

# SECTION 6 SASJ NATIONAL TEAM EVENTS

## TRIAL Rules for 2025

### THE SASJ NATIONAL SENIOR, JUNIOR, AND PONY RIDERS' INTERPROVINCIAL TEAM EVENTS

#### 1. CLASSIFICATION

- \* SASJ Senior National Team Championship  
**Including a Young Riders Team and Veterans Team**
- \* SASJ Junior National Team Championship
- \* SASJ Pony Rider National Team Championship

#### 2. Eligibility of Athletes

Athletes must have been normally resident within the Republic for a period of twelve consecutive months or more, immediately preceding the closing date for entries, and must have their principal place of residence in the province which are they are representing, as at the closing date of entries. Athletes competing in the Senior, Junior, and Pony Rider National Team Championships – must have the correct SASJ Registration for Open Category, and have the necessary QR points as per Annexure A.

A Horse/Pony Athlete combination must have entered the National Open SA individual championship event in order to compete in the S A Team Championship.

**Athletes in the Young Riders Team must be in possession of a Dual licence or a Category 1 membership.**

**Athletes in the Young Riders and Veterans Team must comply with the following conditions.**

**YOUNG RIDER: An athlete may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.**

**VETERAN: An athlete may compete as a Veteran from the beginning of year in which they reach their 45<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**A Horse/|Rider combination may not compete in more than one National Team Championship in the same calendar year.**

#### Conditions

SASJ Team National Championships shall not be classified as official, nor the trophies and medals awarded, unless three teams start the event.

### 3. Intention to Compete

- 1 Provincial SJ Committees wishing to enter in National Team Championships shall notify the National SASJ Office and OC of the event in writing of their intention to participate before closing date of entries.  
**The National SASJ Selectors will notify the SASJ National office and OC of their intention to submit a Young Riders and/or Veterans team before the closing date of entries.**
- 2 Each Provincial SJ Committee may only enter one team.
- 3 The Championship shall not be held unless at least three teams participate.
- 4 If for any reason only two teams are able to participate, a team competition may still be staged providing a public announcement is made to the effect that the competition is no longer official, and the floating trophy and medals are not awarded.
- 5 SASJ Team National Championships shall not be classified as official, nor the trophies and medals awarded, unless three teams start the event.
- 6 Application may be made to SASJ Executive to waiver this rule.

### 4. Nominations

- 1 Provincial SJ Presidents shall submit details of their Open Teams in writing to the SASJ National Office and OC of the event, not later than seven clear days before the first competition day of the event, Ideally by Closing date of Entries.  
**The National SASJ Selectors will submit the details of the Young Rider and Veterans Team members in writing to the SASJ National Office and OC of the event, not later than seven clear days before the first day of the competition of the event, ideally by closing date of entries.**
- 2 Horses and Athletes nominated in terms of this regulations must already have been entered for at least one individual class at the event before the closing date of entries.
- 3 The nominations shall state the first and last names of the Athletes and the names of the horses/ponies together with the name of the Che d'Equipe.  
Nominations will not be accepted unless the name of the Chef d'Equipe is included. The Chef d'Equipe shall also act to be the Team Captain.
- 4 The total number of nominations allowed is as follows:

Athletes	5
Horses	6

(No teams of 6 riders will be allowed) **This point is not applicable for the trial period.**
- 5 Team nominations for National Team Championships shall be certified by the Provincial SJ Committee of the Province concerned **or in the case of Young Riders and Veterans team the SASJ National Office** as being correct and in accordance with the rules.
- 6 Should any two provincial SJ Committees be unable to compete in a National Team Competition due to the lack of Athletes/horses of the required standard, then they may

combine to send a team. This team shall in all respects be deemed to be a team entered by a Combined Province

## 5. Final Selection

- 1 The final selection of the Team shall be submitted by the Chef d'Equipe to the OC of the event and to the SASJ Representative by not later than 17h00 or such other time as the SASJ Representative may determine, on the day immediately prior to the competition.  
**When the final selection is submitted, if in addition to their nominated reserve, through ill health of either horse or athlete, additional reserves are required. This is permitted however medical or veterinary certificates are required by the SASJ Representative and OC. In addition, substituted horses must have passed a veterinary inspection. Horses or Athletes withdrawn may not compete in any further competitions at the event.**
- 2 The SASJ Representative shall then, in the presence of the Chefs d'Equipe and the OC draw the order of starting of teams.
- 3 The selected team shall be chosen from those Athletes and horses nominated in terms of SASJ Requirements and regulations, **and the addition of point 1 above.**
- 4 The following details shall be submitted together with the Final Selection.  
Selected Horse and Athlete Combination (4)  
Reserve Athlete (1)  
Reserve Horses (2)  
Order of riding horses
- 5 Should a team, at the time of selection, only be able to produce three (3) horse and Athlete combinations, then that team shall compete with only three horse and Athlete combinations. The Chef d'Equipe should advise if the team of 3 miss the 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> round or order, if not done the order will be per draw. The SASJ Representative should ask this question at the Team Draw.
- 6 Reserves  
The Athlete and horses nominated in terms of these regulations, but not included in the final selection are in fact the reserves.
- 7 Substitutions  
There may be no substitutions of athletes or horses after the **final** nominations have been submitted.
- 8 The Chef d'Equipe may change the Athlete on any of the horses selected for another Athlete provided both Athletes were included in the final selection (excluding reserves). In this case no medical certificate is required, with permission of the President of the Ground Jury and SASJ Representative.

## 6. National Team Events

Each National Championship shall be staged only once in any one calendar year and only at CSN Events.

- ❖ **Adult/Senior S A National Team Event – 1.35m**
- ❖ **Junior S A National Team Event – 1.30m**
- ❖ **Pony Rider S A National Team Event – 1.10m**

Open Team Medals shall be awarded as follows:  
Gold to winning team.

Silver to second placed team  
Bronze to third placed team  
Reserves shall also be awarded a medal if their team is placed.

## **7. Classification**

Classification of the class will be the 3 best scores of each team from the first round together with the 3 best combination scores from the second round. First round penalties only, second round penalties and time.

Should a competitor not complete a round their score will be 20 pens. Plus, the highest score from such round. If this be the case in the second round, they will receive the worst score of such round and worst time thereof plus 20 secs.

In the event of fall of a rider, such rider must be checked by the Paramedic before starting in the second round.

## **8. Rules**

FEI Art 273 – Two Round Competition Rule

- 1 This competition shall be run over two rounds of a Championship course of national standard and in accordance with FEI Art 273.3.3.2
- 2 Speed 350mpm
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 The course for the second round shall be a shortened course and shall include one double combination.
- 6 The order of starting for the second round of the Championship shall be on the basis of reverse order of merit of each team from the first round.
- 7 There will be no jump off.

## **SECTION 6 A Lower-Level Teams (90cm – 1.20m)**

The Lower-Level Team Championships are held annually in conjunction with the relevant South Africa Championships. However, the Lower Level team event is part of the Individual Championship at all heights below open category.

All Team entries must be entered in the height for the event the same as the Team Event. SASJ Lower Team National Championships shall not be classified as official, nor the trophies and medals awarded, unless two teams start the event.

### **Combined Teams**

Should any two provincial SJ Committees be unable to compete in a National Team Competition due to the lack of Athletes/horses of the required standard, then they may combine to send a team. This team shall in all respects be deemed to be a team entered by Combined Provinces.

The lower-level team event will run according to the rules with the exception of FEI Art 238.2.2 – where the team event will be run in conjunctions with the relevant height individual championships class.

All eligible team members will take part in the Jump off course which for the team class will be treated as a second round.

The result for each team member will be their first-round penalties only, second round penalties and time. The teams score consists of the penalties of both rounds and times of the second round of the best 3 competitors.

Should a team rider be eliminated they will obtain the worst score of any competitor in that round plus 20 penalties.

Classification of the class will be the 3 best scores of each team from the first round together with the 3 best combination scores from the second round. First round penalties only, second round penalties and time.

Should a competitor not complete a round their score will be 20 pens. Plus, the highest score from such round. If this be the case in the second round, they will receive the worst score of such round and worst time thereof plus 20 secs.

Horse/Pony and Athlete combinations need to be entered in the same height of the individual provincial classes in order to compete in the relevant Team Championship.

Speed – will be as per the Championship class.

The order of starting of the teams for the second round will be the same as the drawn starting order.

In the event of fall of a rider, such rider must be checked by the Paramedic before starting in the second round.

**The substitution rule as for the National Team Event is applicable to the lower level Team Events except for the requirement of a Veterinary Inspection.**