



TRIPLE P SHOWS



Present the

KZN 51ST INTER SCHOOLS CHALLENGE 2026

This year marks the 51st running of the KZN Inter-Schools Challenge, a prestigious event that has been held in KwaZulu-Natal since the 1970s. We are thrilled that the event has once again been awarded to Triple P Shows, following a very successful show in 2025, and we are excited to welcome schools back for another memorable competition.

The KZN Inter-Schools Team Competitions are not affiliated with SANESA and is run as a true school team event. It is open to high-school pupils only, who must be in Grade 8 or above. Riders may be graded as pony riders, juniors or adults.
Team Structure and Eligibility

- Riders compete in teams of 3 or 4, with the best 3 scores counting.
- Schools may enter more than one team.
- Teams for different disciplines do not need to consist of the same riders or horses.
- Where a school does not have enough riders, it may combine with another school in the same situation to form a joint team.
- A school may only form one joint team per discipline.
- Schools may combine with different schools in different disciplines.
- A rider may only compete once per discipline for their school (even if they have more than one horse).
- Riders may ride different horses in different disciplines.
- Home-schooled pupils may form their own teams or join other high schools that require riders.

Registrations

- All riders and horses/ponies must be registered with SAEF.
- All Show Jumping riders and horses/ponies must be registered with SA Show Jumping (SASJ) for 2026
- All equitation riders must be registered with SAEQA (Equitation SA)
- Dressage will be run unaffiliated. Riders do not need to belong to DSA

Show Programme

Friday, 20 March

- Dressage: Warm-up classes (optional), followed by the team event
- Equitation (affiliated to SAEQA): One equitation class per rider

Individual prizes will be awarded for all these classes

Saturday, 21 March

- Individual Show Jumping (affiliated to SASJ) for all ages and grades
- Includes the Junior Open 1.30/1.35m class - the winner receives the Atholl McLeod Memorial Floating Trophy. This historic trophy bears the names of many past winners, several of whom have gone on to compete at the highest level both nationally & internationally, making it a truly special title to contest.

Sunday, 22 March

Schools Team Parade

A highlight of the show, the Schools Team Parade sees each school enter one team of 4 riders and horses who have participated in any of the team events during the show. The horses and riders in the team turn out parade must have competed in one of the team events as a combination. (ie riders must be on a horse they have competed in a team event with). A school may send a team of 3 if they only have 3 riders entered across all disciplines. Each school appoints a Chef d'Equipe, traditionally (though not necessarily) a past pupil involved in equestrian sport. Teams are judged by a panel of experts on:

- Rider and horse turnout
- Horse condition
- Saddlery and overall presentation

The winning school is presented with the A.C. Smith Rose Bowl, a beautiful trophy that has been awarded for decades.

Important format update for 2026:

To address long-standing timing concerns, the parade format has been shortened. Each team will:

- Enter 4 riders (or 3 if only a total of 3 represent the school)
- Complete a brief walk-around for general team assessment
- Have two riders per team drawn at random for full judging

This will reduce parade time by nearly half, which should be warmly welcomed.

Team Show Jumping

Following the parade and prize-givings for Equitation, Dressage & the Team Turnout, the Team Show Jumping will commence.

- Run over duplicate courses: • Lower course: 85/90cm • Higher course: 1.10m
- Riders jumping 1m or lower compete on the lower course
- Riders competing at 1.10m or higher jump the higher course
- Teams may consist of all lower-grade riders, all higher-grade riders, or a combination of both
- Riders must have competed in at least one individual jumping class to be eligible

The top 3 scores per team count. In the event of a tie after the first round, two horses per team will contest a jump-off against the clock to determine the winning team.

We are very pleased to confirm that Brett Webber, internationally qualified course designer, will once again be building the courses. Brett has designed for this event many times in the past, and we are delighted to welcome him back.

School Spirit and Organisation

Traditionally, schools set up gazebos along the arena on Sunday morning, where supporters gather to cheer on their teams, share meals and enjoy the camaraderie that makes this event so special.

As the competition takes place in the first term, early organisation is essential. Schools are encouraged to appoint an equestrian captain or responsible Grade 11 or 12 rider to assist with coordination. Teachers are warmly invited to be involved in both planning and support on the day, and we hope to see headmasters, headmistresses, teachers, coaches, pupils and school friends attending — especially on the Sunday.

We welcomed several first-time school teams in 2025 alongside our long-standing participants, and we look forward to hosting even more schools in 2026.

The TEAM ENTRY FORM HAS DETAILED INFO ON SCORING – please download and read it.

For any further information, or advice regarding team entries or the turnout parade, please do not hesitate to contact me via WhatsApp on 082 653 1511 or email triplepshows001@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

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