

SECTION 24

THE RIDERS SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA

24.1. CROSS REFERENCE TO AND APPLICATION OF THE RULES

These rules shall be read in conjunction with, and are supplementary to, the General Regulations applying to all South African National Championships (see Section 04).

24.2. QUALIFICATION OF RIDERS (see also 04.5.0)

The Championship and its qualifying classes is restricted to adult riders (see General Regulations 01.9.3). as at the closing date of entries.

24.3. QUALIFICATION OF HORSES

All horses competing shall at the closing date of entries be graded Open by a Provincial Body in accordance with the National grading rules.

24.4. CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

1 There shall be three qualifying competitions, of which the welcome stakes shall be one, and the Championship competition for which riders must qualify. The courses for all four competitions shall be of international standard (see also 24.7.5.2).

2 Prize money and other awards shall be awarded as for a normal competition at the conclusion of each of the three qualifying competitions.

24.5. QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

1. First Qualifying Competition

1 This competition (welcome stakes) shall be run in accordance with Table A 17.10.4.2.2. Speed 350 mpm.

2 The course shall consist of between ten and twelve numbered fences (i.e. between twelve and fourteen efforts).

2. Second Qualifying Competition

1 This competition shall be run in accordance with Table C 17.10.5 with no jump-off. Speed 350 mpm.

2 The course shall consist of between ten and twelve numbered fences (i.e. between twelve and fourteen efforts).

3. Third Qualifying Competition

1 This competition shall be run as a Grand Prix and in accordance with Table A 17.10.4.2.2. Speed 350 mpm.

2 The total of points obtained by each combination of horse and rider in each of the first and second qualifying competitions determines the classification of the competitors that qualify for the third qualifying competition. The best qualified 24 competitors are eligible to compete in the third qualifying competition.

3 The course shall consist of between ten and twelve numbered fences (i.e. between twelve and fourteen efforts) and shall include one treble combination and one double combination. If possible the course should include a water jump.

24.6. QUALIFICATION FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The total of the points obtained by each combination of horse and rider in each of the three qualifying competitions determines the classification of the competitors that qualify for the Championship.

2. The four best qualified combinations of horse and rider shall compete in the Championship.

3. Should a rider qualify more than one horse (24.6.1), that rider shall advise the Show Secretary immediately the qualifying positions are made known as to which horse will compete in the Championship. The next best qualified combination of horse and rider, where the rider has not already qualified on another horse, will then compete in the Championship. If necessary this procedure will be followed until there are four different horse and rider combinations competing.

4. Competitors are required to compete in all three qualifying competitions in order to qualify for the Championship.

5. The combination of the horse and rider must be the same in

each of the qualifying competitions in order to qualify for the Championship and only that combination of horse and rider may compete in the Championship.

6. In the event of equality of points gained by two or more combinations of horse and rider for one of the four places, the highest number of points obtained in the third qualifying competition will decide which competitor qualifies. In the event of further equality the highest number of points obtained in the second qualifying competition will decide.

24.7. THE RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION - CONDUCT AND STARTING ORDER

1 Starting Order

Each competitor shall jump the course with each of the four horses qualified for the Championship, starting with his own and following the order shown in the table below. A special draw will decide the starting order of the finalists with their own horses and this draw will be made by the President of the Ground Jury in the presence of the four finalists and a representative of the Organising Committee, within 30 minutes of their names being known.

2. Rotation of Competitors

Horse->	A	B	C	D
Rider	1	2	3	4
	2	3	4	1
	3	4	1	2
	4	1	2	3

The horse drawn first becomes horse A and its rider becomes competitor No 1, the second horse drawn becomes horse B and its rider becomes competitor No 2, the third horse drawn becomes horse C and its rider becomes competitor No 3, the fourth horse drawn becomes horse D and its rider becomes competitor No 4, (see 24.7.2.1).

3 Schooling the Horse for the Championship

1. Each competitor in the Championship will use the special

enclosure to school his own horse. The competitors may school the other horses to be ridden in subsequent rounds for three minutes in the special enclosure built in the main arena, in which there will be a straight and a spread obstacle plus a crossed pole practice obstacle. These obstacles may not exceed 1,30m in height nor 1,40m in spread. 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 competitors and the groom for each horse taking part. After each competitor has finished the course with his own horse, he may school the horse he is to ride in the next round. The three minute period will start when the horse is mounted by the rider and a signal is given to record the time. The end of this time will be announced to the competitor and he will then immediately enter the main arena. The competitor may jump any of the practice obstacles, but the total number of efforts permitted is limited to a maximum of five 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 Championship

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 Championship

1. The competition shall be run under Table A 17.10.4.1.2. Speed 350 mpm.

2. The course shall consist of 8 fences including one double combination (i.e. 9 efforts). The heights may not exceed 1,45m nor be less than 1,30m with a spread in proportion but not exceeding 1,60m. Neither a water jump nor a jump with water may be included.

24.8 ACCIDENTS, ELIMINATION, RETIREMENT

1 Accidents

1 Accidents before the Championship.

If one of the four final riders or one of the four final horses has an accident before the start of the Championship and is

unable to compete, that horse and rider combination will automatically be replaced by the horse and rider combination placed 5th and so on. In the event of equality for 5th or subsequent place the procedure laid down in 24.6.6 will be followed.

2. Accidents to a rider during the Championship.

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

3. Accidents to a horse during the Championship.

In the event of an accident to a horse during the first round and that horse is unable to continue competing, 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 during its second or third round, the rounds in which it has competed, except the first, are cancelled. The result is determined over three rounds, the rider of the injured horse will not ride the horse which he would have to ride for his fourth round. A rider thus retains the benefit of the round on his own horse. Each rider will therefore have ridden his own horse and two others. If a horse has an accident during its fourth round, it will be penalised as for an elimination or retirement (see 24.8.2) 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 under SANEF Rule 24.8.2

2 Elimination

If a competitor is eliminated or does not complete his round for any reason, he 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 competitor 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.

3 Retirement

A competitor who has qualified for the Championship and withdraws will lose all prize money, grading points, awards etc won in any qualifying competition at the Event unless, in the case of the horse it is declared by a veterinarian appointed by the Organising Committee to be unfit to compete in the

Championship, and in the case of the rider a medical practitioner appointed by the Organising Committee declares him to be unfit to compete in the Championship.

24.9 INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

1 The competitor who has the lowest penalties over all the rounds of the Championship 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 the same course, each competitor riding his own horse. The order of jumping in this jump-off will be the combination of horse and rider that was the lower qualified after the three qualifying competitions going first.

24.10 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

1 The Organising Committee is required to ensure that the three qualifying competitions and the Championship competition take place over a period that is not less than three active show days and not longer than four active Event days.

2 For the first, second and third 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 except that no entry fee or starting fee is payable for the Championship competition;

3 the obtaining of sponsorship for prize money for each of the competitions.