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2023 S A Pony Rider Derby

Pursuant to a complaint that was lodged at the South African Pony Rider and Junior Derby hosted by Kyalami Park Club, SASJ made the interim decision to withhold the official awarding of prizes pending an investigation into an incident pertaining to an alleged unsanctioned training session that was conducted by certain SASJ members prior to the closing date of entries for the show. The investigation revealed that no formal competition rules were broken. SASJ has accordingly decided to award the prizes in accordance with the existing finishing positions.

Notwithstanding the above, SASJ is deeply disappointed with the conduct of the members, including riders, parents, and coaches, who knowingly partook in the unsanctioned training. Despite a finding that the strict letter of the law (rules) may not have been broken, such conduct is undoubtedly unsportsmanlike and not in the best interests of fair play within the sport. The actions of those involved are not condoned by SASJ and SASJ is in the process of adopting measures to prevent similar incidents occurring in the future.

Pending such measures, all members are strongly encouraged to ensure that their conduct always accords with the spirit of the SASJ Code of Conduct. SASJ wishes to remind all its members that it is incumbent upon them to know all the SASJ rules and regulations and to accept responsibility for ensuring that the principles of fair play are adhered to in order to promote a level playing field for all.

Regards
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