

SECTION 1 SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 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 Children's South African Show Jumping Championship
- 1.4 The Pony Rider's South African Championship
- 1.5 **The Young Rider/U 25 SASJ Special Age Specific 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 A PEXCO 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 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.
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 S A 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 B.

5.1.2 An Athlete may only compete in one S A Championship title class and Qualifiers in a calendar year, **Except for the YR/U25 Special SASJ Championship and SA Children's Championship.**

5.2 Horses

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.

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.

5.2.3 Children's S A Championships
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries
Horses must be older than 5 years.

5.2.4 Pony Championships are restricted to Ponies as per Annexure A
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries
SASJ Ponies heights apply and must be 6 years or older.

5.2.5 YR/U25 SA Championships
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries
Horses must be older than 7 years

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 Individual Championships shall not be classified as official, nor the trophies and medals awarded, unless there are at least 10 starters in each of the qualifying competitions. Application may be made to SASJ Executive to waive this rule.

9.2 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.

9.3 Substitutions of horses will not be allowed after the Veterinary Inspection has taken place.

9.4 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 Technical Delegate 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 and in accordance with FEI Art 273.1, 273.2.1, 273.3.4.2, 273.4.4

12.2 Speed at 375mpm for Senior and Junior S A Championship, and 350mpm for Children's and Pony Rider. 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 as the first round the dimensions of the fences may be altered at the discretion of the course designer.

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** classes.

- a. Competition in 2 phases FEI Article 274.1.5.3– NOT A QUALIFYER
- b. Competition FEI Article 238 2.2 – qualifying class.
- c. A 2 Competition FEI Article 238 2.1 – 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 top **30** 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 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.