

SECTION 20

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – REGULATIONS

20.1. SOUTH AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following competitions and their qualifying classes are classified as South African Championships and unless otherwise stated in the specific rules of a championship, must be run in accordance with these Regulations.

- 1 The Adult, Young Rider, Junior and Pony Rider Show Jumping Championship of South Africa (Section 21)
- 2 The Adult, Young Rider, Junior and Pony Rider Outdoor Grands Prix of South Africa (Section 22)
- 3 The Adult, Young Rider, Junior and Pony Rider Indoor Grands Prix of South Africa (Section 23)
- 4 The Riders Showjumping Championship of South Africa (Section 24)
- 5 The President's Cup (Section 27)
- 6 The South African Adult, Young Rider, Junior and Pony Rider Derbies (Section 26)

20.2. CROSS REFERENCE TO AND APPLICATION OF RULES

These rules shall be read in conjunction with, and are supplementary to the General Regulations, Veterinary Regulations and Anti Doping Measures applying to all South African National Championships.

20.3. ALLOCATION

Championships shall be staged only once in any one calendar year and only at Events carrying CSN or CSI status.

20.4. NOTIFICATION OF DATE

The Provincial Body in whose jurisdiction a Championship is staged, shall notify all Provincial Bodies at least two months before the date of the Event and the Organising Committee concerned shall send copies of the schedule to the Secretary General and to all Provincial Bodies at least one month before the closing date for entries.

20.5. CHECKING OF ENTRIES

For the purpose of checking entries, on application by the Organising Committee, Provincial Bodies shall provide a list of horses recorded in their

books as being Open Horses, and PR 1,10m Ponies as applicable, as at the closing date for entries.

20.6. QUALIFICATION OF RIDERS

1 Adult Championships are restricted to adult riders (see General Regulation 01.9.3) as at the closing date of entries.

2 Junior Championships are restricted to junior riders (see General Regulations 01.9.2) as at the closing date of entries.

3 Pony Rider Championships are restricted to Pony Rider riders (see General Regulations 01.9.1) as at the closing date of entries.

4 Where more than one Championship is held at the same Event, a rider eligible to compete in more than one Championship and its qualifying competitions may compete in both of the Championships and their qualifying classes.

20.7. QUALIFICATION OF HORSES

1 Adult Championships are restricted to horses classified Open at closing date for entries.

2 Junior Championships are restricted to horses classified Open at closing date for entries.

3 Pony Rider Championships are restricted to horses graded PR 1,10m at closing date for entries.

20.8. ENTRIES

1 Riders and owners of horses entered for Championships shall be members of a Provincial Body or FEI Group IX Federation and all horses entered shall be registered with a Provincial Body or an FEI Group IX Federation as at the closing date for entries.

2 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.

3 There is no laid down minimum as to the number of starters in the Championship competitions themselves.

20.9. ORDER OF STARTING

1. In the qualifying competitions, the order of starting shall be determined in accordance with General Regulation 01.14.0.

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)

3. Where possible a gap of at least seven horses shall be allowed between horses ridden by the same rider. This shall be achieved by moving that rider's first horse upwards in the order of riding.

5. Where there is equality of points among the competitors qualified, the competitors will ride in the same order relative to each other as they did in the last qualifying competition.

20.10. QUALIFICATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The total of the points obtained by each combination of horse and rider in the qualifying competitions determines the classification of the competitors that qualify for Championships. The 24 best qualified competitors are eligible to compete in the relevant Championship. All 24 competitors compete in all rounds unless they have retired or been eliminated in the first round.

2. All rounds of Championships shall follow immediately one after another, however where necessary there shall be an interval of not more than fifteen minutes between the rounds.

3. In order to qualify for championships, competitors must complete at least one of the qualifying classes, unless otherwise stipulated in the rules of the that championship. Competitors eliminated or retiring from the first round are deemed not to have completed the class.

4. Points will be awarded to a horse and rider combination and that combination must be the same in all qualifying competitions in order to qualify for the Championship and only that combination of horse and rider may compete in the Championship.

5. The points totals are used only to determine the competitors qualifying for Championships and the order of the riding in Championships. The points total have no bearing on the scoring for the Championships themselves unless otherwise specifically stated in the rules of a Championship.

20.11. AWARDING OF POINTS - QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

Points will be allocated as follows:

1. In all qualifying competitions irrespective of the number of starters, the competitor placed first receives 40 points, the second receives 37 points, the third receives 35 points, the fourth received 34 points and so on reducing by one point per place

2. In the case of ties for any place in any of the qualifying competitions, the competitors that tie shall each receive the full points entitlement for that place that they would have received had there been no tie.

3. Competitors who retired or are eliminated receive no points.

4 The Organising Committee is required to ensure that not more than two qualifying competitions take place each day.

5 For qualifying competitions, no restriction is placed on the Organising Committee regarding -

1. The number of rides allowed to each competitor.
2. The entry fee payable for each of the competitions.
3. The obtaining of sponsorship for prize money for each of the competitions (See rule 20.12.2).

6 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."

7 No rider is permitted to ride more than two horses in any Championship. In the event of a rider qualifying more than two horses, the Organising Committee shall obtain the rider's decision as to which two horses that rider intends to ride in the Championship, immediately the final list of qualifiers is known.

8 In the event of it not being possible to determine exactly the best 24 qualified riders, due to a points total producing a tie or a late withdrawal of a competitor, it shall be the responsibility of the SANEF Representative at the Event, at his sole discretion, to authorise either an increase or a decrease in the number of competitors to take part in the Championship. Under no circumstances however, shall one rider be permitted to ride more than two horses.

9 The Organising Committee shall ensure that a list of qualifying points of all competitors, together with the order of riding for the best 25 qualified competitors, is posted up or made available within one hour of the completion of the last qualifying competition on the evening before the Championship competition is to be held.

10. In the event of a withdrawal of any of the 25 qualified competitors additional horses may, at the sole discretion of the SANEF Representative be introduced in order of merit into the Championship competition to maintain the number of 25 competitors.

11 No entry fee shall be charged for the competition of the Championship. 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.

13 Once the first qualifying competition of the Championship has started no substitution of horse or rider is permitted for the Championship itself.

However, in the qualifying competitions, as individual competitions, substitutions will be permitted in accordance with General Regulation 01.15.0 and 11.6.

14 Automatic timing, incorporating a displayed countdown facility, is obligatory for all qualifying competitions and the Championship competition.

20.12. PRIZES, TROPHIES AND MEDALS

1. There shall not be fewer than three prizes for the Championships, and the first prize shall not be less than 25% of the total prize money for the Championship Class .

2. The combined total prize money of any warm up competition and the qualifying competitions provided by the Organising Committee shall not be less than half of the total prize money awarded for all classes in the Championship. Organising committees may make application to the Chairman of the Showjumping Technical Committee for a variation to this rule.

3 SANEF will award a floating trophy and a gold medal to the winner of each Championship.

20.13. JUDGES

Championships and their qualifying competitions shall be judged by a Ground Jury as set out in Appendix SJ/B. Should the Organising Committee be unable to comply with this rule, they may apply to the Chairman of the Showjumping Technical Committee for dispensation.

20.14 HORSE INSPECTIONS

1 Horse inspections are compulsory at all Championships. These inspections must be conducted in accordance with the SANEF Veterinary Regulations or, in their absence, the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

2 The costs incurred in holding horse inspections shall be for the account of the Organising Committee

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1. Points for discussion