

## **Horse Passports – Southern African Group IX FEI**

### **New Passport**

All horses participating in the following disciplines are required to have a valid Southern African Group IX FEI passport:-

- Dressage
- Show Jumping
- Eventing
- Carriage Driving
- Equitation
- Vaulting
- Showing

Jockey Club issued horse passports are not permitted for competition purposes and so the owner will have to apply for new Group IX FEI passports. On submission of the passport application a copy of the ID pages are required.

The SAEF would like to encourage the Equine Breeders to purchase new passports for foals born in order to ensure that the vaccination history is kept up to date and when that foal is sold then the transfer of ownership is recorded and maintained.

### **Protocol for Full or Lost/Stolen Passport**

The application form is to be sent to SAEF/Agent indicating in the passport number request field the passport number. Ideally if a copy of the middle ID page of the passport could be submitted along with the application it makes the processing procedure easier. The SAEF would like to encourage owners to keep a copy of the ownership page and middle ID page of passport for record purposes so that in the event of lost/stolen passports the proof of number issued can be confirmed.

For full passports, the owner page and ID page is to be attached to the application.

The SAEF/Agent will then issue what is referred to as a “blank passport” which facilitates the issuing of the same number for the horse. The objective of this process is to ensure that once a Group IX FEI Passport number has been issued to a horse that number remains with the horse for life – like a person’s ID.

The owner is required to have the “blank passport” completed according to the process as described in the passport, this means the middle ID page is to be completed by the vet and the ownership information completed and signed by the owner. The vet will also need to transfer the latest vaccination info from the old passport into the new one. The vet may make reference to all previous vaccinations being valid and up to date by entering this comment under the heading of the AHS and Flu vac pages, signing and dating when comment made.

This passport will then need to be validated by the SAEF/Agent thus ensuring that the “new” passport now becomes the valid passport.

**Cost of passport** - R 150-00 VAT inclusive and the application form can be found on the SAEF website.

**Blue Passports** – Southern African Group IX FEI – these passports are still valid.

**Owners need to treat horse passports with the same respect as an ID document.**