

MPUMALANGA EQUESTRIAN SHOW JUMPING



TEAM MEMBERS TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2023

SELECTION POLICY

- Timely submission of EOI is critical as this submission confirms availability, understanding of the terms and conditions and commitment to attend the competition as well as associated training, preparation or prize giving events. Failing to be available after submission of EOI will be viewed negatively in future selection processes
- Selectors are mandated to always choose, in their opinion, the best team for the competition with the object of winning.
- Position on the team is a privilege and not a right.
- Selection is made on merit, but not necessarily on points attained.
- Ranking from a certain date will be a starting point for making the long list – usually about 8 to 10 rider & horse combinations.
- Selection will be **largely based** on the results achieved by riders at stipulated types of competition. However, results alone will **not lead** to automatic selection.
- Rider temperament and consistency will be a consideration – team player potential is important.
- Health of horse is imperative and it is expected that riders should keep the committee updated on any health issues from the release date of long list. Horses and riders will be presented as a provincial team and the health and soundness of the team horses cannot be over emphasised. It is the responsibility of the committee to present a sound and winning team on the day and riders will be held accountable for the condition of horses. The governing body of MPSJ will work with owners and riders to ensure the best possible conditions and facilities at the show to ensure the best performing and presented animals on the day.
- Riders must inform the MPSJ committee at least 3 weeks before the date of the National Championships.
- Should a horse not be 100% sound at the relevant Championship the Chef d'equip in consultation with the Selectors and the President of the Ground Jury will make a decision if the horse may compete for the duration of the show
- Availability for the competition is essential.

TEAM STRUCTURE

- Teams may consist out of 5 riders and 6 horses/pony, this includes a reserve rider
- In the event of a team horse/pony not performing on standard throughout the entire competition the Chef d'equip in consultation with the Selectors can decide to replace the team rider with the reserve rider

SELECTION PROCESS

- Selection criteria agreed and published.
- Selectors obtain all relevant ranking lists.
- Youth teams: All graded Shows will be considered from SA Youth Champs 2022 until 6 weeks prior to the SA National Date.
- Adult teams: All graded Shows will be considered from 1 January 2023 until 6 weeks prior to the SA National Date.
- The selectors may at their sole discretion place greater emphasis on results achieved at nominated and mandatory events! Placing in any head-to-head performances will be considered but will not automatically position one athlete above another when being considered for selection!
- Competition-based factors will be taken into consideration when assessing each performance. These include, but are not restricted to:
 - The performance of the athlete or horse relative to the quality and number of competitors in the event.
 - The quality and consistency of the riding by an athlete.
 - The general conditions under which the performance is achieved, such as the weather and external condition.
 - The ability to perform under the stress and pressure of a top-level championship.
 - The ability of athletes to prepare their horse to peak condition for a major campaign.
 - The ability of athletes to contribute towards an effective team environment.
 - The demonstrated ability of athletes and horses that they are suitable representatives of their province.
 - Consistency of performance and form to contribute towards a team score.
 - The ability of the athlete to compete in such a way that he/she puts the team's performance above his individual goal – good team player
 - The ability and experience to ride unknown horses whether this factor the team competition being selected for, or not.

RIDERS RESPONSIBILITIES

- The responsibility for entering any required shows rests with the athlete.
- The athlete has a responsibility towards the team to stay for the full duration of the show and be available to compete in all team classes and stay for the team prize giving
- Travelling, stabling and accommodation arrangements and costs will be for the Riders account unless special team provisions are announced as part of the invitation to submit EOI
- All riders making themselves available for selection must be prepared to contribute towards maximizing their own and their team's potential. This may include attending squad training sessions, assisting other riders through the benefit of their own experience with feedback, competition planning and communication.

VETERINARY

It is the sole responsibility of the rider to represent a healthy sound horse/pony for the Team event. In the case of a horse/pony being unhealthy or unsound before the start of the entire Championship show and the rider wishes to still take part in the event, the Selectors council have the full right to request a Vet check. The vet account will be for the rider's expense. Any rider who decides to compete with an unsound or unhealthy horse/pony will prejudice their future for selection for the MPSJ team. There may be an official comprehensive inspection, at a date to be advised by the selectors in conjunction with the team manager / trainer/ Chef d'équipe, which any or all horses must attend and where a blood and / or urine test may be taken. The team trainer or manager may wish for the team veterinarian to visit riders' yards during the build up to a championship to monitor potential team horses regarding health, soundness, and fitness. Failure to comply with this policy may influence team selection. Riders are encouraged to have their own veterinarian present during any pre-selection assessments and to encourage open communication between their own and the team veterinarian – if the team veterinarian is the rider's normal practitioner, an outside consultant may be brought in.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of exceptional circumstances such as injury or illness, or non-availability in selectors' discretion, the Selection Criteria may be waived or modified to enhance the likelihood of achieving the stated goals.

Riders that have a home address in Mpumalanga and are out of province for studies – Must submit a request to the selection committee to waive the 2 (two) show min in province compliance. Selection Committee approval must be made to accept exemption.

CHANGES OF CRITERIA

The Selectors have the right to change or amend selection criteria where necessary at any time to fulfil the objectives of the selection policy if these changes are clearly communicated to all parties.

By signing this document, I agree to all Terms and Conditions as set out per this document.

Full Name and Surname (Rider over 18 and or Guardian/Parent if rider is under 18)

Riders Full Name and Surname (If rider is under 18)

Signed

Date

Email signed document with EOI form to thiesajvr@gmail.com