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## SASJ Rule Directive 1/2026

### SASJ AGE OF HORSES

#### Annexure D – update

#### 15. PERMITTED AGES OF HORSES IN COMPETITIONS

The minimum age for horses to be entered in ridden competitions at Recognised events & SASJ venues shall **have reached** ~~be~~ four years **of age before the date of the competition**. As per FEI competing horses at 6 years for National and International Competitions – (FEI254) **New FEI Article 202** or as per the SASJ event regulations, SA Title Rules and Annexure A - 12.3

#### Annexure A – update

#### 12. AGE OF HORSES

12.1 The official date of birth of all Horses born in the Southern Hemisphere is 1 August.

12.2 The official date of birth of all Horses born in the Northern Hemisphere is 1 January.

12.3 The minimum age for horses to be entered in ridden competitions at Recognised Events & SASJ Venues shall **have reached** four years **of age, before the date of the competition**. As per FEI competing horses at 6 years for National and International Competitions – (*Old FEI FEI254*) **New FEI Article 202** or as per the event regulations for SASJ Events or FEI Events.

12.4 In order to compete at the levels set out in the first column, horse must be as old as the age set out in the last three columns & **Refer to specific class rules.**

Level of Competition	Age of Horse			
	Pony	Junior	Senior	Recreation & Entry Level
Below 0.50m	4	4	4	4
0.50m	4	4	4	4
0.60m	4	4	4	4
0.70m	4	4	4	4
0.80m	4	4	4	4
0.90m	4	4	4	4
1.00m	4	4	4	4
1.10m	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years
1.20m	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years
1.30m		6 years	6 years	6 years
1.40m		7 years	7 years	7 years
>1.40m		7 years	7 years	7 years

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##### **SASJ CONDITIONS ON CLOSED OBSTACLES**

As per FEI Art 238.1 A combination is completely closed if the sides surrounding it can only be surmounted by jumping.

***Therefore, there must be no gaps in the obstacle surrounds that would allow the horse to step out.***

Art 238.4 The Ground Jury must decide before the competition whether the combination is to be considered as closed or partially closed. This decision must be shown on the course plan.

***Therefore, only if the obstacle fulfils the criteria in Art 238.1 above may it be shown on the course plan or judged as a closed obstacle.***

***The Derby bank at a SASJ Derby may never be built with a slope that is more than a 60-degree angle***

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