

## COMPETITION FOR FINAL 4 ATHLETES FOR YOG 2018 SELECTION

TO BE HELD AT KYALAMI PARK SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018

The winner of this competition is the final chosen athlete to represent RSA at the YOG 2018.

Should this rider be unable to represent SA at the YOG 2018, then the rider who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in this competition will take his/her place and so on....

There will be an appointed veterinarian on duty who will conduct a horse inspection prior to the beginning of the competition (time to be advised). This veterinarian will be on duty during the class.

### THE FINAL 4 RIDERS' COMPETITION FORMAT, RULES AND STARTING ORDER:

#### 1. STARTING ORDER

Each competitor shall jump the course with their own horse and with each of the other rider's horses. A draw will take place 1 hour before the start of the competition by the judge and the show director – the 4 riders should be present. The draw is for the order of horses. The horse drawn first becomes horse A and its rider becomes competitor number 1, the second horse drawn becomes horse B and its rider becomes competitor number 2, the third horse drawn becomes horse C and its rider becomes competitor number 3, the fourth horse drawn becomes horse D and its rider becomes competitor number 4.

#### 2. ROTATION

The order of running is as per the table below:

HORSE	A	B	C	D
RIDER	1	2	3	4
	2	3	4	1
	3	4	1	2
	4	1	2	3

#### 3. SCHOOLING THE HORSE FOR THE COMPETITION

1. Each athlete in the Competition will use the special enclosure to school his own horse. The athletes shall school the other horses to be ridden in subsequent rounds for three minutes in the special enclosure, in which there will be a vertical and a spread obstacle plus a crossed pole practice obstacle. These obstacles may not exceed 1,25m in height, nor 1,30m in width. After the first round each finalist will remain in the enclosure with his horse.
2. Except for officials, the only people allowed inside the enclosure are the athletes and the groom for each horse taking part. After each athlete has finished the course with his own horse, he may school the horse he is to ride in the next round, under supervision of the steward(s). The three-minute period will start when the horse is mounted by the

athlete and a signal is given to record the time. The end of this time will be announced to the competitor by the responsible steward, and he / she will then immediately enter the main arena. The athlete may jump any of the practice obstacles, but the total number of efforts permitted is limited to a maximum of four during each three-minute schooling period. The practice obstacles must be jumped in the direction indicated by the flags. All activities in the enclosure will be under the sole control of the officials appointed for that purpose.

4. SADDLERY FOR THE COMPETITION

Competitors are permitted to change the saddle, but the horse must always be ridden in the same bridle, bit and boots as in the first round.

5. THE COURSE FOR THE COMPETITION

1. The competition shall be run under FEI Art 238.2.2. Speed 350mpm.

2. The course shall consist of 8 or 9 fences including one double combination. The heights may not exceed 1,30m nor be less than 1,20m with a spread in proportion but not exceeding 1,40m. Neither a water jump nor a jump with water may be included.

6. ACCIDENTS

1. Accidents before the Competition.

If one of the four final athletes has an accident / illness before the start of the Competition and is unable to compete, that horse and athlete combination will automatically be replaced by the horse and athlete combination placed 5th from the short list and so on. If one of the 4 final athletes' horses has an accident / lameness / illness (proof must be submitted in the form of a veterinarian's certificate), then that rider may compete on his/her nominated second horse.

2. Accidents to an Athlete during the Competition.

A rider who has an accident / illness and is unable to continue competing during the Competition is not replaced. However, his / her horse must compete in all the rounds with the other finalists.

3. Accidents / illness / lameness to a horse during the Competition (to be confirmed by the appointed veterinarian on duty).

In the event of an accident to a horse during the first round and that horse is unable to continue competing (to be confirmed by the appointed veterinarian on duty), this round will be considered null and void. The scores will then be decided on three rounds instead of four. If the horse has the accident / illness / lameness (to be confirmed by the appointed veterinarian on duty) during its second or third round, the rounds in which it has competed, except the first, are cancelled. The result is then determined over three rounds, the athlete of the injured horse will not ride the horse which he would have to ride for his fourth round. An athlete thus retains the benefit of the round on his own horse. Each athlete will therefore have ridden his own horse and two others. If a horse has an accident / lameness / illness (to be confirmed by the veterinarian on duty) during its fourth round, it will be penalised as for an elimination or retirement and the scores will be determined over four rounds. The

accidents to rider or horse referred to herein are also subject to the veterinarian and medical practitioner declarations, and to the penalties as set out in this document .

#### 7. ELIMINATION

If an athlete is eliminated or does not complete his / her round for any reason, he / she will be awarded the same number of penalties as that incurred by the competitor who has been the most severely penalised during that round, plus 20 penalties. If the athlete eliminated has himself received the highest number of penalties before retiring or being eliminated, 20 penalties will be added to his score for that round.

#### 8. INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS IN THE COMPETITION

1. The athlete who has the lowest penalties over all the rounds of the Competition will be declared the winner of the title.

2. In the event of equality for the first place only, there will be a jump-off under Table A against the clock over a shortened course, each competitor riding his own horse. The order of jumping will be determined by a draw prior to the start of the jump off done by the judge and the show director, with the finalists in the jump off present.

3. If any rider's horse is deemed unfit by the appointed veterinarian on duty to participate in the jump off, then the rider may bring his / her nominated second horse for the jump off.

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