

# SECTION 1 SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## GENERAL SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

### 1 Status

Only the following competitions, excluding their qualifying classes, are officially recognised as South African National Show Jumping Championships and unless otherwise stated in the specific rules of each championship, must be run in accordance with this Section.

- 1.1 The Senior South African Show Jumping Championship.
- 1.2 The Junior South African Show Jumping Championship
- 1.3 The Pony Rider's South African Championship
- ~~1.4 The Young Rider SASJ Championship~~
- 1.5 The U25 SASJ Championship

### 2 Allocation

- 2.1 Each National Championship shall be staged only once in any one calendar year and shall only be staged at CSN Events.
- 2.2 All National Championships shall be allocated to Provinces by SASJ, and no National Championship shall be allocated unless SASJ is satisfied that the required standards will be upheld at the event.

### 3 Application to Host

- 3.1 SASJ EXCO having been allocated a National Championship shall as soon as possible thereafter notify the SASJ National Office of proposals. Timeously completed SLA's need to be received by the 1st of September each year.

The Name of the Event.

The Venue

The Address of the OC and Show Secretary.

The Dates and Length of the Event.

The Proposed prize money and/or other awards offered for the championship classes.

The position that the championship class/es would occupy on the programme.

- 3.2 SASJ in allocating each championship must ensure that the following facilities are available:

Satisfactory stabling. 200 Stables ? **Gauteng & KZN Proposal 350**

Adequate spectator and catering facilities.

Adequate facilities for Athletes and grooms.

Adequate equipment necessary to hold competitions of S A Championship standard and to satisfy the Sponsors requirements regarding the venue, Arena Surface, choice of suitable dates, programme, presentation, organisation, production etc.

Adequate arenas and practice areas

- 3.3 A SA National Championship shall not be advertised or staged until the OC of the event at which it is to be staged has received permission in writing from SASJ.

### 4 Requirements

- 4.1 Notification of date.

The SASJ Office shall notify Council the OC of a National Championship, of the date and duration of the Championship at least three months prior to that date, and it must be published on the National Calendar, the OC concerned shall send copies of the approved schedule to the SASJ National Office at least two months before the closing date of entries.

- 4.2 The schedule and programme/catalogue must state clearly that the championship is being staged under the authority of SASJ.

## 5 Eligibility of Athletes, Owners and Horses

### 5.1 Athletes and Owners and Horses

- 5.1.1 Eligibility of Athletes, Owners, and horses as per Appendix A, B & C
- 5.1.2 An Athlete/Horse Combination may only compete in one S A Championship title class and Qualifiers in a calendar year, this does not include the ~~SASJ YR~~ and SASJ U25 Championship

### 5.2 Horses/Ponies

- 5.2.1 Senior S A Championships  
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries  
Horses must be ~~older than~~ 7 years ~~or older. (KZN)~~  
S A Adult Championship – and the qualifying classes Height 1.50m Speed 375mpm
- 5.2.2 Junior S A Championships  
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries  
Horses must be ~~older than~~ 7 years ~~or older. (KZN)~~  
S A Junior Championship – and the qualifying classes.  
~~Height: 1.35m Speed 375mpm~~  
Height: 1.30/ 1.35m Speed 375mpm
- 5.2.3 Pony Championships are restricted to Ponies as per Annexure A & C  
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries  
SASJ Ponies heights apply and must be 6 years or older.  
S A Pony Rider Championship – and the qualifying classes  
~~Height : 1.20m Speed 350mpm~~  
1.10/1.15mSpeed 350mpm
- ~~5.2.4 SASJ Young Riders Championships~~  
~~Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries~~  
~~Horses must be older than 7 years.~~  
~~As per FEI Jumping Rules Annex IX – Chapter I – Article 3~~  
~~SASJ YR Championship – and the qualifying classes Height 1.40m ??? Speed~~  
~~375mpm~~
- 5.2.5 SASJ U25 Championships  
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries

Horses must be ~~older than~~ 7 years. **or older. (KZN)**

As per FEI Jumping Rules Annex IX – Chapter I – Article 3 **DOES NOT APPLY – Athletes as per SASJ Annexure A the year a rider turns 16 to the end of the year a rider turns 25.**

SASJ U25 Championship – and the qualifying classes Height 1.40m Speed 375mpm

## 6 Floating Trophies

- 6.1 All championship floating trophies remain the property of SASJ and shall not be handed over to the winners of a championship.
- 6.2 The OC under whose auspices a championship is staged shall be responsible for the collection from and safe return of floating trophies to SASJ, as soon as possible after the event.
- 6.3 The OC under whose auspices a championship is staged is also responsible to make good any damage to any trophy and to replace any trophy not returned to SASJ.

## 7 Medals

Medals shall be provided by SASJ and shall be awarded to:

SA Individual Championship Medals

Gold	First Placed Individual
Silver	Second Placed Individual
Bronze	Third Placed Individual

## 8 Prize Giving Protocol

The SASJ Floating Trophy, Medals and Mementos should where possible be awarded by:

### Trophy

The Sponsor of the Class, or if not available,  
The President of the Ground Jury

### Medals

The President or Vice President of EXCO, or if not available.  
The Chairman of the OC, or if not available.  
The SASJ Representative/Technical Delegate/Member of SASJ Exco

### Mementos

The sponsor of the class or if not available,  
The Chairman or nominee of the Organising Committee

## 9 Entries

- 9.1 The Senior, ~~Young Rider~~ and under 25 Individual Championships shall not be classified as official, nor the trophies and medals awarded, **unless there are at least 10 (ten) starters in each of the qualifying competitions.**  
**PROPOSAL to 10 Starters in the SA Championship Classes for Pony Riders and Juniors.**  
Application may be made to SASJ Executive to waive this rule.
- 9.2 The junior and Pony Rider individual Championships shall not be classified as official, nor trophies awarded, unless there are ~~at least 8 (eight) starters in each of the qualifying~~

**PROPOSAL to 10 Starters in the SA Championship Classes for Pony Riders and Juniors.**

competitions. Application may be made to SASJ Executive to waive this rule.

**PROPOSAL KZN – Juniors and Pony Riders Change to 8 Starters in the Championship**

- 9.3 The OC may at their discretion allow buying and selling of entries for SA Championships up to 12H00 the day before the start of the show.
- 9.4 Substitutions of horses will not be allowed after the Veterinary Inspection has taken place.
- 9.5 An entry shall be one horse and rider combination

**10 Order and Conditions of Classes.**

- 10.1 It is compulsory for all qualifying competitions preceding a championship to be held in the order stated in the rules or schedule.
- 10.2 All National Championships shall be held in daylight, unless the night lighting provided at the venue is approved by the SASJ Representative in conjunction with the President of the Ground Jury, the OC, and the Course Designer, as being of a sufficiently high standard to permit one or more of the qualifying competitions to be staged at night.

**11 Order of Starting**

- 11.1 In the qualifying competitions, the order of starting shall be determined in accordance with FEI Art 252.
- 11.2 In the Championship competitions the order of starting shall be in ascending order of points gained in the qualifying competitions. (Reverse order of merit).
- 11.3 Where possible a gap of at least 10 (Ten) horses shall be allowed between horses ridden by the same Athlete. This shall be achieved by moving that Athlete's first horse upwards in the order of riding.
- 11.4 Where there is equality of points among the horses qualified, the horses will compete in the same order relative to each other as they did in the last qualifying competition.

**12 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS**

- 12.1 This competition shall be run over two rounds of a Championship course of International Standard (**identical course**) and in accordance with FEI Art 273.1, 273.2.1, 273.3.4.2, 273.4.4

**PROPOSAL: Juniors no Jump Off**

**Pony Riders 273.3.1 273.4.3**

**( These horses & Ponies are also doing Team Championships)**

**This competition shall be run ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING FORMULA**

**Standard (identical course) and in accordance with FEI Art 273.1, 273.2.1, 273.3.4.2, 273.4.4**

**Gauteng Proposal: Please change to 2 normal round Grand Prix where round 2 riders in reverse order. This will keep the prestige and allow horses/ponies a breather if they do other disciplines, only suggested for Pony Riders and Juniors Art 273.3.1**  
**Pony rider and junior SA champs should be run over a 2 round grand prix instead of two full round and a jump off as many of those horses also do other disciplines.**

**KZN PROPOSAL: “no jump off for Championship classes”. Suggest Adults have 1 full round, 2<sup>nd</sup> round shortened course and if equality then jump off.**

**Pony Riders & Juniors to just 2 rounds, as they are generally multi discipline and team classes and it leads to fatigue on the final day.**

- 12.2 Speed at 375mpm for Senior and Junior S A Championship, and 350mpm for Pony Rider S A Championships. Speed may be adjusted by the President of Ground Jury in conjunction with the Course Designer to suit the arena size but may never be less than 350mpm.
- 12.3 The first round the course will consist of between ten and twelve numbered obstacles and shall include either one double and one treble combination or three double combinations. If possible, a water jump should be included in the course but may only be included if it was included in one of the qualifying competitions.
- 12.4 The second round shall be the same (**identical course**) as the first round, the dimensions of the fences may be altered at the discretion of the course designer. **Gauteng Proposal except for Pony Riders and Juniors**
- 12.5 The dimensions of the fences in the jump off course may be altered at the sole discretion of the Course Designer.
- 12.6 All rounds of Championship Class shall follow immediately one after another, however where necessary there shall be an interval of not more than fifteen minutes between the rounds.
- 12.7 The points totals are used only to determine the order of the riding in that class. The points totals have no bearing on the scoring for the Championship Class itself unless otherwise specifically stated in the rules of a Championship.
- 12.8 No Wild Cards/Invitational will be allowed at South African Championship events.

## **13 QUALIFYING SYSTEM**

The qualification for the championship shall be as follows.

- 13.1. There will be 2(two) classes.
  - a. A 2 Competition FEI Article 238 2.1 – qualifying class
  - b. Competition FEI Article 238 2.2 – qualifying class.
- 13.2. To compete in the championship horse and athlete combinations must complete at least one of the qualifying classes.
- 13.3. The qualifying for the: Championships
  - a **Adult & U25 top 30 (thirty) ranked combinations per class.**
  - b **Junior top 24 ( twenty four) ranked combination per class.**
  - c. **Pony Rider top 20 ( twenty) ranked combinations per class.**
- 13.3.1 In all qualifying competitions irrespective of the number of starters, the competitor placed first receives 50 points, the second receives 47 points, the third receives 45 points, and the fourth received 44 points and so on reducing by one point per place.
- 13.3.2 In the case of ties for any place in any of the qualifying competitions, the competitors that tie shall each receive the full point's entitlement or that place that they would have received had there been no tie.

- 13.3.3 There will be two qualifying competitions preceding the S A Championships, both scores will be counted towards the S A Championships Qualifications.
- 13.3.4 Competitors who retired or are eliminated receive no points.
- 13.3.5 The Organising Committee is required to ensure that no more than one qualifying competition take place each day.
- 13.3.6 No Athlete is permitted to ride more than two horses in a S A Championships class. In the event of an Athlete qualifying more than two horses, the Organising Committee shall, immediately the final list of qualifiers is known, obtain the Athlete's decision as to which two horses that Athlete intends to ride in the S A Championships Class.
- 13.3.7 In the event of a withdrawal of any of the qualified horses, additional horses may, at the discretion of the PGJ and the SASJ Representative, be introduced in order of merit into the S A Championships Class to maintain the number qualified.
- 13.3.8 No Wild cards for S A Championships will be permitted.
- 13.3.9 The Previous year's horse /rider combinations winners automatically qualify for the SA Championship. Should this combination fall within the top 30/24/20 qualified there will not be an additional starter. The horse/rider combination still need to have completed one of the qualifying competitions.
- 13.4 In the Grand Prix the order of starting shall be in ascending order of points gained in the qualifying competitions in reverse order of merit.
- 13.5 The Organising Committee is required to ensure that the following words appear in the schedule and in the programme for the Events beneath the description of all qualifying competitions.  
***"Recognised as a qualifying competition."***
- 13.6 In the event of it not being possible to determine exactly the best 30 qualified horses, due to a points total producing a tie or a late withdrawal of an Athlete, it shall be the responsibility of the PGJ and the SASJ Technical Delegate at the Event, to authorise either an increase or a decrease in the number of Athletes that may take part in the Championship Class. Under no circumstances, however, shall one Athlete be permitted to ride more than two horses.
- 13.7 The Organising Committee shall ensure that a list of qualifying points of all horses, together with the order of riding for the qualified horses, is posted up or made available within one hour of the completion of the last qualifying competition.
- 13.8 No entry, fee may be charged for the Championship Class itself. Organising Committees may however charge a starting fee. For purposes of determining of Entry Fee Levies, such starting fee shall be deemed to be an entry fee. Starting fee shall include the SASJ Levy.
- 13.9 Once the first qualifying competition of the Championship has started no substitution of Horse, is permitted for the Championship Class itself. However, in the qualifying competitions themselves, as individual competitions, substitutions of rider will be permitted.
- 13.10 SASJ Electronic Timing, approved by EXCO, incorporating a displayed countdown facility, is obligatory for all qualifying classes and the Championship Class.

## **14 PRIZES, TROPHIES AND MEDALS**

14.1. There shall not be fewer than three prizes for the Championship Class, and the first prize shall not be less than 33% of the total prize money for the Championship Class.

14.2 SASJ will award a floating trophy and a gold medal to the winner of each Championship, silver, and bronze medals for second and third.

14.3 On prior written application by a SASJ, The EXCO may grant permission for this regulation. To be varied. Such variation may only be granted for CSN Events and must be stipulated in the schedule.

## **15 JUDGES**

Championship Classes and their qualifying classes shall be judged by a Ground Jury as set out in Annexure Officials. Should the OC be unable to comply with this rule, they may apply to SASJ National for dispensation.

## **16 HORSE INSPECTIONS**

16.1 Horse inspections are compulsory for **S A Championships**. These inspections must be conducted in accordance with the FEI Stewarding Rules and the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

16.2 The costs incurred in holding horse inspections shall be for the account of the OC.

16.3 Every horse presented must have a valid passport and valid entry per horse.

16.4 No Substitutions of horse may take place after the vet inspection.

## **PROPOSAL STUART WALKER RE SPLITTING SA CHAMPS \_ ESPECIALLY WHEN HELD IN PROVINCES WITH 2 or LESS ARENAS**

*In my view I think that the championships should revert to the old system of separation.*

*The higher grades should have their own show and likewise! the lower grades should have their own championship.*

*This would alleviate the problem of trying to find a venue big enough to accommodate such a large show. Which has been the case this year.*

*I understand the need this year to have the championship at Stokkies, however a large proportion of your membership (lower grades), may have been prejudiced because of the smaller venue.*

*Due to perhaps the stabling constraints, accommodation and any other factors associated with having a championship of this magnitude at a venue such as Stokkiesdraai.*

*By reverting to the old system, whereby the championships were split, then the lower grade horses/riders would have more kudos and prestige.*

*At present, it would seem that the lower grades are just, fillers in, and great earners for show holding bodies at events such as the South African Championships.*

*This should not always be the case. The lower grades, I assume, would probably constitute at least 90% of the membership, of both horses and riders?*

*And should therefore be given the same consideration in terms of major championships as the higher grades.*

*Although by all accounts this year's South African Championships would seem to have been a success. However, perhaps by splitting next year's championship, will give not only the top grades one of their most important shows of the year. But will also give the lower grades their own championship, which would be equally as important to them.*

*Finally I hope that serious consideration will be given to splitting next year's championship, which I am sure would be received by the lower grade members with great enthusiasm.*

***Gauteng Proposal: agree that a higher level first then lower level SA Champs may have to be looked at and run back to back with a day or so in between where a show Venue only has 2 arenas.***

**We suggest a discussion to make adult champs two shows Higher and lower grades back to back and like Barry's idea**

**for a separate team event with several team categories will make it exciting and well supported.**

**KZN Proposal: Regarding the Gauteng Rider's suggestion on splitting lower grade and Open grade championship shows : KZN feels that if the stabling requirement is increased to 350+, this will do away with the need to split. Our feeling: Combined championships are exciting for riders as they get to ride with their idols and top SA riders get to produce young horses at the same show**