

**SECTION 27****THE PRESIDENTS CUP****27.1. ORGANISATION**

The President's Cup (Cup) may be organised, outdoors, under the authority of SANEF according to the following rules.

**27.2. DECLARATION OF STARTERS**

The declaration of starters will take place after the optional competition, which must be provided on the day preceding the first competition of the Cup. At a time, fixed by the Organising Committee, the names of the competitors and the names of the horses, which will start the first competition of the Cup, must be submitted to the Organising Committee.

**27.3. SUBSTITUTION**

In the event of an accident or illness of a competitor and/or horse between the submission of declarations and one hour before the start of the first Cup competition, the competitor and/or the horse may, on production of a certificate from an officially recognised doctor and/or with the approval of the Veterinary Delegate/Commission and after approval of the President of the Ground Jury and Appeal Committee, be replaced by another competitor and/or horse who are members of and/or registered with a Provincial Body or FEI Group IX Federation.

**27.4. OPTIONAL COMPETITION**

1 Prior to the first competition of the Cup, the Organising Committee must provide one optional competition in the main arena, open to the competitors and horses entered in the Cup.

2 The optional competition takes place over a course in which obstacles should be about 1,45m in height.

3 Each rider is permitted a maximum of 90 seconds per horse. Dress is informal; however boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

4 No prizes of any kind may be offered.

**27.5. CUP COMPETITIONS**

The Cup comprises three competitions, each taking place on a different day. The total penalties incurred in each of the three competitions count towards the placings.

**1 First Competition**

- 1      **Conduct, Table and Speed**  
The first competition is judged under Rule 17.10.4.2.1(Table A2) at a speed of 350mpm
- 2      **Participation**  
The horse and rider combinations declared starters for the Cup.
- 3      **Starting Order**  
The starting order for the first competition is drawn, in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury, by the Organising Committee, at a time to be fixed by the Organising Committee after the optional competition. The draw for the starting order will be conducted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20.9.

## **2. Second Competition**

- 1      **Conduct, Table and Speed.**  
The second competition is conducted over two rounds, the first round over the full course judged on Table A not against the clock, and the second round over a shortened course (eight fences including at least one double combination) judged on Table A against the clock at a speed of 350 metres per minute. SANEF Rule 18:10:3:3:2
- 2      **Participation**  
Only horse and rider combinations that have taken part in the first competition may start in this second competition.
- 3      **Starting Order**  
The starting order in the second competition will be determined by a new draw in accordance with the procedure as provided for the first competition. The starting order for the second round will be in reverse order of penalties incurred in the first round.

## **3 Third Competition**

- 1      **Conduct, Table and Speed**  
The third competition is conducted over two rounds (A) and (B), each judged under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed at a speed of 400 metres per minute (SANEF Rule 18.10.3.2.). The speed may be reduced to 350mpm at the discretion of the CD and the President of the GJ.
- 2      **Participation**  
The third competition is compulsory for the 24 best placed competitors and horses (including those placed equal 24th) according

to the cumulative penalties over the first and second competitions. They must have taken part in the first competition (completed or not) and have completed the second competition (without having been eliminated or retiring). If, for any reason, one or more of these 24 competitors are unable to start, they will not be replaced by the next best competitor/s.

### 3 Inspection of Course B

Competitors will be invited to inspect the course for Round B at the conclusion of Round A.

### 4 Starting Order

#### Round A

The starting order for Round A will follow the reverse order of penalties incurred in the first and the second competitions of the Cup. The competitor with the most penalties will start first, the competitor with the least penalties starting last. In the event of equal placing on penalties the time of the first competition will decide the starting order of competitors placed equal for any particular place. Where possible a gap of seven horses shall be allowed between horses ridden by the same rider. This shall be achieved by the President of the Ground Jury moving that rider's first horse upwards in the order of riding.

#### Round B

The starting order for Round B will follow the reverse order of penalties incurred in the first and the second competition and Round A. The competitor with the most penalties will start first, the competitor with the least penalties starting last. In the event of equal placing on penalties, the time of the first competition will decide the starting order of competitors placed equal for any particular place. Where possible a gap of seven horses shall be allowed between horses ridden by the same rider. This shall be achieved by the President of the Ground Jury moving that rider's first horse upwards in the order of riding.

## **27.6. REST DAY**

A rest day should, if possible, be scheduled between the second and third competitions.

## **27.7. PLACINGS**

1. The placing is determined by adding together for each competitor the penalties incurred in the first competition, the two rounds of the second competition and in the two rounds of the third competition.
2. The competitor with the least penalties will be placed first.
3. If there is equality of penalties for first place, there will be a jump-off against the

clock at a speed of 350m per minute over 6 obstacles including a combination.. The order of riding in this jump-off shall be the same as that for the last round. Should competitors refuse to compete in the jump-off, they will forfeit their final placing and any prize money received during the event. If, after the jump-off there is a tie for first place, the competitors concerned will be placed equal first.