adult Classes Only E.g. Adult and Junior 1.10m classes can be combined with Adult and Junior 1.20m Classes providing there are 8 or less in each level. Adult 1.35m Open classes at National shows may not be J/A.</p> <p>9. DEFINITION OF SASJ ONLINE RANKINGS All graded SASJ shows will be ranked on the point system Table "SASJ ONLINE RANKINGS - Annexure B1" for horse & rider Combinations.</p>

Table "SASJ ONLINE RANKINGS - Annexure B1"



SASJ BASIC ONLINE RANKINGS PROPOSAL FOR PLACES

PLACE	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1st	60	58	56	54	52	50	48	46	44	42	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
2nd	57	55	53	51	49	47	45	43	41	39	37	35	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	3	1	
3rd	55	53	50	49	47	45	43	41	39	37	35	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	3	1		
4th	54	50	49	48	46	44	42	39	37	35	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	3	1			
5th	53	49	48	47	44	43	40	37	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2				
6th	52	48	47	47	43	42	39	36	35	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	3					
7th	51	47	46	45	42	41	38	34	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4						
8th	50	46	45	44	41	40	37	35	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5							
9th	49	45	44	43	40	39	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6								
10th	48	44	43	42	39	38	35	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7									
11th	47	43	42	41	38	37	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8										
12th	46	42	41	40	37	36	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9											
13th	45	41	40	39	36	35	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10												
14th	44	40	39	38	35	34	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11													
15th	43	39	38	37	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12														
16th	42	38	37	36	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13															
17th	41	37	36	35	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14																
18th	40	36	35	34	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15																	
19th	39	35	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16																		
20th	38	34	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17																			
21st	37	33	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18																				
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Places = 1 in 4 Starters

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ANNEXURE C – PONY HEIGHTS

CANNOT CHANGE – SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH SAEF
Runs in conjunction with SAEF General Regulations

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ANNEXURE D

3.

Any Change in calendar dates must be sent to the Provincial Committee in writing with a motivation—which if approved by the Provincial Committee must be sent to the National Office for the SASJ Provincial Calendar as only events on the SASJ Official Calendar will be covered by SAEF Insurance.

Calendar Amendments**Provincial Calendar Changes.**

Applications to amend provincial show dates must be submitted in writing to the relevant **Provincial Committee**, accompanied by a formal motivation.

If approved, and following **consultation with any venues already allocated calendar dates on the proposed new date**, the application must be forwarded to the **SASJ National Office** for final consideration.

Upon acceptance, the National Office will notify **SAEF** of the approved change.

National Calendar Changes

Amendments to the National Calendar will only be considered upon written application and motivation submitted to the SASJ Executive via the National Office. Approval is subject to calendar alignment and regulatory compliance.

5. It is left to the discretion of EXCO to charge a deposit and/or holding fee, and to lay down from time to time what this deposit/fee shall be.

~~Where the Show Holding Body is not the venue owner. A copy of the agreement between the two parties indicating which party is responsible for the facility is required.~~

"If the Show Holding Body does not own the venue, a signed agreement must be provided, clearly outlining which party holds responsibility for key aspects of the facility, including footing, safety compliance, and insurance."

SAEF insurance coverage for Show Jumping applies exclusively to events listed on the SASJ Official Calendar. To ensure coverage:

- Organisers and Provincial Showjumping Committees must submit event details for approval in a timely manner
- Late or unlisted events may be deemed ineligible for SAEF insurance protection

~~6. Subject to the unanimous agreement of the President of the Ground Jury, SASJ Representative, Show Director and President of the Veterinary Committee in consultation with the Organiser, a Competition (either before or during) can be postponed and/or cancelled, not only due to force majeure, catastrophic occurrences, extreme weather conditions but also for non-compliance with FEI Rules and in specific situations where the welfare or safety of the Horses, Athletes, Officials or the public is compromised. This includes any changes in arenas or warm-up arenas.~~

6. "Postponement or cancellation of an event due to catastrophic circumstances requires unanimous agreement from the following officials:
- President of the Ground Jury
 - SASJ Representative
 - Show Director
 - Veterinary Delegate (Where Applicable)

This decision must be documented and reported to SASJ. This provision also covers circumstances that compromise the welfare or safety of horses, athletes, officials, or the general public. Also applicable to critical changes in the competition or warm-up arenas.

2.10 (iv) A covered & Enclosed Designated First Aid Area (Privacy for patients) An Equipped Medical Facility

- 3.3 All SASJ Representatives must be knowledgeable in the rules and must be a member of a Senior Officials Panel (as defined). At CSN Events the SASJ Representative may be a member of the Ground Jury, but not the President. **As Per Section 1 - 15 SASJ Representative to not be part of the Ground Jury for S A Youth Championships.**

- 4.1 All schedules issued by an OC shall conform to SASJ Rules. Recreational & Provincial schedules must first be approved by the Provincial SASJ Office/Committee, and National and FEI Schedules must go through approval by the National SASJ Office/Exco before publication.
National Schedules ideally 4 weeks and a Minimum of 7 working days before entries are planned to be opened for national Schedules to be Received. FEI Schedules as per FEI Regulations.
If national schedules are submitted to SASJ late, the closing date for entries must be extended from the originally planned closing date to ensure when approved and entries opened for a minimum of five (5) working days, unless the event reaches full capacity prior to that period.

- 4.2.19 All designated officials for any shows must be listed in the schedule, their names and roles must appear in the schedule. Each official must meet the criteria and standards outlined in Annexure E. Organising Committee/SHB must have got confirmation and agreement from each official in writing.

4.2.20 Protocol for Riders Competing in Multiple Arenas

The Organising Committee/SHB must clearly outline, in the National Schedules, the official protocol for riders competing in more than one arena. This protocol must specify the communication channels and timing procedures to be followed.

The SHB/OC is not allowed to run a title class within a title class, any additional classes must be run as separate classes (this excludes Series and Team events at CSN1*)

Competitions must not start before 08:00 h and must not finish after 23:00 h, unless prior approval is granted by the FEI for FEI Events and SASJ for SASJ Events.

The scheduling of competitions must take into account mandatory maintenance breaks as follows. In principle, there should be one maintenance break for every 40 starters; at a minimum, it is compulsory to include one maintenance break in competitions with 50-99 starters after half of the starters have competed. Competitions with 100 starters or more must have three maintenance breaks. The start list must indicate when the maintenance break will take place (e.g. after N° 25).

- 7.4 ~~Competitions~~Competitors may not compete in the adult age category and any other age category at the same event.
- 7.5 Number of entries: Summer = 220
Winter = 200
Depending on class type.
- 9.3 At all Recognized Events the prize money to be awarded shall be shown in the schedule either as a lump sum and/or a percentage of the entry fees. Entry fees shall be as per clause ~~8.8~~ 9.8, less all levies imposed

	<p>10.1 The Organising Committee shall ensure that competitors being called up to attend an official prize giving do so mounted and correctly dressed. The OC shall ensure there is a prize-giving protocol for the GJ for CSN1* and above events. (Refer to Protocol)</p> <p>The number of competitors required to present for prize giving shall be clearly stated in the national schedule and must be strictly adhered to.</p> <p>Neither the OC nor any sponsor may alter the number of competitors required to attend the prize giving after publication of the schedule or prior to the ceremony.</p> <p>14. RIDING OUT OF PROGRAMME ORDER</p> <p>Only Other than with the permission of the Ground Jury.</p> <p>19. HORSE INSPECTIONS</p> <p>19.1 As per CSN2* and FEI Regulations</p> <p>19.2 All information regarding the horse inspection must be mentioned in the Schedule.</p> <p>19.3 Two clean Stables must be made available for Drug Testing at all events (Provincial upwards or as specified) from the first day of the event.</p> <p>19.4 Horse Inspection Lane must be suitable flat surface.</p> <p>19.5 Recommended to have 2 veterinarians and 2 Horses Lances for Horse Inspections with more than 100 horses.</p> <p>8/ All competition venues hosting SASJ-sanctioned events must implement a lightning proximity alert system that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clearly audible siren or alarm capable of alerting all participants, officials, and spectators across the venue. • A mobile-compatible lightning detection app with real-time proximity alerts, accessible to designated safety officers and event organizers. <p>The system must be operational throughout the event duration and tested prior to the commencement of competition.</p> <p>Article D3 – Addition</p> <p>Speeds of Adult Open Classes to be specified in the schedule.</p>
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D6.2 NATIONAL CSN2*

TITLES	<p>Must have a Title Class.</p> <p>SA Titles and Qualifier Classes must be given priority placement on the event timetable, ahead of other classes scheduled in the main arena.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The full provisional timetable must be submitted with the National Schedule for approval by SASJ.
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D6.3 NATIONAL SHOWS With FEI (CSI1* and CSIW1*)

ARENAS	<p>The Arena must be constructed of all-weather sand and fibre or grass. The arena must be approved by the SASJ Inspection panel. If the surface is grass, the sub-surface must be sand e.g., pure silica sand or 'beach' sand. The competition arenas and the warm-up arenas must have watering facilities, to be approved by the SASJ Inspection panel. SASJ approved jumping equipment with top poles of the correct weight and safety cups as specified by FEI regulations must be used. Arena Footing and venue facilities for all National and FEI shows will be inspected and approved by the SASJ National Inspection Committee. Jump Equipment will also be inspected to ensure it is FEI standard for National and FEI Events.</p> <p>1. The arena must be enclosed. While a Horse is in the arena during a Competition, all entrances and exits must be physically closed.</p> <p>2. An indoor Competition arena must have minimum size of 1'200 m² with a minimum width on the short side of 25 metres. An outdoor Competition arena must have a minimum size of 4'000 m² with a minimum width on the short side of 50 metres.</p>
LUNGE ARENA	<p>Every competition venue must provide a designated Lunging Arena that meets the following minimum standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface: Safe, non-slip footing suitable for lunging (e.g., sand, fibre mix, or equivalent). Size: Minimum diameter of 18–20 meters for circular lunging; rectangular options must allow for safe movement at all gaits. Fencing: Secure perimeter to prevent escape or interference, with clearly marked entry/exit points. Access: Easily accessible from stabling and warm-up areas, with clear signage.
FEI WCQ	<p>As per the SASJ FEI World Cup Format – One Day</p> <p>Horses for the FEI WCQ go into Secure Stables straight after the FEI Horse Inspection the day of the FEI WCQ.</p> <p>No Junior or Pony Rider Classes may be held at a National Show hosting a FEI WCQ event, unless the entries for the event are not full on the day after closing date of entries. In such a case class may be made available for Juniors and / or Pony Riders to enter at the National Show, as long as these classes are not held in the main arena.</p> <p>Entries for these classes will be opened to Junior and/or Pony Riders, after closing date of entries, for two days for a limited number of entries in arena B on a first come first served basis, depending on the arena capacity and stabling available.</p> <p>Format below:</p>
TIMETABLE/SCHEDULE FORMAT	<p>Arena Timetable/Schedule Protocol – World Cup Events</p> <p>One-Arena World Cups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main arena may host classes at 1.10m and above, subject to sufficient entry numbers. If entries for 1.10m and above are not full by the first published closing date, the Organising Committee (OC) may open entries to lower-grade adult/Junior riders, provided this occurs after the closing date. <p>Two-Arena World Cups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secondary arena may be opened to Ponies and Juniors in separate classes, provided this occurs two days after the closing date and is subject to available space. <p>Three-Arena World Cups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a third arena is available, the OC may offer Ponies and Juniors in separate classes from the onset of scheduling.
CHANGES TO FEI SCHEDULES	<p>NB: Modifications to the approved Schedule can be accepted until two weeks prior to the Event, provided the closing date for Entries has not already passed; if the closing date for Entries has already passed, the FEI reserves the right to not approve the requested change. Additionally, no change may be made to a Longines Ranking Competition after the fifth Monday prior to the week of the Event. Prizes in kind, to be accepted as prize money to count for Longines Ranking competitions and total event prize money, must be easily convertible into cash (GRs Art. 127).</p>

ANNEXURE E

1. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
 1. A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever others may reasonably perceive from given circumstances that a conflict exists. A conflict of interest is defined as any personal, professional, or financial relationship, including, but not limited to, relationships of family members that could influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for, or on behalf of SASJ.
 2. Conflicts must be avoided whenever possible. However, there may be instances where SASJ must balance conflicts of interests against proven expertise in order to achieve the optimal sporting result.
 3. **Refer to FEI General Regulations – Appendix H**
2. **MEMBERSHIPS**

ALL persons who are on a SASJ Officials Panels ~~must-members-of-recognised-panels-of-officials-shall~~ be members of a club, SAEF and SASJ, they and must ensure that their membership is renewed on the SASJ database every year, they must agree to the SASJ and T's and C's ~~have-been-agreed-to~~ and they must ensure that all their contact details are up to date.
3. **OBLIGATORY USE**

Officials officiating at CSN Events must be members of Official Panels as set out in below. The Provincial EXCO concerned shall approve officials officiating at events below CSN. Should it not be possible to obtain the services of an official on the required panel, the ~~Chairman of~~ EXCO may approve the use of an official on a lower panel.

Star Officials – changed to Level as per FEI

STEWARDS	2	3	4	5	5
Total Team Members					
Chief Steward	FEI Level 12 or higher	FEI 12 Level 2 (FEI Level 2 22 or higher Competition 3)	FEI 22 Level 2 or higher	FEI Level 32 or higher As per FEI Article 209	FEI Level 32 or higher As per FEI Article 209
Assistant Stewards	1 Provincial	3-Min 2 x Provincial or higher	Minimum 1 x FEI Level 1 or higher 1 x Provincial or higher 1 x Nat or higher	Minimum of 4 Assistants 1 may be National As per FEI Article 209	Minimum of 4 Assistants all FEI As per FEI Article 209
OTHER OFFICIALS					
SJ Electronic Timekeeper	Recommended	SASJ Officials List or can be local electronic timing	SASJ Officials List	SASJ Officials List	SASJ Officials List
Riders Representative	Recommended	Recommended	Compulsory for Adult Open	Compulsory for Adult Open	Compulsory for Adult Open
Marshall	Recommended	Compulsory	Compulsory experienced	Compulsory experienced	Compulsory experienced
GJ Secretary	Recommended	Recommended Compulsory for FEI Challenge events	Recommended	Compulsory for FEI	Compulsory for FEI
Commentator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Secretary	Yes	Yes
Announcer	Yes	Recommended
Marshall	Recommended	Recommended

N.B. WHERE POSSIBLE The person calling the jumps must be responsible.

NB: FOR ALL EVENTS HOSTING WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS, THERE WILL BE 1 CHIEF STEWARD AND 4 ASSISTANT STEWARDS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOW. THERE WILL BE ONE HORSE INSPECTION, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE 24 HOURS BEFORE THE WCQ CLASS STARTS. THE HORSES WILL THEN MOVE INTO SECURE STABLES UNTIL THE END OF THE WCQ CLASS. ON THE DAY OF THE TROT UP FOR THE WCQ, MORE STEWARDS MAY BE APPOINTED TO ASSIST.

Note: Stewarding and Horse Inspection Protocol for World Cup Qualifier Events

For all events hosting World Cup Qualifier (WCQ) classes, the following requirements apply:

Stewarding Requirements

- A total of 1 Chief Steward and 4 Assistant Stewards must be appointed from the start of the National event.

- On the day of the WCQ trot-up, additional stewards must be appointed as per FEI regulations.

- Additional stewards over and above the minimum requirements by FEI may be appointed, but will not be on the FEI Schedule.

- The OC must provide an Admin Secretary to assist the vet with Passports.

Stewards for the National days at World Cup events may have one day off on rotation.

Horse Inspection Protocol

- A single horse inspection will take place within 24 hours prior to the start of the WCQ class.

- Following the inspection, all WCQ horses must be moved into secure stables, where they will remain until the conclusion of the WCQ class.

4. GROUND JURY

1. At CSN Events each competition shall be judged by a group of three judges including the SASJ Rep in the Judges Box plus one additional judge for the Water Jump should there be one, appointed by the OC.
2. The Ground Jury members share the responsibility for the running of Competitions or Events according to the conditions of the approved schedule in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations, SASJ Rules and Regulations and SAEF Rules and Regulations.
3. The SASJ Representative and President of the Ground Jury are responsible for the technical running of Competitions or Events according to the conditions of the approved schedule in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations, SASJ Rules and Regulations and SAEF Rules and Regulations.

2. Duties, Responsibilities and Jurisdiction

1. Competency

The Ground Jury must be competent to deal with all Protests provided that they relate to matters occurring during or in direct connection with an Event and that they are presented within the applicable deadline.

The Ground Jury shall consist of a President and a number of judges of the appropriate categories as laid down in the rules, and Members as per Officials 1.3 above.

PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH PROTESTS

Article 161 – Protests

Procedures for lodging and resolving protests shall be governed by Policy C of the SASJ Constitution. Where applicable, reference may be made to FEI General Regulations Article 161, provided such reference does not conflict with SASJ policy.

Article 161 – Protests

General Principles

161.1 Protests may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity in an International Event or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the FEI including for failure to observe the Statutes, GRs or Sport Rules or violation of the common principles of behaviour, fairness, or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with an International Event or, in the case of Abuse of Horse, at any other time.

Decisions not subject to Protest

161.2 There is no Protest against:

- (a) Decisions of the Ground Jury arising from the field of play, which are final and binding, such as, but not limited to:
 - (i) where the Decision is based on a factual observation of performance during a Competition or the awarding of marks for performance;
 - (ii) whether an obstacle was knocked down; whether a Horse was disobedient; whether a Horse refused at an obstacle or knocked it down while jumping;
 - (iii) whether an Athlete or Horse has fallen;
 - (iv) whether a Horse circled in a combination or refused or ran out;
 - (v) the time taken for the round;
 - (vi) whether an obstacle was jumped within the time; and/or
 - (vii) Whether, the particular track followed by an Athlete caused the Athlete to incur a penalty;
- (b) The Elimination or Disqualification of a Horse for veterinary reasons, including non-acceptance

5. COURSE DESIGNER

1. The Course Designer is appointed by the OC. At **all** South African Championships and **FEI Events**, SASJ EXCO **Technical, Officials and Administration portfolios** must ratify this appointment.
2. A Course Designer must be especially mindful of the Conflict-of-Interest rule set out above **(1.1)** and, in particular may not act as Course Designer at the same **CSN and Above** Event immediate relatives are competing. Officiating CD may not instruct any competitors.
Refer to FEI General Regulations – Appendix H
3. The Course Designer must give the Ground Jury a copy of the course plan showing accurately all the details of the course. An exact copy of the course plan given to the Ground Jury must be posted as close as possible to the entrance of the arena, and should be posted at least 30 minutes before the beginning of each Competition; if applicable the time allowed may be added to the course plan later than 30 minutes before the start of the Competition as soon as the Course Designer has finished measuring the course. For all Competitions the track as measured by the Course Designer must be indicated on the course plan that is posted prior to the Competition.

6. PRESIDENT OF THE GROUND JURY

1. A judge, as President of the Ground Jury reports to SASJ and in conjunction with the SASJ Representative has the responsibility to ensure the technical requirements for the running of SASJ competitions or events according to the conditions of the approved schedule and in accordance with SASJ and FEI rules and regulations.
- ~~2. SASJ to list the names, qualifications and nationality of the persons who are endorsed to exercise the functions and fulfil the requirements set forth in the SASJ education system.~~
3. ~~2.~~ PGJ has the call for any horses the official veterinarian advised should be failed from the horse inspection.
- 3 The PGJ must be present for the duration of the event, including all Horse Inspections.
- 4 The PGJ is responsible for the organisation and deployment of the Ground Jury.

7. SASJ REPRESENTATIVE

1. Appointment

A SASJ Rep will be appointed for each CSN Event. The SASJ Executive will make the appointment. The SASJ Rep may be a member of, but not the president of the Ground Jury ~~(Except SASJ Challenge Events)~~. Responsibility with PGJ as per 6.1 above.
To ensure neutrality and avoid regional bias, SASJ Representatives assigned to CSN2* events and above must not be domiciled in the same province where the event is being held.

2. Qualifications

It is essential that the SASJ Rep has a detailed knowledge of all the Show jumping Rules including the **General Regulations**, Veterinary **Regulations** and Drug Testing Regulations.

All SASJ Representatives must be knowledgeable in the rules and must be **of the correct level (as per Officials 1.3 above)**. At CSN Events and above the SASJ Representative may be a member of the Ground Jury but not the President. In the absence of a SASJ Representative the most senior official present at the event shall act in this position (Provincial events). A

To be present for the duration of the event, including all Horse Inspections.

3. Duties and Responsibilities.

The prime responsibility of the **SASJ Representative** is to ensure that the SASJ rules and the conditions of the schedule are properly and correctly applied. He/She may only permit variations where they are in the best interests of the sport as a whole and of **all** the competitors.

To uphold governance standards, no SASJ Representative shall serve as a member of the Ground Jury at the South African Youth Championships.

4. They will also be responsible for the following:

1. ~~Ensure the OC has organised the Ensuring the safe delivery of any trophies and medals required for the Event.~~
- 2.1. ~~Ensuring~~ Ensure that any changes to programmes and/or timetables are fair and do not prejudice any competitors
- 3.2. ~~Deciding;~~ Decide, in consultation with the Show Director, the President of the Ground Jury, Chief Steward and, if necessary, the Course Designer, whether an event or part thereof should, due to exceptional circumstances, be postponed, suspended or cancelled, ~~with unanimous agreement~~. This includes any changes of arena's and warm up arenas.
4. ~~Ensure~~ **Ensuring** that the correct protocol for awarding prizes is followed.
5. ~~Ensuring that all report forms required by the rules and regulations are available at the show, that they are completed by those responsible and returned to SASJ.~~

SASJ must approve the appointment of the SASJ Representative for each CSN Event, and this representative should be a ~~FEI~~ on the appropriate level as per Officials 1.3 above.

~~9. As per Annexure D-9.1.3 should an athlete have more than one horse in a class, the order of starting shall be adjusted by the OC to ensure where possible these horses shall be allowed a gap between them of 10 horses. At CSN and above events the SASJ Representative shall approve any adjustment to the starting order.~~

8. CHIEF STEWARD

1. The Chief Steward is approved by the SASJ Exco and reports to the President of the Ground Jury.
2. Duties and responsibilities are set out in the ~~FEI~~ Stewards Hub, to which reference should be made.
3. Liaising with the Veterinarians regarding ~~their~~ in attendance during the main class of the event.
4. Consult with the SASJ Representative and PGJ if there are any issues or irregularities. The Chief Steward is responsible ~~for the stewarding team and is appointed~~ to ensure a level playing field and Horse Welfare is in place.
5. During the whole event, in every part of the stables, in exercise and schooling areas, in collecting rings and all other areas un the control of the OC, the Chief Steward and stewards officiating with him/her at the Event must:
 - i. Assist the athletes in conducting reasonable training;
 - ii. Intervene in time in order to prevent any abuse of horses by competitors, grooms, owners or any other person;
 - iii. Intervene in order to prevent any contravention of SASJ Rules or of the common principles of good behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship;
 - iv. Be familiar and assist with medication control procedures.
6. One steward must be on duty in the practice arena at all times whenever it is in use.
7. Any irregularities must be reported immediately by the Chief Steward to the President of the Ground Jury.
8. The Chief Steward is required to send a report to the SASJ office at the conclusion of the event.

9. EXPENSES FOR OFFICIALS

1. All expenses of appointed Officials, including but not limited to all travelling, accommodation and meals, must be met by the OC. Should the fees not be in accordance with Annexure E. These expenses must be at a rate ~~previously~~ agreed in writing between the OC and the Official concerned.
SASJ will pay the SASJ Representative and President of the Ground Jury for National and FEI Events.
2. OC's must provide Suitable 2 3* single accommodation for All Officials travelling out of their ~~home town/city. from out of Province~~. Sharing of accommodation is not recommended. If sharing is unavoidable, the OC must request agreement in writing from all officials involved when invitations are sent for the event.

OC's must provide all officials with ~~2x-Meals~~ per day for the time the official is at the show (including Tea/coffee and cold drinks and water) for the duration of the event. ~~breakfast & lunch is at the OC's expense.~~ For out of Province officials any sponsored Dinner vouchers ~~are is~~ compulsory. (Recommended R 100 per day)

10 MINIMUM MANDATORY FEES PAYABLE TO OFFICIALS

Should the OC pay their officials more than the above tariff, this will be for their own account for all the officials.

All Course Designers Assistants daily recommended fee = ~~R500-R800~~

The SHB/OC undertakes to ensure that payment of officials is made within 5 days of the event.



OFFICIAL	CSN1*	CSN2*	FEI1*	FEI CSIW 1*
Course Designer	R1500 per day plus R750 set up	R1500 per day plus R750 set up fee	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
SASJ Representative	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
President Ground Jury	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
Ground Jury Members	R1050 per day	R1050 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
Chief Steward	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
Assistant Stewards	R1050 per day	R1050 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
SASJ Electronic Timekeeper	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	R1250 per day
Marshall	R800	R1000	R1000	R1000

OFFICIAL	PROVINCIAL	RECREATIONAL
Course Designer	R1050 per day plus R500 set up fee	As per OC
Ground Jury	R800 per day	As per OC
Chief Steward and Assistant Stewards.	R800 per day	As per OC
Marshall	R800 per day	As per OC
Other Officials	R600 per day	As per OC

11. APPOINTMENT TO OFFICIALS PANELS

11.1 JUDGES

1. A Judge is a member of a Ground Jury appointed to officiate on the **Ground Jury** at a competition or event.

2. SASJ EXCO will ~~publish send to the OC the~~ names and qualifications of members who are recommended to exercise the functions and fulfil the duties of FEI ~~and FEI-Candidate~~ Judges, SASJ National Judges and SASJ Provincial Panels.
3. Judges in one Category may not fill appointments at a level higher than that laid down in these Rules unless specifically authorised by SASJ EXCO.

11.2 FEI JUDGE

1. A list of qualified FEI judges is maintained by the FEI in terms of their Rules and Regulations.
2. Unless provided otherwise, only an FEI Panel Judge ~~of the correct level~~ may be appointed as President of the Ground Jury for Championships.

11.3 ~~FEI-CANDIDATE JUDGE~~ SASJ NATIONAL JUDGES, PROVINCIAL AND LEARNER JUDGES.

1. A list of ~~FEI-Candidate Judges~~ SASJ National Judges is maintained by SASJ.
2. The qualifications and duties of SASJ National ~~FEI-Candidate~~ Judges are laid down by SASJ.

11.4 GROUND JURIES – APPOINTMENT

1. The Ground Jury shall consist of a President and ~~member~~ Judges of the appropriate categories as laid down in Officials 1.3 above. The President of the Ground Jury and the SASJ representative ~~is~~ are responsible for the technical ~~judging~~ running of all competitions and events according to the conditions of the approved schedule in accordance with FEI, SAEF and SASJ Rules and Regulations ~~for~~ all other decisions except where otherwise stated in the Rules.
2. The President and members of the Ground Jury at CSN Events shall be appointed by the Organising Committee, unless otherwise stated in these Rules.
3. An ~~Official Judge~~ at Events holding CSN Status, may not carry out any other ~~official~~ functions other than that they were appointed for, at that Event.
4. SASJ Exco may request an additional lower-level judge be added for experience purposes, in liaison with the OC and Provincial committee.

11.5 INTERNATIONAL COURSE DESIGNERS

1. A list of FEI Course Designers is maintained by the FEI in terms of their rules and regulations.
2. Unless provided otherwise, only an FEI Course Designer may be appointed as Course Designer for Championships.

11.6 NATIONAL COURSE DESIGNERS

1. A list of National Course Designers is maintained by SASJ
2. The qualifications and duties of Course Designers are laid down by SASJ.

3. The Ground Jury may not order a Competition to start until the Course Designer has reported that the course is ready. Thereafter, the Ground Jury is solely responsible for the conduct of the Competition.

11.7 VETERINARY DELEGATES

1. Veterinary Delegates are nominated by the ~~REXCOs~~ and are appointed in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.
2. The Veterinary Committee approves the appointments, categorises the veterinarians according to their experience to officiate in different disciplines.
3. A list of Veterinary Delegates is maintained by SASJ, ~~as approved by FEI~~.
4. The OC shall appoint the Veterinary Delegates.

11.8 STEWARDS

1. OC of all Championships ~~CSN Status shows must~~ appoint a Chief Steward and an appropriate number of Stewards ~~as per Officials 1.3~~ above under the authority of the Chief Steward, wearing distinctive identification such as badges, armbands, bibs, etc with complete freedom of access to all areas mentioned in 3 below.

2. OCs are responsible for all administrative matters relating to the appointment of the Chief Steward and the Assistant Stewards.

- ~~3. During the whole Event, in every part of the stables, in exercise and schooling areas, in collecting rings and all other areas under the control of the OC, the Chief Steward and Stewards officiating with him/her at the Event must:~~

- ~~i. Assist the athletes in conducting reasonable training;~~
- ~~ii. Intervene in time in order to prevent any abuse of horses by competitors, grooms, owners or any other person;~~
- ~~iii. Intervene in order to prevent any contravention of SASJ Rules or of the common principles of good behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship;~~
- ~~iv. Be familiar and assist with medication control procedures.~~

- ~~4. One steward must be on duty at the Practice Arena at all times whenever it is in use.~~

- ~~5. Any irregularities must be reported to immediately by the Chief Steward to the President of the Ground Jury.~~

6. The Chief Steward must be a person experienced in show jumping. The name of the Chief Steward must be published in the schedule and in the programme of the Event.

7. SASJ maintains a list of all qualified Stewards who have been recommended by their Provincial Committee's ~~EXCOs~~ and accepted by SASJ.
~~The Chief Stewards at Championship Events must be appointed from the FEI list of~~

~~Stewards.~~ 8. The qualifications for a Steward are specified ~~as per the FEI Stewards Hub, or as per SASJ Requirements.~~

11.9 STATUS AND LIABILITY OF OFFICIALS

1. Any official may be removed from office or demoted by ~~SASJ for failing to comply with SASJ and/or FEI rules & regulations.~~ This paragraph does not confer any power of removal on the OC of an Event.
2. All officials acting at or in relation to a Recognised Event are acting on behalf of SASJ and are therefore not liable financially or otherwise for any acts, omissions or decisions taken in good faith in connection with their duties.

11.10 OFFICIALS OFFICIATING AT EVENTS OUTSIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA

~~All SASJ~~ Officials invited to officiate, or attending seminars, workshops or training outside South Africa are requested to notify SASJ National Official Representative in writing, who will inform SAEF. Omitting to do so may incur disciplinary actions.

This is necessary in order to verify eligibility, and to maintain liaison within and outside South Africa and, where possible to arrange for panel officials travelling to other countries to represent SASJ at conferences or meetings which might take place during their visit.

GENERAL	
PROPOSALS RECEIVED	
S Walker Proposal	<p>I have been meaning to write to you regarding non-refundable entry fees for some time.</p> <p>In this day and age most competitors are not in a position to write off entries for shows, if the entries are not sold beforehand.</p> <p>Therefore a system should be put in place, whereby if there is a legitimate reason for a refund of entries, ie Vet certificate/Dr's certificate. Then a refund should be given.</p> <p>A case in point was the Easter Show.</p> <p>There were a lot of horses that suffered before the show from an eev related virus as well as other viruses. These horses, including my two 135s, were not able to compete at the show.</p> <p>If refunds are not given, it effectively means that the show holding bodies are receiving money for nothing. It would be interesting to actually find out from the showholding bodies, how they arrive at their entry fees that they now charge?</p> <p>I understand that there are expenses incurred by show holding bodies. However, the bigger venues do receive considerable sponsorship which I would assume goes towards the prize money? Which in turn assists the show holding body to divert some of their other income towards the other expenses of the show. In the case of Kyalami Park Club. As they are NPO, I would assume that income derived from shows and membership would naturally go back into the club to pay their expenses?</p> <p>So to refund riders/horses with a valid reason, would not incur a lot of loss to the show. In fact it would probably be a very small percentage wanting refunds.</p> <p>As riders invariably want to compete at these shows, it would be highly unlikely that they would scratch unless it were for a very valid reason. Like illness(rider) or lameness(horses).</p> <p>Bearing in mind that if there is a problem with a horse's soundness to compete. The rider would have already spent a vast amount on Veterinary treatment, as would be the case if a rider were ill. The rider too would have spent money on a Doctor's consultation as well as any medication.</p> <p>It is therefore not an insurmountable problem for show holding bodies to either refund entries or carry forward entries. Nor would it be a problem in terms of the clerical side of things. Provided that the refund is accompanied by the relevant valid Vet/Dr certificate.</p> <p>I have spoken to quite a few of my fellow competitors, and all of them without exception are in agreement. That Rule 7.9 paragraph 3 Sub Heading Refunds. Should be changed, and that refunds up to the first day of the show should be permissible with either a valid Vet Certificate or a valid Doctor's Certificate. In order for a rule change, this would obviously have to happen at the end of the year, when the Executive meets to discuss various issues?</p> <p>Would I then have to write again to yourself or the President? And would I need to get confirmation from other competitors stating that they are in agreement to a rule change?</p> <p>I am sure that the rule change will be successful, as it is a genuine financial concern held by a lot of members.</p> <p>I look forward to your early reply.</p>