

## **TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE – DRESSAGE**

The over-riding aim of the selection policy is to guide selection of National / International teams in a fair, equitable and transparent way.

**The object of sending a team to an Event is to win the Event. The selectors will apply their discretion to select the best Four riders which they consider are capable of satisfying this objective.**

### **1 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

- a. The selection convenor will be a member of the Dressage Technical Committee. This convenor will liaise with the International Affairs Officer, Development Officer and Regions to ensure that the information presented to the Selection committee is accurate
- b. All selectors will be appointed by the Dressage Technical Committee.
- c. The selection committee should consist of a chairman and 4 members giving a total of 5 votes.
- d. The selectors will have knowledge and experience to effectively select teams and will be free of all vested interest / conflict of interest as is possible. A register of Declarations of Interest will be maintained by the Secretary General and is available for inspection.
- e. The selection committee are encouraged to consult with any individual or experts such as Visiting Judges or Veterinarians or trainers who may assist their decisions. These are non-voting experts.
- f. The Selectors are bound to provide reasons for their selection decisions.

### **2 INVITATIONS**

Invitations from National Federations, including the FEI to compete in team competitions that are received by SANEF shall be sent immediately to the Chairman and International Affairs Officer of the Technical Committee concerned. The Chairman shall then notify the Convenor of the Selectors if South Africa is going to participate.

- a. The information required by the selectors shall include :
- b. Age Group of Team
- c. Riding own or borrowed horses
- d. Level of competition
- e. NF issuing invitation
- f. Venue
- g. Date of competition
- h. Date by which team selection must be completed
- i. Any special conditions or criteria to be taken into account
- j. Number of reserves required
- k. Chef d'Equipe required or not

The Chairman of the Selection Committee shall decide which Selectors shall select the team required. The minimum number is 3

### 3 **ELIGIBILITY**

Riders seeking selection to the Team must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

- a. The rider and the horse must be a current member of SANEF in goodstanding.
- b. Not be serving a period of ineligibility for breach by them or a horse which they ride of any applicable anti-doping rules and regulations.

All selections to the Team are subject to the following:

- c. The selected riders signing the SANEF Rider Agreement (incorporating the FEI Code of Conduct)
- d. The selected riders may be required to contribute towards their costs of the Event.
- e. The Selected riders will be subject to drug testing if required by Drug Free Sport SA or any other recognised drug testing authority. All riders must comply with the FEI Anti-Doping Regulations regarding Human and Equine medications.
- f. The selected rider continues to train and achieve results consistent with their selection performance leading up to selection.
- g. The selected rider must hold a South African passport.
- h. Horse ownership must be in accordance with FEI Regulations Article 139 - Owners and Lessees: Competitors may take part in all competitions except Olympic Games with horses belonging to owners of a different nationality.

Should any one or more of these conditions not be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Selectors, the rider will be withdrawn as a selected rider.

### 4 **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

The Selectors will consider all eligible riders for selection to the Team. The Selectors will apply their discretion and select riders whom they consider are capable of meeting the objective stated above, based on the following factors (subject to clause 6)

Selection will be based primarily on results.

Results will be monitored and recorded by the convenor.

The previous 12 months results will be considered although consistency and recent form will take priority.

#### **Notes:**

Only performances and results from events judged by National Panel Judges will be considered. The Jury of the performance / event must include 2 National Panel Judges listed on an official Judges Panel in the country where the performance / event has been ridden.

The Selectors may also take into account the following factors in considering the riders to be selected to the Team:

- a. The demonstrated ability of the rider to achieve Qualifying Results under the demands and pressure of an international competition.
- b. The ability and versatility of the rider to perform as full member of the Team to compete in the Event;
- c. The contribution the rider will make to the team environment both prior to, during and on return from the Event including compatibility with other riders in the Team and team support personnel and commitment to the objective for the Event;
- d. The demonstrated ability of the rider to ride to, and follow the instructions of, the coach /chef d'Equipe;
- e. The rider's preparedness and commitment, including demonstrated planning and training, for the Event;
- f. The rider is not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Event to the highest possible standard;
- g. The rider's suitability to be a representative of South Africa and of SANEF/SAEC/SASCOC.

The Selectors may, in their discretion, give weight to any one or more of the factors listed in clause above and do so with respect to any one or more riders being considered for selection to the Team.

## 5 **SELECTION**

On completion of their selection the Chairman of the Selectors shall issue a certificate to the Convenor for distribution to the Technical Committee certifying:

- 1 The names of the team members and if necessary the names of the horses
- 2 The names of the reserves in order of preference together with the names the reserve horses if required
- 3 The name of the Chef d'Equipe if required
- 4 Certification that the team has been selected in accordance with SANEF General Regulations and the Disciplines Selection criteria, together with any variations laid down by the Technical Committee in respect of that team selection

If the DTC is satisfied, the certificate will be sent to MANCO for ratification, which will be by Round Robin resolution and shall require a simple majority

**NOTE:** Any eligible rider who is not selected to the Team may appeal such selection only in accordance with the SANEF Regulations.

## 6. **EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE**

In considering the performances and results of riders in clause 3, the Selectors may, in their discretion, take into account "extenuating circumstances" as set out in this Selection Criteria. Extenuating Circumstances means an inability of the rider to compete, attend or perform at optimal level arising from any one or more of the following:

- a. Injury or illness
- b. Travel delays
- c. Horse injury
- d. Bereavement or personal misfortune and/or
- e. Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors constituting Extenuating Circumstances.

Riders who wish the Selectors to take into account Extenuating Circumstances shall notify the Selectors in writing prior to selection. If the Selectors consider it appropriate, they may require the rider to provide evidence in support of the Extenuating Circumstances which may include an examination by a health professional.

**7. NOTIFICATION TO TEAM MEMBERS**

On receipt of the Management Committees ratification, the Secretary General shall notify those concerned and the names of those finally selected together with the names of any team officials (Chef d'Equipe) shall be placed on the SANEF Website.