

**SOUTH AFRICAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**  
**SELECTION POLICY**

**1. Notes for Associations**

- a. For every event where South Africa is represented, the SAEF MANDATE document must be completed and circulated for the members of their association.
- b. No National colours will be submitted to SASCOC by the SAEF unless each Association is actively participating in the Coaches Framework outlined by SASCOC in November 2011. All coaches of National teams must satisfy the SAEF criteria that they are working towards registration and qualification by 2016.
- c. Any event held internationally with South African Participation or within the boundaries of South Africa must be approved by the South African Equestrian Federation BEFORE the selection process starts. Once all processes are complete, then the South African Equestrian Federation will seek ratification from SASCOC
- d. All submissions for National Colours must be submitted on the correct forms provided by SASCOC to the SAEF TIMEOUSLY along with the following supporting documentation:
  - i. The completed published Mandate for selection of the event.
  - ii. The team selected along with documentation supporting the athletes' eligibility requirements.
  - iii. The process used for selection along with all results, or rankings signed off Chief Selector and the president of the Association.
  - iv. The list of PROPOSED OFFICIALS with a motivation as to why that official will go. The official will be ratified by SAEF subject to criteria stipulated by the SAEF.
  - v. A tour itinerary or event details showing all details of the competition.
  - vi. Satisfy the SAEF through documentary evidence that the team competing against South Africa is a team selected at the highest level and endorsed as such by that countries Federation.
  - vii. 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
- e. All Participants, officials and administrators who participate in International or local events where South Africa is represented must agree to abide by the following rules and sign their declaration before participation:
  - i. The SAEF Code of Conduct as well as the SAEF Code of Good behaviour
  - ii. The SAEF policy on the welfare of the horse
  - iii. The SAEF policy on doping of horses, the administration of drugs and the use of banned substances.

- f. No Association or individual may represent any endorsed SAEF team if:
  - i. They are in bad standing with their Association, the SAEF or SASCOC
  - ii. They are involved in any disciplinary process or action against them by their Association, the SAEF or SASCOC which has not been concluded.
- g. Subject to the Constitution of South Africa, and in circumstances where there is a need for urgent relief of a sort which cannot be obtained through dispute resolution procedures, no body, Association or individual falling under the jurisdiction of the SAEF shall approach a Court of Law to decide on a dispute it has with the selection process or individual affiliated to the SAEF.

2. Eligibility requirements of athletes to represent South Africa:

- a. The individual must be a South African Citizen and be a South African Passport Holder
- b. That each athlete has competed in their Associations National Championships in the prior year of selection.
- c. The athlete must have not had any disciplinary action pending against him at the time of selection or during the selection process.

3. In any international competition, the international rules of the discipline shall take precedence over local rules, except in the case where horse welfare or the safety of the athlete is compromised.

4. The following events do not attract Protea Colours:

- a. Olympic games
- b. Commonwealth Games
- c. All Africa games
- d. Asian Games
- e. Riding as a South African overseas without having gone through a selection process

5. The following events allow for Protea colours to be awarded:

- a. An individual who through a selection process represents South Africa at an event where other nations have undergone a similar selection process
- b. A team who through a selection process represents South Africa at an event where other nations have undergone a similar selection process
- c. The following competitions where teams have been selected at the country's highest level:
  - i. A test match against another country
  - ii. A triangular or competition of multiple teams
  - iii. A World Cup
  - iv. A World Championship

6. Where any rules or application of rules are omitted from this document, the rules and Regulations of SASCOC and the Discipline's International Body shall apply.