



SA Show Jumping ("Selection Policy")



FEI CSIO NATIONS CUP TEAM EVENT 2026

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1. OVERVIEW

This document outlines the Selection Policy, processes, and timelines that SA Show Jumping ("SASJ") will follow in order to select, in a fair and transparent manner, the riders who will represent the Republic of South Africa at the 2026 Adult FEI CSIO Nations Cup.

The primary objective is to achieve the best possible results while ensuring that all selected athletes adhere to the principles of sportsmanship, team cohesion, and horse welfare.

2. DEFINITIONS

Athlete	Refers to the rider; however, it may also indicate the combination of horse and rider or either the horse or rider individually, as context requires.
SASJ	South Africa Show Jumping.
SASJ Squad	Athletes and horses selected to remain under consideration for the SASJ Team.
SASJ Team	A Nations Cup squad of up to five (5) horse-and-rider combinations, with a minimum of three (3), from which four (4) combinations will be selected to compete in the Nations Cup Team Competition, with one (1) combination designated as reserve at the Event.
SAEF	South African Equestrian Federation.
SASCOC	South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee.
FEI	Fédération Équestre Internationale.
CSIO	Concours de Saut International Officiel.
Mandatory Event	An event in which athletes and horses are required to compete in order to remain eligible for selection.
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency.
Selectors	Individuals duly appointed to evaluate and select athletes.



3. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Selectors is to identify and select athletes who are worthy representatives of South Africa and who will strive to achieve the best possible results at the competition.

This shall be done while ensuring that, at all material times, athletes:

- Conduct themselves with propriety, dignity, and fairness;
- Comply strictly with horse welfare standards; and
- Contribute positively to a cohesive and effective team environment.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection must meet, at a minimum, the following requirements:

- Be a registered member in good standing with both SASJ and SAEF;
- Be a citizen of the Republic of South Africa and hold a valid RSA passport;
- Be eligible to compete for South Africa under FEI General Regulations (Article 119);
- Have no criminal convictions or pending criminal charges;
- Not be subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings at the time of selection or during any material period of the Selection Process;
- Submit a duly completed Expression of Interest (EOI) form, along with the relevant horse(s);
- Acknowledge that selection is based on horse-and-rider combinations;
- Hold the appropriate qualifications for both athlete and horse;
- Meet the applicable age requirements for the 2026 FEI CSIO Nations Cup;
- Be in an approved medical and veterinary condition;
- Have signed all agreements as required by SASJ;
- Be available to attend all required clinics, training sessions, briefings, and official functions; and
- comply fully with the SAEF Dress Code, which constitutes a mandatory condition of eligibility and participation.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- Appointment: The Selection Committee shall be appointed by the SASJ Executive.
- Requirements: Members must be of good standing, possess the requisite expertise and experience, and perform their duties impartially, independently, and transparently.
- Composition: The committee will 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 virtual platforms.



The selection committee will be made up of the following members:

- Lisa Williams - Chairperson & Selector
- Tracey Carney - Selector
- Brendan McNevin - Selector
- Kate Launder - Convenor

6. GENERAL SELECTION PROCESS PRE-CONDITIONS

Throughout the Selection Process, all athletes must:

- Undertake any training and competition programmes reasonably required by the Selectors, unless a written exemption is granted by SASJ following a timely request;
- Make their horse(s) available for examination at a reasonable time and location as requested by the Selectors or the Team Veterinarian and accept and implement any reasonable recommendations;
- Provide accurate and current information to SASJ when required;
- Comply with any additional conditions communicated in writing by SASJ prior to or at the time of selection;
- Make available, if selected, a suitable horse for inclusion in the pool of horses to be provided to international athletes for the Event, subject to reasonable standards of suitability and fitness as determined by SASJ;
- Notify SASJ immediately of any injury, illness, or condition affecting athlete or horse performance; and
- Confirm that they have obtained the consent of the horse owner(s).

For the avoidance of doubt, the selection relationship exists solely between SASJ and the athlete, and SASJ shall not engage directly with horse owners.

7. SELECTION EVALUATION POLICY

Selectors will evaluate athletes and horses based on the following (with discretion to emphasize one or more factors):

- Primary consideration will be given to performances at FEI CSI-W events and the South African Adult Championship. (1.40m and higher);
- Greater emphasis may be placed on results from nominated and mandatory events at the highest level;
- Head-to-head performance results will be considered, but they will not automatically rank one athlete above another during the selection process;
- The ability and experience of the Athlete or Horse to compete successfully at high-level international competition.

Consideration will be given to:

- Ability to perform under the stress and pressure of a Nations Cup team event;
- Capacity to prepare the horse to peak condition for a major campaign;



- Contribution to an effective team environment;
- Consistency of performance and overall form;

Each Selector will compile a merit-based list.

Any Selector with a conflict of interest (including coaching or familial relationships) must recuse themselves from the relevant deliberations.

All meetings, discussions, and decisions will be documented, with the convenor present at every meeting. In the event of a deadlock, the convenor's casting vote will determine the outcome. The final selection will be submitted to the SASJ President for ratification prior to announcement.

All aspects of the Selection Process are strictly confidential and may not be disclosed to any third party.

8. SELECTION POLICY

To be eligible for final selection, athletes must:

- Not have committed any anti-doping violation within the preceding 24 months in terms of SAIDS and/or WADA regulations;
- Be medically and psychologically fit to compete;
- Conduct themselves in a manner that does not bring the sport, SASJ, SAEF, SASCOC, or South Africa into disrepute;
- Acknowledge that selection is based on merit;
- Accept the Selector discretion;
- Demonstrate consistency, sportsmanship and team commitment;
- Make an irrevocable commitment to the event;
- Accept that decisions of the Selectors are final, subject to SASJ Executive ratification;
- Acknowledge that SASJ may amend this policy if necessary, subject to approval and communication;
- Recognise that the Chef d'Equipe retains ultimate responsibility for final team selection; and
- Comply with all applicable SASJ, SAEF, SASCOC, and FEI regulations.
- Compete in the FEI CSIO Nations Cup on the horse with which they were selected, unless otherwise approved by SASJ under exceptional circumstances;
- Ensure that the nominated horse is capable of confidently jumping a water jump under competition conditions;

9. SELECTION EVENTS

The following events are designated as selection events; subject to change and are based on the addition or modification of FEI dates on the SASJ calendar.

1. Polokwane FEI CSI-W @ The Ranch: 6-10 May 2026
2. Midrand FEI CSI-W @ Kyalami Park: 28-31 May 2026
3. Foresyte FEI CSI-W @ Durban Shongweni Club: 17-21 June 2026
4. SA Adult Championship @ Kyalami Park: 5-10 August 2026
5. Mooi River FEI CSI-W @ Maxwell's: 3-6 September 2026
6. Nottingham Road FEI CSI-W @ Waterwoods: 10-13 September 2026
7. Kromdraai FEI CSI-W @ Maple Ridge: 22-25 October 2026



10. TIMELINE

- Expression of Interest Submission Deadline: 6 May 2026
- Final Team Announcement: 28 October 2026
- Athlete Agreement Submission Deadline: 30 October 2026

11. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of injury, illness, or other unforeseen circumstances, the Selectors may, at their discretion, amend the criteria to ensure that objectives of this Policy are upheld.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT

Selectors will consider not only performance but also the athlete's willingness to:

- Contribute positively to the SASJ Team and its reputation;
- Comply with SASJ, SAEF, FEI, and WADA regulations, including those relating to doping and veterinary medication;
- Adhere to SASJ social media policies; and
- Participate in training sessions, provide feedback, and engage in effective communication to maximize both individual and team potential.

13. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

All athletes participate in the Selection Process and the 2026 FEI CSIO Nations Cup entirely at their own risk. SASJ, its Executive, Selectors, officials, employees, and representatives shall not be liable for:

- Any injury, loss, damage, or expense incurred by an athlete, horse, or associated party; or
- Any indirect, consequential, or financial loss arising from participation or non-selection.

Each athlete indemnifies and holds harmless SASJ and its representatives against any claims arising from:

- Their participation in the Selection Process;
- Their participation in any related training, events, or competitions; and
- Any act or omission by the athlete or their horse.

14. RIGHT TO AMEND AND INTERPRET

SASJ reserves the right to:

- Amend, vary, or withdraw this Selection Policy at its sole discretion, where it is reasonably necessary to do so; and
- Interpret the provisions of this policy where ambiguity or uncertainty arises.



Any amendments must be:

- Approved by the SASJ Executive; and
- Communicated to all affected athletes as soon as reasonably practicable.

In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation, the decision of SASJ shall be final and binding, subject only to the appeals process set out herein.

15. FORCE MAJEURE

SASJ shall not be held responsible for any failure or delay in fulfilling its obligations under this Selection Policy where such failure arises from events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to:

- Acts of God;
- Disease outbreaks affecting horses or humans;
- Government restrictions or regulatory changes;
- Cancellation or rescheduling of events; or
- Any other unforeseen circumstance.

In such circumstances, SASJ reserves the right to:

- Amend selection criteria;
- Substitute selection events; or
- Make selection decisions based on available performance data and expert discretion.

16. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information relating to the Selection Process shall remain strictly confidential in order to protect the integrity of the process and the interests of all stakeholders.

17. COMMUNICATION

This Selection Policy will be published on the SASJ website and is made available through the SASJ National Office. All matters relating to SASJ Team selection must be directed to the Convenor.

18. APPEALS

18.1 An Athlete may appeal only on the basis that this Selection Policy was not correctly applied.

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

18.3 Appeals must be submitted in writing to the SASJ National Office within three (3) working days of the team announcement.

18.4 Appeals shall be adjudicated in accordance with the SASJ Constitution and applicable SAEF procedures.