

ANNEXURE E SASJ OFFICIALS

1. OFFICIALS

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever others may reasonably perceive from given circumstances that a conflict exists. A conflict of interest is defined as any personal, professional, or financial relationship, including, but not limited to, relationships of family members that could influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for, or on behalf of SASJ.
2. Conflicts must be avoided whenever possible. However, there may be instances where SASJ must balance conflicts of interests against proven expertise in order to achieve the optimal sporting result.

3. Refer to FEI General Regulations – Appendix H

2. MEMBERSHIPS

ALL persons who are on a SASJ Officials Panels ~~must members of recognised panels of officials shall~~ be members of a club, SAEF and SASJ, they ~~and~~ must ensure that their membership is renewed on the SASJ database every year, they must agree to the SASJ and T's and C's ~~have been agreed to~~ and they must ensure that all their contact details are up to date.

3. OBLIGATORY USE

Officials officiating at CSN Events must be members of Official Panels as set out in below. The Provincial EXCO concerned shall approve officials officiating at events below CSN. Should it not be possible to obtain the services of an official on the required panel, the ~~Chairman of~~ EXCO may approve the use of an official on a lower panel.

OFFICIAL	CSN SASJ Challenges	CSN1* Rising Star Series Riders Grand Prix Series FEI Challenges	CSN2* SA Championships SA Titles	FEI1*	FEI CSIW 1*
Course Designer	FEI 1* Level 1 or Provincial II	FEI 1* Level 1 (or Provincial III FEI Challenge = Provincial II for FEI Challenge)	FEI2* Level 2 or higher	As per FEI FEI Article 209	As per FEI FEI Article 209
GROUND JURY Total Team Members	3	3	4	4	4
President GJ	FEI 1* Level 1 or National	2* FEI Level 2 or higher	2* FEI Level 2 or higher	As per FEI 2* Level 3 FEI Article 209	As per FEI 2* Level 3 FEI Article 209

SASJ Representative	2* FEI Level 2 or higher	2* FEI Level 2 or higher	3* FEI Level 3 or higher	3* FEI Level 3 or higher	3* FEI Level 3 or higher
Members GJ	1 x member Provincial or higher	1 x member Provincial or higher (Recommended)	2 x 1* 1 x FEI Level 1 or higher and 1 x Provincial or higher	2 x 1* 1 x FEI Level 1 or higher As per FEI Article 209	As per FEI Article 209
Foreign Judge	N/A	N/A Only for Competition 3 FEI JWCH	N/A	3* FEI Level 3 or higher if needed As per FEI	3* FEI Level 3 or higher As per FEI Article 209
STEWARDS Total Team Members	2	3	4	5	5
Chief Steward	FEI Level 1 or higher	FEI Level 1 (FEI Level 2 2* or higher Competition 3)	FEI 2* Level 2 or higher	FEI Level 3 * or higher As per FEI Article 209	FEI Level 3 * or higher As per FEI Article 209
Assistant Stewards	1 Provincial	3 -Min 2 x Provincial or higher	Minimum 1 x FEI Level 1 or higher 1 x Provincial or higher 1 x Nat or higher	Minimum of 4 Assistants 1 may be National As per FEI Article 209	Minimum of 4 Assistants all FEI As per FEI Article 209
OTHER OFFICIALS					
SJ Electronic Timekeeper	Recommended	SASJ Officials List or can be local electronic timing	SASJ Officials List	SASJ Officials List	SASJ Officials List
Riders Representative	Recommended	Recommended	Compulsory for Adult Open	Compulsory for Adult Open	Compulsory for Adult Open
Marshall	Recommended	Compulsory	Compulsory experienced	Compulsory experienced	Compulsory experienced
GJ Secretary	Recommended	Recommended Compulsory for FEI Challenge events	Recommended	Compulsory for FEI	Compulsory for FEI
Commentator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

OFFICIAL	PROVINCIAL	RECREATIONAL
Course Designer	Provincial or higher	SASJ Learner or above
Ground Jury	Provincial Judge or higher	SASJ Learner or above
Chief Steward and Assistant Stewards	Provincial Steward or higher if possible Not compulsory	N/A

Timekeeper	Yes	Yes
Secretary	Yes	Yes
Announcer	Yes	Recommended
Marshall	Recommended	Recommended

~~N.B WHERE POSSIBLE The person calling the jumps must be responsible.~~

~~NB: FOR ALL EVENTS HOSTING WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS, THERE WILL BE 1 CHIEF STEWARD AND 4 ASSISTANT STEWARDS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOW. THERE WILL BE ONE HORSE INSPECTION, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE 24 HOURS BEFORE THE WCQ CLASS STARTS, THE HORSES WILL THEN MOVE INTO SECURE STABLES UNTIL THE END OF THE WCQ CLASS. ON THE DAY OF THE TROT UP FOR THE WCQ, MORE STEWARDS MAY BE APPOINTED TO ASSIST.~~

Note: Stewarding and Horse Inspection Protocol for World Cup Qualifier Events

For all events hosting World Cup Qualifier (WCQ) classes, the following requirements apply:

Stewarding Requirements

- A total of 1 Chief Steward and 3 Assistant Stewards must be appointed from the start of the National event.

- On the day of the WCQ trot-up, additional stewards must be appointed as per FEI regulations.

. Additional stewards over and above the minimum requirements may be appointed, but will not be on the FEI Schedule.

- The OC must provide an Admin Secretary to assist the vet with Passports.

Stewards for the National days at World Cup events may have one day off on rotation.

Horse Inspection Protocol

- A single horse inspection will take place within 24 hours prior to the start of the WCQ class.

- Following the inspection, all WCQ horses must be moved into secure stables, where they will Remain until the conclusion of the WCQ class.

4. GROUND JURY

1. At CSN Events each competition shall be **judged** by a group of three judges including the SASJ Rep in the Judges Box plus one additional judge for the Water Jump should there be one, appointed by the OC.
2. The Ground Jury members share the responsibility for the running of Competitions or Events according to the conditions of the approved schedule in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations, SASJ Rules and Regulations and SAEF Rules and Regulations.
3. The SASJ Representative and President of the Ground Jury is for the technical running of Competitions or Events according to the conditions of the approved schedule in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations, SASJ Rules and Regulations and SAEF Rules and Regulations.

2. Duties, Responsibilities and Jurisdiction

1. Competency

The Ground Jury **must be** competent to deal with all Protests provided that they relate to matters occurring during or in direct connection with an Event and that they are presented within the **applicable deadline**.

The Ground Jury shall consist of a President ~~and a number of judges of the appropriate categories as laid down in the rules.~~ Members as per Officials 1.3 above.

A Judge, as a member of the Ground Jury reports to the President of the Ground Jury and shares the responsibility for the technical running of competitions or events. The SASJ Rep take on the responsibilities of the FJ where one is not appointed.

2. Period of Jurisdiction

The period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences either 1 hour before the beginning of the first horse inspection or, if there is no horse inspection, the first competition or the course walk (whichever is earlier), until 30 minutes after the announcement of the final results unless the schedule provides otherwise.

3. Veterinary Matters

In appropriate cases involving veterinary matters and in the absence of an Appeal Committee, the Veterinary Delegate at an Event must be invited to join the Ground Jury in an advisory capacity.

PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH PROTESTS **SASJ Legal to advise**

Article 161 – Protests

Procedures for lodging and resolving protests shall be governed by Policy C of the SASJ Constitution. Where applicable, reference may be made to FEI General Regulations Article 161, provided such reference does not conflict with SASJ policy.

~~Article 161 – Protests~~

~~General Principles~~

~~161.1 Protests may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity in an International Event or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the FEI including for failure to observe the Statutes, GRs or Sport Rules or violation of the common principles of behaviour, fairness, or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with an International Event or, in the case of Abuse of Horse, at any other time.~~

~~Decisions not subject to Protest~~

~~161.2 There is no Protest against:~~

~~(a) Decisions of the Ground Jury arising from the field of play, which are final and binding, such as, but not limited to:~~

~~(i) where the Decision is based on a factual observation of performance during a Competition or the awarding of marks for performance;~~

~~(ii) whether an obstacle was knocked down; whether a Horse was disobedient; whether a Horse refused at an obstacle or knocked it down while jumping;~~

~~(iii) whether an Athlete or Horse has fallen;~~

~~(iv) whether a Horse circled in a combination or refused or ran out;~~

~~(v) the time taken for the round;~~

~~(vi) whether an obstacle was jumped within the time; and/or~~

~~(vii) Whether, the particular track followed by an Athlete caused the Athlete to incur a penalty;~~

~~(b) The Elimination or Disqualification of a Horse for veterinary reasons, including nonacceptance~~

of a Horse at a Horse Inspection unless otherwise specified;
(c) The Elimination or Disqualification of an Athlete for medical reasons/fitness to compete;
(d) The imposition of a Warning without additional sanctions or of a Yellow Warning Card.

Protest Deadlines and Status of Decisions

161.3 In order for a Protest to be validly filed, the following deadlines must be complied with regardless of whether the person filing the Protest is on-site at the relevant Event or not:

<i>Protest Concerning</i>	<i>Applicable Deadline (i.e. no later than)</i>
The eligibility of an Athlete or Horse for a specific competition or Event	Thirty (30) minutes before the start of the relevant competition
The condition of an Arena	Thirty (30) minutes before the start of the relevant competition
An obstacle, or the plan or length of the course for a jumping Competition	Fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the Competition
Irregularities or incidents during a Competition	Thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of the results of the relevant competition
The results of a competition	Thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of the results of the relevant competition
A Challenge to the procedures followed in the application or implementation of any Rule	Thirty (30) minutes after the notification of the application or implementation of such rule

Authority to File Protests

161.4 FEI Protests may only be lodged by:

- ~~the FEI,~~
- ~~Presidents or Secretary Generals of NFs,~~
- ~~Officials,~~
- ~~Chefs d'Equipe or, if there is no Chef d'Equipe, by a Person Responsible or a Team Veterinarian responsible for Horses taking part in the Event.~~

161.5 Protests concerning an abuse of Horse may be lodged by any person or body. See Article 142 (*Abuse of Horse*).

Procedure for Filing a Protest

161.6 All Protests must be in writing, signed by an authorised person within the meaning of Article:

161.4 and be accompanied by any supporting evidence, including the names of witnesses (if any).

161.7 Protests to the Ground Jury shall be presented within the applicable time limit to the President of the Ground Jury or to any member of the Ground Jury if the President is not available together with the necessary deposit.

SAEF Protests may only be lodged by the

- ~~SAEF Secretary General;~~
- ~~President of a National Discipline Association;~~
- ~~Officials;~~
- ~~Chef's d'Equipe or a person responsible (if no Chef d'Equipe);~~
- ~~Team Veterinarian responsible for Horses taking part in the event;~~

Deposit

~~161.7 A deposit of R2000 must be paid on site in order for the Ground Jury to have jurisdiction to consider the Protest.~~

~~161.8 No deposit is required for Protests claiming Horse Abuse of any nature.~~

~~161.9 If the Protest is successful, the deposit will be refunded.~~

~~161.10 If the Protest is dismissed, the deposit will not be refunded.~~

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Protest Review by Ground Jury

~~161.11 Before reaching a Decision on any Protest, the Ground Jury must:~~

~~– consider if it has jurisdiction or not (see Article 161.14 below)~~

~~– examine the available evidence, whether written or oral;~~

~~– hear all the parties concerned where appropriate under the rules (and provided they are available); and~~

~~– take into account all relevant material, in every case trying to reach a fair and equitable Decision.~~

~~General Regulations, 24th edition, 1 January 2025, updates effective 1 January 2023-35~~

~~161.12 In Protests involving veterinary matters during Events the President of the Veterinary Commission or the Veterinary Delegate at an Event may provide advice to the Ground Jury.~~

~~161.13 The Ground Jury may request the advice and assistance of a representative of the FEI in~~

~~order to ensure the correct Protest procedures, as set out in this Article 163, are complied with.~~

Jurisdiction

~~161.14 Where one party asserts that the Ground Jury does not have jurisdiction and/or the Ground~~

~~Jury itself questions its jurisdiction, the Ground Jury must consider the arguments for and against jurisdiction and render a Decision on jurisdiction prior to considering the merits of the Protest. If the Ground Jury decides that it does not have jurisdiction, it shall not proceed to consider or comment on the merits of the Protest.~~

Use of Video Evidence

~~161.15 The use of all technical assistance available including, but not limited to, official video recordings (an official video recording is considered to be a recording made by a broadcast network or a video company hired by the OC, except where specified otherwise in the relevant Sports Rules) is permitted to assist Officials in carrying out their responsibilities under FEI rules.~~

~~161.16 For a video recording to be accepted under FEI Rules for purposes of a Protest, it must be presented within the required time period as set out in Article 161.3 above.~~

~~161.17 If the Ground Jury relies on video evidence to alter the outcome of any Competition After the results have been communicated, such video recording must contain irrefutable evidence that the original ruling or Decision was incorrect. The use of video shall always be within the confines of the applicable rules and must never by its usage alter the Rules currently in effect.~~

Communication of Decision

~~161.18 Where possible, Decisions must be notified in writing to the parties concerned.~~

Appeal

161.19 Decisions of the Ground Jury arising from a Protest at FEI Events MUST be referred to FEI, and National to SASJ

Subject to the unanimous agreement of the **SASJ Representative**, President of the Ground Jury, ~~SASJ Representative~~, Veterinary delegate and Show Director/Show organiser, a competition (either before or during) can be postponed and/or cancelled, not only due to force majeure, catastrophic occurrences, extreme weather conditions but also for non-compliance with FEI Rules and in specific situations where the welfare or safety of the Horses, Athletes officials or public is compromised. This includes any changes in arenas or warm up arenas.

5. COURSE DESIGNER

1. The Course Designer is appointed by the OC. At **all South African Championships and FEI Events**, SASJ EXCO **Technical, Officials and Administration portfolios** must ratify this appointment.
2. A Course Designer must be especially mindful of the Conflict-of-Interest rule set out above **(1.1)** and, in particular may not act as Course Designer at the same **CSN and Above** Event immediate relatives are competing. Officiating CD may not instruct any competitors.
Refer to FEI General Regulations – Appendix H
3. The Course Designer must give the Ground Jury a copy of the course plan showing accurately all the details of the course. An exact copy of the course plan given to the Ground Jury must be posted as close as possible to the entrance of the arena, and should be posted at least 30 minutes before the beginning of each Competition; if applicable the time allowed may be added to the course plan later than 30 minutes before the start of the Competition as soon as the Course Designer has finished measuring the course. For all Competitions the track as measured by the Course Designer must be indicated on the course plan that is posted prior to the Competition.

6. PRESIDENT OF THE GROUND JURY

1. A judge, as President of the Ground Jury reports to SASJ and in conjunction with the SASJ Representative has the responsibility to ensure the technical requirements for the running of SASJ competitions or events according to the conditions of the approved schedule and in accordance with SASJ and FEI rules and regulations.
- ~~2. SASJ to list the names, qualifications and nationality of the persons who are endorsed to exercise the functions and fulfil the requirements set forth in the SASJ education system.~~
3. **2.** PGJ has the call for any horses the official veterinarian advised should be failed from the horse inspection.
- 3 **The PGJ must be present for the duration of the event, including all Horse Inspections.**
- 4 **The PGJ is responsible for the organisation and deployment of the Ground Jury.**

7. SASJ REPRESENTATIVE

1. **Appointment**
A SASJ Rep will be appointed for each CSN Event. The SASJ Executive will make the appointment. The SASJ Rep may be a member of, but not the president of the

Ground Jury ~~-(Except SASJ Challenge Events)-~~ Responsibility with PGJ as per 6.1 above.

To ensure neutrality and avoid regional bias, SASJ Representatives assigned to CSN2* events and above must not be domiciled in the same province where the event is being held.

2. Qualifications

It is essential that the SASJ Rep has a detailed knowledge of all the Show jumping Rules including the **General Regulations**, Veterinary **Regulations** and Drug Testing Regulations.

All SASJ Representatives must be knowledgeable in the rules and must be **of the correct level (as per Officials 1.3 above)**. At CSN Events and above the SASJ Representative may be a member of the Ground Jury but not the President. In the absence of a SASJ Representative the most senior official present at the event shall act in this position (Provincial events). A

To be present for the duration of the event, including all Horse Inspections.

3. Duties and Responsibilities.

The prime responsibility of the **SASJ Representative** is to ensure that the SASJ rules and the conditions of the schedule are properly and correctly applied. He/She may only permit variations where they are in the best interests of the sport as a whole and of **all** the competitors.

To uphold governance standards, no SASJ Representative shall serve as a member of the Ground Jury at the South African Youth Championships.

4. They will also be responsible for the following:

1. ~~Ensure the OC has organised the~~ Ensuring the safe delivery of any trophies and medals required for the Event.

2.1. ~~Ensuring~~ Ensure that any changes to programmes and/or timetables are fair and do not prejudice any competitors

3.2. ~~Deciding, Decide~~, in consultation with the Show Director, the President of the Ground Jury, Chief Steward and, if necessary, the Course Designer, whether an event or part thereof should, due to exceptional circumstances, be postponed, suspended or cancelled, ~~with unanimous agreement~~. This includes any changes of arena's and warm up arenas.

4. ~~Ensure~~ Ensuring that the correct protocol for awarding prizes is followed.

5. ~~Ensuring that all report forms required by the rules and regulations are available at the show, that they are completed by those responsible and returned to SASJ.~~

6.5. ~~Ensuring~~ Ensure that the prize money **reflected on the start list** distribution has been correctly calculated in terms of the Rules.

7.6. In exceptional circumstances, and in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury, the SASJ Representative, **and Show Director/OC** may vary the qualification requirements of any championship.

8.7. The SASJ Representative is to report on all activities of the event and send their report to the SASJ Office for circulation.

SASJ must approve the appointment of the SASJ Representative for each CSN Event, and this representative should be a ~~FEI 3*~~ of the appropriate level as per Officials 1.3 above.

~~9. As per Annexure D 9.1.3 should an athlete have more than one horse in a class, the order of starting shall be adjusted by the OC to ensure where possible these horses shall be allowed a gap between them of 10 horses—At CSN and above events the SASJ Representative shall approve any adjustment to the starting order.~~

8. CHIEF STEWARD

1. The Chief Steward is approved by the SASJ Exco and reports to the President of the Ground Jury.
2. Duties and responsibilities are set out in the *FEI Stewards Hub*, to which reference should be made.
3. Liaising with the Veterinarians regarding their ~~in~~ attendance during the main class of the event.
4. Consult with the SASJ Representative and PGJ if there are any issues or irregularities. The Chief Steward is responsible ~~for the stewarding team and is appointed~~ to ensure a level playing field and Horse Welfare is in place.
5. During the whole event, in every part of the stables, in exercise and schooling areas, in collecting rings and all other areas under the control of the OC, the Chief Steward and stewards officiating with him/her at the Event must:
 - i. Assist the athletes in conducting reasonable training;
 - ii. Intervene in time in order to prevent any abuse of horses by competitors, grooms, owners or any other person;
 - iii. Intervene in order to prevent any contravention of SASJ Rules or of the common principles of good behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship;
 - iv. Be familiar and assist with medication control procedures.
6. One steward must be on duty in the practice arena at all times whenever it is in use.
7. Any irregularities must be reported immediately by the Chief Steward to the President of the Ground Jury.
8. The Chief Steward is required to send a report to the SASJ office at the conclusion of the event.

9. EXPENSES FOR OFFICIALS

- 1 All expenses of appointed Officials, including but not limited to all travelling, accommodation and meals, must be met by the OC. Should the fees not be in accordance with Annexure E. These expenses must be at a rate previously agreed between the OC and the Official concerned.
SASJ will pay the SASJ Representative and President of the Ground Jury for National and FEI Events.
- 2 OC's must provide Suitable ~~2 3*~~ single accommodation for All Officials travelling out of their home town/city. ~~from out of Province.~~ Sharing of accommodation is not recommended. If sharing is unavoidable, the OC must request agreement in writing from all officials involved when invitations are sent for the event.

OC's must provide **all officials with 2x ~~4~~ meals per day** for the time the official is at the show (including Tea/coffee and cold drinks **and water**) **for the duration of the event. ~~breakfast & lunch is at the OC's expense.~~** For out of Province officials any sponsored Dinner vouchers **are is compulsory. (Recommended R 100 per day)**

10 MINIMUM MANDATORY FEES PAYABLE TO OFFICIALS

Should the OC pay their officials more than the above tariff, this will be for their own account for all the officials.

All Course Designers Assistants daily recommended fee **=~~R500~~-R800**

The SHB/OC undertakes to ensure that payment of officials is made within 5 days of the event.

Any Proposed Increase?

OFFICIAL	CSN1*	CSN2*	FEI1*	FEI CSIW 1*
Course Designer	R1500 per day plus R750 set up	R1500 per day plus R750 set up fee	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
SASJ Representative	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
President Ground Jury	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
Ground Jury Members	R1050 per day	R1050 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
Chief Steward	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
Assistant Stewards	R1050 per day	R1050 per day	FEI Recommended	FEI Recommended
SASJ Electronic Timekeeper	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	R1250 per day	R1250 per day
Marshall	R800	R1000	R1000	R1000

OFFICIAL	PROVINCIAL	RECREATIONAL
Course Designer	R1050 per day plus R500 set up fee	As per OC
Ground Jury	R800 per day	As per OC
Chief Steward and Assistant Stewards.	R800 per day	As per OC
Marshall	R800 per day	As per OC
Other Officials	R600 per day	As per OC

11. APPOINTMENT TO OFFICIALS PANELS

11.1 JUDGES

1. A Judge is a member of a Ground Jury appointed to officiate on the **Ground Jury** at a competition or event.

2. ~~SASJ EXCO will publish send to the OC the~~ names and qualifications of members who are recommended to exercise the functions and fulfil the duties of FEI ~~and FEI Candidate Judges,~~ **SASJ National Judges and SASJ Provincial Panels.**
3. Judges in one Category may not fill appointments at a level higher than that laid down in these Rules unless specifically authorised by **SASJ** EXCO.

11.2 FEI JUDGE

1. A list of qualified FEI judges is maintained by the FEI in terms of their Rules and Regulations.
2. Unless provided otherwise, only an FEI Panel Judge **of the correct level** may be appointed as President of the Ground Jury for Championships.

11.3 ~~FEI CANDIDATE JUDGE~~ SASJ NATIONAL JUDGES, PROVINCIAL AND LEARNER JUDGES.

1. A list of ~~FEI Candidate Judges~~ **SASJ National Judges** is maintained by SASJ.
2. The qualifications and duties of **SASJ National** ~~FEI Candidate~~ Judges are laid down by SASJ.

11.4 GROUND JURIES – APPOINTMENT

1. The Ground Jury shall consist of a President and **member** Judges of the appropriate categories as laid down in **Officials 1.3 above**.
The Ground Jury **led by the SASJ representative** is responsible for the technical **judging running** of all competitions and **events according to the conditions of the approved schedule in accordance with FEI, SAEF and SASJ Rules and Regulations** ~~for~~ all other decisions except where otherwise stated in the Rules.
2. The President and members of the Ground Jury at CSN Events shall be appointed by the Organising Committee, unless otherwise stated in these Rules.
3. **An Official Judge** at Events holding CSN Status, may not carry out any other ~~official~~ functions **other than that they were appointed for**, at that Event.
4. **SASJ Exco may request an additional lower-level judge be added for experience purposes, in liaison with the OC and Provincial committee.**

11.5 INTERNATIONAL COURSE DESIGNERS

1. A list of FEI Course Designers is maintained by the FEI in terms of their rules and regulations.
2. Unless provided otherwise, only an FEI Course Designer may be appointed as Course Designer for Championships.

11.6 NATIONAL COURSE DESIGNERS

1. A list of National Course Designers is maintained by SASJ
2. The qualifications and duties of Course Designers are laid down by SASJ.

3. The Ground Jury may not order a Competition to start until the Course Designer has reported that the course is ready. Thereafter, the Ground Jury is solely responsible for the conduct of the Competition.

11.7 VETERINARY DELEGATES

1. Veterinary Delegates are nominated by the PEXCOs and are appointed in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.
2. The Veterinary Committee approves the appointments, categorises the veterinarians according to their experience to officiate in different disciplines.
3. A list of Veterinary Delegates is maintained by SASJ, as approved by FEI.
4. The OC shall appoint the Veterinary Delegates.

11.8 STEWARDS

1. OC of all Championships CSN Status shows must appoint a Chief Steward and an appropriate number of Stewards as per Officials 1.3 above under the authority of the Chief Steward, wearing distinctive identification such as badges, armbands, bibs, etc with complete freedom of access to all areas mentioned in 3 below.
2. OCs are responsible for all administrative matters relating to the appointment of the Chief Steward and the Assistant Stewards.

- ~~3. During the whole Event, in every part of the stables, in exercise and schooling areas, in collecting rings and all other areas under the control of the OC, the Chief Steward and Stewards officiating with him/her at the Event must:~~

- ~~i. Assist the athletes in conducting reasonable training;~~
- ~~ii. Intervene in time in order to prevent any abuse of horses by competitors, grooms, owners or any other person;~~
- ~~iii. Intervene in order to prevent any contravention of SASJ Rules or of the common principles of good behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship;~~
- ~~iv. Be familiar and assist with medication control procedures.~~
- ~~4. One steward must be on duty at the Practice Arena at all times whenever it is in use.~~
- ~~5. Any irregularities must be reported to immediately by the Chief Steward to the President of the Ground Jury.~~

6. The Chief Steward must be a person experienced in show jumping. The name of the Chief Steward must be published in the schedule and in the programme of the Event.
7. SASJ maintains a list of all qualified Stewards who have been recommended by their Provincial Committees EXCOs and accepted by SASJ.

~~The Chief Stewards at Championship Events must be appointed from the FEI list of~~

~~Stewards.~~ 8 The qualifications for a Steward are specified as per the FEI Stewards Hub, or as per SASJ Requirements.

11.9 STATUS AND LIABILITY OF OFFICIALS

1. Any official may be removed from office or demoted by SASJ for failing to comply with SASJ and/or FEI rules & regulations. This paragraph does not confer any power of removal on the OC of an Event.
2. All officials acting at or in relation to a Recognised Event are acting on behalf of SASJ and are therefore not liable financially or otherwise for any acts, omissions or decisions taken in good faith in connection with their duties.

11.10 OFFICIALS OFFICIATING AT EVENTS OUTSIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA

All SASJ Officials invited to officiate, or attending seminars, workshops or training outside South Africa are requested to notify SASJ National Official Representative in writing, who will inform SAEF. Omitting to do so may incur disciplinary actions.

This is necessary in order to verify eligibility, and to maintain liaison within and outside South Africa and, where possible to arrange for panel officials travelling to other countries to represent SASJ at conferences or meetings which might take place during their visit.