

SA SHOW JUMPING

2026 PONY RIDER TRI-NATIONS

SELECTION POLICY

("Selection Policy")

1. OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy sets out the principles, procedures and criteria applied by SA Show Jumping ("SASJ"), a discipline of the South African Equestrian Federation ("SAEF"), for the fair, transparent and objective selection of Athletes to represent the Republic of South Africa at the 2026 Pony Rider Tri-Nations.

The objective of this Selection Policy is to achieve the best possible competitive outcome while ensuring compliance with all applicable SAEF, FEI, SASCOC and horse/pony welfare regulations, and upholding the values of integrity, sportsmanship and team cohesion.

2. DEFINITIONS

Athlete	Means the combination of a rider and a pony, but may also refer to the rider or the pony individually where the context so requires.
Pony	Means an equine measuring 148 centimetres or less in height without shoes, as determined in accordance with FEI Measuring Regulations.
SA Show Jumping / SASJ	Means South Africa Show Jumping.
SASJ Team	Means the Athletes selected to represent South Africa at the 2026 Pony Rider Tri-Nations - The team will consist of up to four (4) combinations (with a minimum of three [3]) plus one [1] reserve athlete.
FEI	Means the Fédération Équestre Internationale.
SAEF	Means the South African Equestrian Federation.
SASCOC	Means the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee.
Selectors	Means the persons duly appointed by SASJ to select the SASJ Team.
Selection Process	Means the process conducted during the Selection Period, commencing on 11 March 2026 and continuing until the final selection is made by 30 April 2026, or as otherwise determined by SASJ.

3. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Selectors is to identify and select Athletes who are, in their considered and unbiased opinion, suitable representatives of South Africa and best positioned to achieve competitive success at the 2026 Pony Rider Tri-Nations.

In achieving this objective, the Selectors shall ensure that selected Athletes conduct themselves with dignity, propriety and sportsmanship, adhere strictly to all applicable welfare standards, and contribute positively to a cohesive team environment.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Any Athlete wishing to be considered for selection must, as a minimum:

- Be eligible to compete for South Africa in accordance with FEI General Regulations, including Article 119.
- Be duly registered with SASJ and SAEF and in good standing.
- Be a South African citizen and in possession of a valid South African passport.
- Be ordinarily resident in South Africa, unless otherwise approved by SASJ.
- Meet the FEI age requirements for Pony Riders, being eligible from the beginning of the calendar year in which the rider turns 12 (twelve) until the end of the calendar year in which the rider turns 16 (sixteen).
- All Athletes must have performed consistently well at Pony Rider Open level (1.10m and above) in order to be considered for selection.
- Have no disciplinary proceedings pending at the time of selection or during the Selection Process.
- Meet all pony and rider qualification requirements as determined by SASJ and the Selectors.
- Be in appropriate medical and veterinary condition to compete.
- Have signed all mandatory agreements by the published cut-off dates.
- Be available for required clinics, briefings, team activities and functions.
- Be fully committed to attending designated selection events.
- All athletes and officials are required to comply fully with the SAEF Dress Code. Adherence to the Dress Code is a mandatory condition of eligibility and participation in all events governed by these Selection Criteria.
- As a condition of final confirmation of selection for the Pony Rider Tri-Nations, each athlete hereby agrees and undertakes to present their pony for official measurement at the designated measuring session to be conducted at the Easter Festival. Attendance at this session is compulsory.

5. BORROWED PONIES

- The Pony Rider Tri-Nations shall be conducted using borrowed ponies.
- Each selected S.A. Team athlete shall provide a suitable pony, subject to approval by the Selectors.
- Selected athletes must agree that such pony may be included in the official team pony draw.

6. SELECTION COMMITTEE

Convenor: Kate Launder

Selectors: Lisa Williams

Brendan McNevin

Tracey Carney

- The Selection Committee shall be appointed by the SASJ Executive Committee.
- Selectors shall be individuals of appropriate experience and standing.
- Selectors must act independently, impartially and transparently.
- The committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) Selectors, together with a Convenor.
- Selectors and the Convenor may participate in the Selection Process in person and/or via approved video or livestream review.

7. SELECTION CRITERIA

To be eligible for selection, Athletes must:

1. Be a current SASJ members in good standing.
2. Submit a duly completed Expression of Interest by the published deadline.
3. Acknowledge and comply with the SASJ Code of Conduct.
4. Have committed no anti-doping violation within the preceding twenty-four (24) months, as defined by SAIDS and/or WADA.
5. Be physically and mentally fit to compete at the required standard.
6. Not have acted in any manner that has brought SASJ, the sport, or South Africa into disrepute.
7. Acknowledge that selection is based on merit and is a privilege, not a right.
8. Accept that selection is not based solely on points or placings.
9. Demonstrate consistency, appropriate temperament, and team compatibility.
10. Commit irrevocably to participation if selected.

8. SELECTION PROCESS

- Additional selection criteria, if any, shall be published in advance.
- Performances at designated selection events shall be considered.
- Athletes must be willing to participate in training activities, including riding unfamiliar ponies where required.
- Athletes must comply at all times with applicable anti-doping, conduct and welfare regulations.

9. SELECTION EVENTS

1. 2026 Presidents Cup – Maple Ridge
2. 2026 Easter Festival – Kyalami Park

10. SELECTORS' EVALUATION PROCESS

Selectors may consider, inter alia:

- Performance at designated selection events.
- Quality and effectiveness of riding.
- Consistency and reliability.
- Ability to perform under pressure.
- Adaptability when riding different ponies.
- Contribution to a positive team culture.

Any Selector with a conflict of interest must recuse themselves from relevant deliberations.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information relating to the Selection Process shall be treated as strictly confidential by all parties involved.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT

Selected Athletes must sign the Team Member Agreement prior to competing and comply at all times with SASJ, SAEF, FEI and WADA rules, including equine anti-doping and medication control regulations. The SASJ Social Media Policy shall apply at all times.

13. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In exceptional circumstances, including injury or illness, the Selectors may reasonably waive or modify aspects of this Selection Policy in order to achieve its stated objectives, however this decision shall vest within the Selectors discretion exclusively.

14. COMMUNICATION

This Selection Policy shall be published on the SASJ website and administered by the Convenor of the Selection Committee.

15. APPEALS

15.1 An Athlete may appeal their non-selection only on the grounds that this Selection Policy was not properly applied.

15.2 No appeal shall be permitted against the merits of the selection decision.

15.3 Any appeal must be lodged in writing with the SA Show Jumping National Office within three (3) working days of the announcement of the SASJ Team.

15.4 Appeals shall be dealt with in accordance with the SASJ Constitution and applicable SAEF procedures.