



SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL COLOURS POLICY FOR SAEF

INTRODUCTION

The SAEF will award Federation Colours and recommend to SASCOC the awarding of South African Colours in terms of the criteria laid down in the FEDERATION's Rules and Regulations, and in terms of the SAEF approved selection criteria of each respective Discipline Association Member or Associate Member and in terms of SASCOC's Colours Policy.

Selection criteria for each Discipline in respect of all Colours (Protea and SAEF) on a National Level, must be presented to, and approved by the SAEF before Colours can be considered and awarded.

Provincial and National Colours can only be awarded to South African Citizens. This excludes athletes who only have SA Residence Cards.

Provincial and National Colours will only be awarded to Disciplines who comply with SASCOC/DSAC regulations and are compliant and active in at least 5 Provinces.

All disciplines must submit selection criteria for:

1. International Competitions such as World Championship events, Nations Cup events, Test Matches, World Challenge Finals (individuals) with relation to Protea Colours.
2. International Competitions such as Africa Cups, Development Internationals, with relation to SAEF Gold, Silver and Bronze Colours. (see guidelines below)

Colours applications will not be considered unless a discipline's Selection/ Colours criteria has been signed off by the SAEF.



JUNIOR PROTEA COLOURS

- For JUNIOR colours there are no age categories e.g. U/14 or U/16 etc. as per SASCOC guidelines. Hence a discipline must within their Selection/Colours Criteria ascertain which riders in their discipline are seen as Junior.
- SASCOC - A category for “JUNIOR” colours has been instituted for those codes of sport who can substantiate that in the international rules of their discipline, provision is made for e.g. bona-fide junior world championships, junior continental championships, test matches, etc. A maximum age, which differs from sport to sport, is usually prescribed. JUNIOR Protea colours are not intended for “age-group” competitions and such colours shall have the designation “JUNIOR” underneath the prescribed insignia.
- When an application is being made, reference should be to JUNIORS and not to any particular age group.
- In view of the different FEI categories, all under 18 athletes should be referred to as JUNIOR in their application.
- If a Discipline’s International Federation allows for JUNIOR competitions up to and for u/21, these athletes will be selected as JUNIORS.

SENIOR PROTEA COLOURS

- SENIOR athletes will be all athletes 18 years and older on the 1st of January, unless a discipline specifies that athletes under 21 falls in the JUNIOR category.

Teams are to be selected as stipulated by the SAEF approved Selection Criteria.

Please note that only the best of the best athletes should be selected for Protea Colours.

VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

All athletes living and competing in South Africa, MUST participate in the foregoing National championships of the discipline before the international event.

- 1. Exception to above:** permission is granted by SASCOC to Athletes living and competing abroad in Europe, Americas, Middle East, Asia, and Australasia giving them exemption from clause 1.6 of the Agreement on the selection of Athletes for the Olympic Games or WEG. This is for all team selections.

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ALLOW FOR NATIONAL COLOURS:

- An INDIVIDUAL who through a selection process that has been approved by the SAEF, represents South Africa at an event where other nations have undergone a similar selection process. This can also apply to the selection criteria of the FEI for jumping, e.g. FEI World Challenge or FEI World Cup events.
- A TEAM who through a selection process as approved by the SAEF, represents South Africa at an event where other nations have undergone a similar selection process.
- The following competitions where teams have been selected as per the selection criteria of a National Discipline as approved by the SAEF:
 - A test match against another country (Team disciplines e.g. Polo & Polocrosse)
 - A triangular or multiple team events (Team competition as well as Individual competition)
 - A World Cup
 - A World Championship
 - Other International Competition of high standard. (Please note friendly competitions will not qualify for Colours)

COLOURS WILL NOT BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- The supporting or non-competing and managerial component of a national team or individual athletes will not be awarded national colours, **except for managers and coaches.**

Specific exclusion

Other members of the support/management team such as medical staff, physiotherapists, trainers, heads of delegation, media representatives, skippers, etc. do not qualify for national colours.

AND athletes competing at the following Games:

- **Olympic Games**
- **Commonwealth Games**
- **All Africa Games**
- **Individuals competing overseas, but have not gone through a selection process**

The following members of international teams may apply for National colours.

1. Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager
2. Coach and Assistant coach
3. All athletes selected

All Protea Team Apparel MUST be submitted to the SAEF for approval before ordered.

The following embroidery will appear on the blazer pocket below the Protea badge.

FOR SENIOR ATHLETES

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE NAME

FOR JUNIOR ATHLETES

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE NAME

JUNIOR

FOR MANAGERS

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE NAME

MANAGER OR ASSISTANT MANAGER

FOR COACHES

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE NAME

COACH OR ASSISTANT COACH

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION OF NATIONAL COLOURS (FOR ALL DISCIPLINES):

At least 45to 60 days prior to competition

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED WHEN APPLYING FOR NATIONAL COLOURS.

2. Completed NC 1 and NC 2 application forms.
3. Copies of all applicants' passports
4. Letter of approval and endorsement for international event from INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
5. Letter of approval to attend international event from the SAEF
6. Invitation from host country.
7. Letter from the host country's National body confirming that the Hosting team has been selected at the HIGHEST level and that this team will receive their country's National Colours.
8. Letter of acceptance to hosting country from discipline applying for Colours
9. List of selectors clearly identifying convener of selectors. (Convener of selectors does not have any say in the selection process he/she has a casting vote should a deadlock occur during the selection of a specific athlete.
10. List of selection dates
- 11. Selection criteria of the applicable discipline as approved by the SAEF**
12. Proof that all athletes have received the selection criteria
13. Minutes of all selection meetings
14. Resolution from DA National body approving the athletes selected by the selectors panel
15. All athletes, managers and coaches must be SAEF and Discipline registered and in good standing
16. Signed SAEF Code of Conduct for Athletes
17. Signed SAEF Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE ABOVEMENTIONED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR COLOURS, BUT IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE SAEF SUBMISSION TO SASCOC FOR THE APPROVAL OF PROTEA COLOURS

THE USE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN FLAG



In South Africa, the **South African Flag** is a symbol of achievement, with riders who have earned SA Protea Colours. Only these riders are permitted to display the SA Flag on their competition attire.

The use of the **South African Flag**, the **Colours of the National Team**, the **positioning of the national emblem** and the use of sponsor's logos on all kit are determined by the SAEF.

All kit designs must be submitted to the SAEF before the team kit is purchased for approval.

All other teams representing the SAEF or a National Discipline (non-Protea Colours) at an international friendly or invitational, may use the South African flag on their non-competition attire such as caps, banners and day sheets.

Please ensure that you adhere to these guidelines to continue being in good standing with the SAEF.

South African Riders competing abroad must apply through their National Discipline Association to the SAEF for permission to use the SA flag on their numnahs.

THE USE OF THE WORD 'SOUTH AFRICA' on COMPETITION ATTIRE

SOUTH AFRICA may be displayed on attire of those members who have obtained Protea Colours, as well as all other members who are representing their Discipline in an international competition.

SOUTH AFRICAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION COLOURS BLAZER WILL BE A NAVY BLAZER



SAEF colours to be awarded as per below:

1. For athletes who do not qualify for Protea Colours, but who participate at the highest level of competition they will be participating in. In other words, B teams or teams participating in Africa Games, Continental games etc., etc.

GOLD SAEF COLOURS 1ST LEVEL BEFORE PROTEA COLOURS

- Will be awarded to athletes participating in the highest level of the competition, but do not qualify for Protea Colours.
- This will include age group teams (e.g. U14, U16, U18) competing in test match events.

SILVER SAEF COLOURS

- Will be awarded to athletes partaking in Regional Competitions e.g. Africa Cup

BRONZE SAEF COLOURS

- Will be awarded at Entry Level/ Development International competitions.

PROVINCIAL COLOURS APPLICATIONS:

Provincial Colours will only be awarded for teams competing in Inter Provincial and teams competing at National Championships. Only teams at the highest level of a category may apply for Provincial colours (e.g. Junior Open, Pony Rider Open, etc)

Discipline specific criteria to be used must be in line with the criteria of the National Discipline Association. These requirements are also applicable to SANESA when applying for Provincial Schools colours.

When applying to the SAEF Provincial Federation for Provincial colours the following documentation must accompany the application. The SAEF Provincial Federation will endorse the application and forward it to the Provincial Sports Confederation of the applicable Province for approval.

1. Completed application form as supplied by the applicable Provincial Sports Confederation.
2. Name and ID numbers of athletes for whom colours are requested. This is also applicable for the managers and coaches.
3. Letter of approval and endorsement from National Discipline Association
4. Letter of confirmation from National DA of date and Province where Provincial Championships will take place.
5. List of selectors clearly identifying convener of selectors. Convener of selectors does not have any say in the selection process he/she has a casting vote should a deadlock occur during the selection of a specific athlete.
6. List of selection dates
7. **Selection criteria of the applicable discipline**
8. Proof that all athletes have received the selection criteria
9. Minutes of all selection meetings
10. Resolution from DA Provincial body approving the athletes selected by the selector's panel
11. All athletes, managers and coaches must be SAEF and discipline registered and in good standing (Fully paid up)

12. Signed SAEF Code of Conduct for athletes
13. Signed SAEF Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches

Please note that only the best of the best athletes should be selected for Provincial Colours

PROVINCIAL EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION COLOURS APPLICATIONS:

Provincial Equestrian Federation (PEF) Colours will only be awarded for teams competing in Inter Provincial and teams competing at National Championships.

PEF colours may be awarded in categories that are open to all provinces and which have at least two provinces competing against each other. Applications will be handled by the president of each PEF.

IF A DISCIPLINE WISHES TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT IN SOUTH AFRICA THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY THE ABOVE APPLICATION:

1. Letter of application from a Discipline to SAEF to Host an International Event
2. Letter from International Federation whether they will contribute financial support or not
3. Endorsement letter from the Host Province (SAEF Provincial Federation)
4. Endorsement letter from the Host City (Local Municipality)
5. Endorsement letter from the Provincial Sport Confederation
6. Endorsement letter from the Provincial Department of Sport Arts and Recreation of the Province where an Event is hosted.
7. Budget for the Event indicating that the necessary funds are available for the successful completion of the event
8. Supporting documents from Sponsors supporting the event
9. Project plan / Business Plan

ADDENDUM 'A'
SAEF PROTEA COLOURS GUIDELINES

Protea Emblem



Junior Colours



Senior Colours



Protea Step Out – Ladies

All Disciplines



- ❖ Beige Chinos or Skirt
- ❖ White shirt or Blouse similar to pics
- ❖ Protea Scarf (NOT a tie)

- ❖ Protea Green Blazer
- ❖ Same colour shoes, either black or brown
- ❖ Plain black closed shoes (heel no higher than 5 cms), or pumps
- ❖ Hair neat and tidy, long hair tied back.



Protea Step Out - Men



- ❖ Beige Chinos
- ❖ White shirt
- ❖ Protea Tie

- ❖ Protea Green Blazer
- ❖ Same colour shoes either black or brown
- ❖ Black or brown Belt to match



Protea Competition Apparel

Showjumping, Dressage



- ❖ White Breeches
- ❖ Plain White Show Shirt
- ❖ Green Riding Jackets – S.A. Flag on left breast pocket (5 x 3 cm)
- ❖ Black Boots
- ❖ White Saddlecloths with RSA Flag

- ❖ **JUNIOR COLOURS** – Plain Green Collar
- ❖ **ADULT COLOURS** – Black Collar with Gold Piping
- ❖ Day Sheets – green, gold & white
- ❖ All apparel to be approved by SAEF



Badges on Riding Jackets



SENIOR



* There are only two categories namely Junior and Senior



Protea Competition Apparel

Polo, Polocrosse, Tentpegging, Mounted Archery, WM Games



White Breeches
Black breeches – Mounted Archery
Green, white and Gold Shirt
Black/brown Boots
Green/Gold/White Saddlecloths with RSA Flag

Day Sheets – green, gold and white
**All designs for shirts, numnahs, day sheets
to be approved by SAEF**



Approved by SAEF Exco on 4 August 2025 :

Signed:

DocuSigned by:
Ian sanne
C292E4747855413...
SAEF President

Secretary General