



# **Youth Jumping Challenge Aachen Individual**

## **Selection Policy 2022**

### **OVERVIEW**

The following document outlines the selection policy, processes and timelines that will be followed in order that SA Show Jumping will fairly and transparently select the athlete that is able to achieve the best possible results at the 2022 Youth Jumping Challenge in both team (Group IX – Africa) and individual capacities.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

Athlete:	Combination of a Horse and Rider
SASJ:	South African Show Jumping
SASJ Squad:	Those athletes remaining in the successive steps of the Selection Process after the announcement of the Long List
FEI:	Federation Equestre Internationale
MER:	FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement
SAEF:	South African Equestrian Federation
SASCOC:	South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee
Selectors:	The appointed Selectors of SA Show Jumping
Selection Process:	The Selection Process will commence from the 31 <sup>st</sup> of July 2021 and continue until selection from the FEI has been finalized
YJC 2022:	Youth Jumping Challenge Aachen
WJC:	World Jumping Challenge



## **TIMELINE**

The Selection Process will follow a reducing participation format, where:

1. All athletes interested and eligible to compete at YJC 2022 must make their intentions clear by entering either the WJC KZN 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2021, or WJC GAUTENG 31 August 2021 or WJC Western Cape 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2021. These athletes will form the long list.
2. 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2021: Athletes to have competed and obtained certificate of capability in the FEI Jumping Challenge 2021, listed above, or events as per FEI YJC Qualification System.
3. 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2021: Athletes from the Long List will be selected for the Squad Short List of 16
4. February 2022 (Stokkiesdraai Cup): Athletes from the Squad Short List will be selected for the Shortened Squad Short List of 8
5. March 2022 (Presidents Cup): Athletes from the Shortened Squad Short List will be selected for the Final 4
6. April 2022 (Easter Show): The Final 4 Athletes to ride off with swopping of horses to reach the overall winner
7. April 2022: SASJ nominates winning athlete to SASCOC to represent South Africa at the YJC 2022.

## **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY – 1<sup>ST</sup> OF MAY 2021**

In order to be eligible for selection to compete at YJC 2022 for SASJ, the following eligibility requirements will need to be met by each Athlete:

### **FEI Criteria**

The FEI have the following minimum Athlete eligibility criteria:

1. Be eligible to compete for South Africa as per FEI regulations Art 119.
2. Be registered to compete for South Africa;
3. All Athletes must comply with the provisions of the FEI, SASJ and SAEF regulations currently in force, and only those athletes who have complied with FEI, SASJ and SAEF regulations they may participate in the YJC 2022;
4. To be eligible to participate in the YJC 2022, athletes must have been born between 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2004 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.
5. Certificate of Capability. All Athletes taking part in the YJC must have obtained a certificate of capability at The FEI World jumping Challenge Category A. Each Athlete must obtain a score of not more than eight penalties in the first round of The FEI World Jumping Challenge. Certificates of Capability must be obtained by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2021 (Leg 3).



6. The qualification system will be that the FEI World Jumping Challenge shall obtain a place for the Nation not for the individual.

#### **SAEF & SASCOC CRITERIA:**

The SAEF and SASCOC have the following minimum eligibility criteria:

1. The individual must be a South African Citizen and be a South African Passport Holder;
2. The athlete must have not had any disciplinary action pending against him at the time of selection of during the selection process.

#### **SA SHOW JUMPING CRITERIA:**

For athletes to be eligible for selection to compete at YJC, all athletes will be required to:

1. Be a current member of SASJ & SAEF in good standing;
2. Have completed the 'Expression of Interest' forms that for selection and such forms must have been received by the SASJ National Office;
3. Have signed the 'Code of Conduct' agreement for any such agreement must have been received by the SASJ National Office;
4. In the last 24 months not have used, administered, or allow to be administered any substance that, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted a positive drug violation as defined by the South African Institute for Drug-free Sport ("SAIDS") and/or the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA");
5. Have demonstrated to the satisfaction of SASJ that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing at **YJC** to the highest possible standard;
6. Not have acted in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of Show Jumping, SASJ, SAEF, SASCOC, or South Africa into public disrepute or censures since beginning 2016.

#### **SQUAD LONG LIST INDIVIDUAL – 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2021**

Eligible Athletes will have to meet the following requirements to progress to the SASJ Squad.

Athletes will be required to have:

1. Achieved at 8 penalties or less at a FEI World Jumping Challenge Cat A event or have achieved 8 penalties or less;
2. Signed the SASJ Squad Agreement.

Should there be more than 8 Athletes that meet the SASJ Squad requirements, then the Selectors will review all the athletes and select the most appropriate Athletes for the SASJ Squad as per the Selectors Evaluation Process.



## **SQUAD SHORT INDIVIDUAL LIST – 1<sup>st</sup> of DECEMBER 2021**

All Athletes wishing to remain on the SASJ Squad will have to meet the following requirements:

1. All athletes must meet the criteria as set out by the YJC Organizing Committee in the FEI YJC Set Criteria.
2. Athletes must have performed consistently well at Open level for the period between 01 January 2021 to and including final selection.

SA Show Jumping Squad Short List selection will be published by 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2021.

### **GENERAL SELECTION PROCESS CONDITIONS:**

At all times throughout the Selection Process, all athletes must:

1. Be able and willing to undertake any training and competition programs recommended by the Selectors and or coach after consultation with the athlete, unless a written exemption has been granted by SASJ or the Selectors, in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption;
2. Not use, administer, or allow to be administered any substance that is constituted as a positive violation as defined by the South African Institute for Drug-free Sport (“SAIDS”) and/or the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”);
3. Agree to provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis to SASJ, including residence, stabling, and all competition participation;
4. Satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by SASJ prior to or at the time of selection for the SASJ;
5. Notify SASJ that they are suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing at **YJC** to the highest possible standard;
6. Act in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of Show Jumping, SASJ, SAEF, SASCO, or South Africa into public disrepute or censure.

### **SELECTORS EVALUATION PROCESS:**

In evaluating the performances of Athletes, the Selectors will consider, and have the discretion to place a greater emphasis on one or more of the following in considering athletes and horses for selection:

1. The Selectors will primarily consider performances of the athletes at CSN and higher events from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021. Performances prior to 2021 may also be considered but will generally have lesser weight;
2. The Selectors may, in their sole discretion, place greater emphasis on results achieved at higher rated shows;



3. Placing in any head-to-head performances will be considered but will not automatically position one athlete above another for selection;
4. Competition-based factors will be taken into consideration when assessing each athlete's performance, these include, but are not restricted to:
  - a. The performance Athletes in relation to the quality and number of competitors;
  - b. The technical features of the competition;
  - c. The quality of the riding by an athlete;
  - d. The general conditions under which the performance is achieved, such as the weather and footing;
  - e. The suitability of the Athlete for **YJC**, taking into account the objective of the team and individual competition and the type of Athlete required achieving the best possible results in the expected conditions.
5. The ability and experience of the athlete to compete successfully at high level international competition on different horses. Consideration will be given to:
  - a. The ability, or potential ability, of athletes to perform under the stress and pressure of a World Championship;
  - b. The ability of athletes to prepare to peak condition for a major campaign;
  - c. The demonstrated ability of athletes that they are suitable representatives of South Africa.
6. Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team score may be considered.

**7. The selectors decision is final**

**SUBSTITUTION / REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES:**

Following selection of the SASJ Individual SASJ positions if:

1. In the opinion of the Selectors (in consultation with the Executive Committee of SASJ), there has been a loss of form or fitness by an Athlete. The loss of form must be assessed to be likely to be sustained and affect performance at YJC; or
2. An Athlete contravenes their athlete agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations, SASJ Rules and Regulations, Policies or Constitution; or
3. An Athlete does not meet the requirements outlined in the Athletes Agreement then Athlete may be replaced by the athletes according to the placings of the Ride Off competition as mentioned in timeline above.