



# **SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**

## **VAULTING RULES**

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### **PART ONE**

#### **PREAMBLE**

These National Rules for the Vaulting Discipline are produced specifically for use at CVN or lower status Events and have been drawn up in the broadest possible terms so as to allow the Organizing Committees affiliated to a Provincial Body, and the Provincial Body itself, as much freedom as possible in the management of their Events and in the preparation of their schedules. If there is any doubt about the meaning of any of these rules they should be interpreted in the sense of providing fair conditions for all competitors. It is quite obvious that however complete the rules may be they can never cover every eventuality. If the matter cannot be resolved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution to be adopted should lie in the principle, which follows as nearly as possible the spirit of the official text.

These rules should be read in conjunction with the SANEF General Regulations, SANEF Veterinary Regulations and the 'FEI Guidelines for Judges' for compulsory and free test exercises.

Where these rules are unclear, or do not cover a given situation, the FEI rules should be consulted. Where these rules differ from the FEI rules, they take precedence over them.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE**

SANEF expects all those involved in equestrian sport to adhere to this Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, the welfare of the horse must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of riding aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, including treatment of competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. SANEF urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

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## **SECTION 70        INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

### **70.1.0        RUNNING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

**70.1.1**        All events carrying CVI status shall be run strictly according to the current FEI rules.

### **70.2.0        INVITATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

**70.2.1**        See the current FEI Rules for Vaulting Events.

## **SECTION 71: GENERAL RULES**

### **71.1.0 DECLARATION OF STARTERS**

**71.1.1** Where the Organising Committee or the rules of an event require it, the Chef d'équipe must declare the names of team members, horses and longeurs, and weights of team vaulters, no later than the time fixed by the OC. If there are horse inspections, declaration of starters must be set after this.

**71.1.2** The horse and/or longeur may be changed up to one hour before the beginning of the competition. Any such change must be done on the official substitution form. Both the original horse and the substitute horse need to have passed the horse inspection if held.

### **71.2.0 VAULTERS / AGE CLASSIFICATIONS**

**71.2.1** All Individual Championship classes must be split between male and female. A non-championship class should be split between male and female at the discretion of the OC. There must be at least two male and two female entries starting in an individual Championship event to be declared an official championship or it will be considered a non-championship class and no SANEF medals will be awarded.

**71.2.2** Until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 13, vaulters are classified as children and are eligible to take part in under-14 competitions and may also compete in open classes.

**71.2.3** From the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 14, vaulters are classified as open and are eligible to take part in open competitions only.

**71.2.4** Where Children's classes are divided according to age, the rules for cross-entries must be stated on the schedule.

### **71.3.0 THE HORSE**

**71.3.1** The horse shall be at least 5 years old to enter competitions. Horses that are 5 years old should only be used for walk & trot competitions.

**71.3.2** The horse shall be at least 6 years old at National Competitions in those classes requiring the canter (unless approval is granted by all Provinces to waive this regulation under exceptional circumstances).

**71.3.3** Where the same horse competes more than once in one day, the times that a horse competes should be as far apart as possible.

**71.3.4** All rounds of the Compulsory Test & Free Style Test must be performed on the same horse except in Mixed Team events (See Rule 77.1.3). Once the competition has started, a horse may not be replaced for that particular competition, except as provided in various places in these rules.

**71.3.5** The horse should be plaited and neatly turned out for all Provincial and National competitions.

**71.3.6** A horse must be registered with a Provincial Body.

**71.3.7** The relevant SANEF or FEI regulations shall apply regarding horse inspections.

**71.3.8** See Appendix F for the current regulations for horse usage

### **71.4.0 LONGEUR**

**71.4.1** The longeur may not be younger than the beginning of the year they turn 17 as long as he or she fulfils the membership requirements of his or her Provincial Body for that class.

**71.4.2** The longeur is considered part of the team or vaulting unit, and as such is eligible to receive any medals, prizes or awards that are won by teams.

**71.4.3** Once the competition has started, another longeur may not be used except in case of illness certified by a medical doctor, or at the discretion of the ground jury.

**71.4.4** The longeur should be generally competent and capable of lunging and handling the horse so as to comply with the criteria for judging the horse as set out in the regulations for judging below (sections 73 and 74).

## **71.5.0 RESIDENCE IN A PROVINCE AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

**71.5.1** Notwithstanding SANEF General Regulation 04.5.22, the horse need not be registered in the same Province as the Vaulters/s.

**71.5.2** In individual competitions, the longeur need not be from the same Province as the vaulter/s: the longeur of a team must be from the same Province as the rest of the team.

## **71.6.0 CHEF D'ÉQUIPE**

**71.6.1** SANEF General Regulations shall apply. A longeur or coach may also act as the chef d'équipe.

## **71.7.0 SALUTE**

**71.7.1** In all competitions each vaulter and longeur must salute the president of the Ground Jury before and after the competition.

**71.7.2** Before beginning the performance, the horse must be trotted on the circle until the President of the Ground Jury rings the bell.

**71.7.3** Entry, exit and the form of the salute are left to the discretion of the vaulters but should be simple. The President of the Ground Jury shall acknowledge the salutes.

**71.7.4** Entry and exit may be accompanied by music.

## **71.8.0 MUSIC**

**71.8.1** Compulsory Tests, Free Style and Technical Tests are performed to self-chosen music, provided by the competitor/s, on the medium stated in the schedule.

**71.8.2 T** The entry, salute and exit may also be done to music.

**71.8.3** Vocal music is permitted or not according to the FEI regulations pertaining at the time.

## **71.9.0 VAULTER'S DRESS**

**71.9.1** Vaulters' dress must be safe, form fitting and suitable for equestrian sport. Flat cloth appliqués and contrasting prints on the dress are allowed. Hair must be neatly controlled and safe hair ornamentation is permitted. Use of dress other than defined will entail elimination. Freestyle outfits may differ and be more creative, providing that FEI standards of decorum and safety are still observed.

**71.9.2** In mixed team competitions dress must be uniform and suitable; in pair and pas de deux competitions dress must be well matched and suitable.

**71.9.3** In mixed team competitions, consecutive numbers must be worn on the right arm, right leg or back of all vaulters, including the alternate vaulter. They must be 10-12cm in size and clearly visible.

**71.9.4** No jewelry or watches of any description allowed.

**71.9.5** Mixed team members must provide their own numbers in order of their participation in team compulsory exercises. Organisers must provide numbers for competitors in individual classes.

#### **71.10.0 LONGEUR'S DRESS**

**71.10.1** Longeurs must be neatly and smartly dressed: they must wear black & white or team colours.

#### **71.11.0 COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE VAULTING HORSE**

**71.11.1** Snaffle bridle, with smooth bit, no more than two joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted.

**71.11.2** Side reins with or without rubber rings or elastic inserts, adjusted appropriately for the gait (see *Guidelines for Judges*), even if this entails adjusting their length between canter compulsory and walk free-style tests.

**71.11.3** Vaulting surcingle with under pad and preferably wither and girth padding. No more than two grips. No more than one Cossack strap/loop on each side below the grip. No hand or foot hold may be attached to the back, wither or girth pad. The surcingle may have one loop between grips. See Appendix C

Lunge rein: this must be attached to inner ring of bit (not over the head or to the outer ring of bit).

Lunge Whip

Standing Martingales and Auxiliary reins are not permitted.

Not using the equipment described above or using it not in the manner specified will entail elimination (71.11.1-6)

**71.11.4 One Back Pad with or without cover, with the following dimensions:**

- ◆ Max 80cm from the back edge of the surcingle to the back of the pad.
- ◆ Max 25cm from the front edge of the surcingle to the neck end of the pad.
- ◆ Max 90cm from the lowest point to the lowest point (If checked on the horse, the allowed tolerance may not exceed 10cm, i.e. 100cm)
- ◆ Max 3cm thick, within 30 cm of the side edges, including cover.
- ◆ Max total length 110cm, with no more than 25cm in front of the surcingle.

**71.12.0 OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE VAULTING HORSE**

**71.12.1** Bandages and/or boots. Ear muffs and plugs are allowed

**71.12.3** The surcingle and the back pad may be changed for the Compulsory Test, Free Test, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> round **and the technical test.**

**71.12.4** In the warm up arena, lungeing cavesson, standing martingales or auxiliary reins are permitted. It is permitted to work the horses mounted

**71.12.5** The use of any equipment not compulsory or optional, or in any manner not compulsory or optional (see 71.11 and 71.12.1-4), will entail elimination.

**71.12.6** Any advertising or sponsorship on the horse's, longeur's or vaulters' equipment or clothing worn in the arena is subject to the provisions of SANEF General Regulations.

**71.12.7** Gel pads are allowed.

## **SECTION 72: COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION**

### **72.1.0 THE ARENA (SEE APPENDIX D FOR DIAGRAM)**

- 72.1.1** The competition space in the arena must be at least **20 x 25 m**
- 72.1.2** The Arena should be enclosed with a border of surrounds or suitable material.
- 72.1.3** The ground must be level, resilient, not slippery, not too deep or hard.
- 72.1.4** The arena needs to be non-slip and must have a sawdust or similar circle of approximately 3m in width, with the outside diameter of approximately 15m and the inside diameter of approximately 13m. A visible marking of the central point of the circle is recommended. Sand or grass arenas are acceptable.
- 72.1.5** The roof of covered arenas should be at least 5m high.
- 72.1.6** Spectators must be at least 25m away from the centre of the lunging circle.
- 72.1.7** A practice arena is compulsory and should have the same specifications as the competition arena. More than one practice arena may be necessary. Use of the practice arena should follow program order.
- 72.1.8** The judges' tables should be at least **11m away and 13m to 15m away for Championship classes from the centre of the circle**. It is recommended that the judges' tables be raised 50–60cm above the level of the arena. The tables are situated as indicated in Appendix D.

### **72.2.0 GRADING AND GRADING POINTS (SEE APPENDIX E)**

- 72.2.1** See Appendix E for rules regarding grading, upgrading and points.
- 72.2.2** A vaulter may not compete in more than two grades in any one Event.
- 72.2.3** Unless otherwise stated, a vaulter may never compete in an Individual Competition a grade lower than he/she is graded at the time.
- 72.2.4** Unless otherwise stated in the schedule, a vaulter may compete in a grade higher than he/she is presently graded.
- 72.2.5** If grading points are awarded when a vaulter competes in a higher grade they will be counted in his/her registered grade.
- 72.2.6** Grading points shall be awarded irrespective of the number of prizes awarded.
- 72.2.7** Grading points shall not be awarded if a vaulter does not complete all rounds required.

### **72.3.0 OFFICIALS (SEE APPENDIX K)**

### **72.4.0 SCHEDULES AND PROGRAMMES**

**72.4.1** All schedules in respect of Recognized Events issued by an Affiliated Body shall conform to current applicable SANEF and Provincial Rules, and shall be approved before publication by the Provincial body concerned in the case of Provincial Events and by SANEF in the case of National Events.

**72.4.2** The schedule shall contain the following minimum information:

- ◆ Date and Venue of the Event and at least the starting time of the first competition/class on each day.
- ◆ The closing day of entries and the address to which entries are to be sent. The closing time may also be stated.
- ◆ Details of the competitions/classes offered (for example, specifying age-groups, grades, and so on).
- ◆ Details of entry fees per competition/class and any levies.
- ◆ Details of the prize money (including any deductions), as a lump sum, percentage of the entry fees, or a combination of both. If a percentage of the entry fees is used, the schedule must state whether the prize money is to be paid as a percentage of the entry fees received for each competition, or whether the percentage will be spread among all the competitions at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- ◆ The rules under which the Event and the competitions/classes are being conducted, with particular attention to the requirements of the Provincial Body in this regard.
- ◆ Whether a competition/class is to be run on the right rein (if it is to be run on the left rein this need not be specified).
- ◆ The bases for any restrictions on or combinations of classes (for example, grading, grading points, age, limitations on longeurs, horses, or numbers of vaulters). It is desirable for the schedule to contain reminders of rules 71.2.1, 71.2.2 and 71.2.3.
- ◆ The contact details of the Show Secretary and/or Show Director.
- ◆ Whether an individual competition/class is graded.
- ◆ The circumstances under which entry fees or parts thereof will or will not be refunded.

### **72.4.3 The Official Program shall contain at least the following information:**

- ◆ A detailed timetable with the order in which competitions/classes will be run.
- ◆ The order in which teams or individuals will compete in each competition/class. It is recommended that this order should not be the same in each round. This is determined by the organising committee.
- ◆ It is strongly recommended that, when entries warrant it, specific starting times be given for each team or group of individuals.
- ◆ The prize money for each place in each competition/class must be detailed.

### **72.5.0 COMPETITIONS OFFERED**

**72.5.1** Competitions should normally be offered in the grades currently contested in South Africa.

**72.5.2** Organizing Committees may offer other types of Competition in order to promote vaulting. These Competitions shall not count for grading purposes and if possible should be held only in addition to the recognized competitions.

### **72.5.3 Individual competition**

- i) An individual competition where vaulters compete as individuals (whether or not their performance counts towards an individual team result, as at the South African Individual Team Championships (see section 78).
- ii) An individual competition should be divided by age, grade and, where numbers warrant it, sex.
- iii) An individual competition at D grade or higher will be graded unless it is stated otherwise in the schedule.
- iv) See section 75.
- v) **A & B grade - The free test must consist of a minimum of 7 exercises for which a score can be attributed. The maximum score is 10. Decimals are allowed. Easy exercises (E) are to be counted, however they do not have a value for the degree of difficulty.**
- vi) **C grade – The free test must consist of a minimum of 7 exercises for which a score can be attributed. The maximum score is 10. Decimals are allowed. Easy exercises (E) are to be counted and awarded a score of 0.2 for the degree of difficulty**

#### **72.5.4 Mixed team competition**

- i) A Mixed Vaulting team consists of the longeur, the horse, 6 to 8 vaulters in E and D Grade. C Grade consists of a longer, horse and 6 vaulters of any age and sex and may have an alternate vaulter (optional). The alternate vaulter must line up with the team. The vaulters may be any age and sex. **A grade mixed teams consist of a longer, horse and 7 vaulters plus an alternate. All seven vaulters must show all of the compulsory exercises and only six vaulters may perform in the Free test.**
- ii) Grading points are not awarded to the individual vaulters in a mixed team.  
See sections 73 & 77.

#### **72.5.5 Group competition**

- i) A group competition is a form of training for the mixed team competition: a vaulting group consists of a longeur, horse, and three or four vaulters of any age and sex who perform a freestyle routine in which up to three vaulters work on the horse at any one time.
- ii) Group competitions may be offered at the walk or the canter.
- iii) Grading points are not awarded to the individual vaulters in a group.
- iv) See section 76.

#### **72.5.6 Pairs competition**

- i) A vaulting pair consists of two vaulters (ideally well matched in size, physique and appearance), a longeur and a horse. The vaulters perform together on the horse.
- ii) Grading points are not awarded to the individual vaulters in a pair.
- iii) See section 76.

#### **72.5.7 Pas de deux competition**

- i) A vaulting pas de deux pair consists ideally of one male and one female vaulter, a longeur and a horse. The vaulters perform together on the horse.
- ii) Grading points are not awarded to the individual vaulters in a pas de deux.
- iii) See section 76.

### **72.5.8 Two-phase competition**

- i) A two-phase competition is any kind of competition where the first round is performed on a barrel and the second on a horse.
- ii) Grading points are not awarded in any kind of two-phase competition.

### **72.5.9 Competitions for disabled vaulters**

- i) Any rules regarding assistance should be waived in the case of a disabled vaulter who requires assistance at any stage.

## **SECTION 73: THE MIXED TEAM VAULTING COMPETITION**

### **73.1.0 GENERAL**

**73.1.1** A mixed team may compete at any level it considers appropriate. At this stage, teams are not graded: this will be reviewed annually and any grading rules will be recorded in later versions of Appendix E. International practice is that, when a team starts working on a new horse, or replaces more than half its members, it may downgrade.

**73.1.2** The members of a mixed team must have an individual grading as per the stipulated grade of that mixed team, but 25% of the team may be from the next highest individual grading.

**73.1.3** E & D grade mixed teams consists of a longeur, horse and 6 to 8 vaulters of any age and sex, and may have an alternate vaulter. C grade mixed team consists of a longeur, horse and 6 vaulters of any age and sex, and may have an alternate vaulter.

**A grade mixed teams consist of a longer, horse and 7 vaulters plus an alternate. All 7 vaulters must show all of the compulsory exercises and only 6 vaulters may perform in the Free test.**

**73.1.4** Each vaulter may be a member of only one mixed team per event

**73.1.5** An alternate vaulter must enter and line up with his/her mixed team.

**73.1.6** The horse walks or canters on a circle with a minimum diameter of 15m, preferably more. A visible marking of the central point of the circle is recommended.

**73.1.7** The mixed team vaulting competition consists of two tests - 1<sup>st</sup> round compulsory and freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> round-freestyle only, **unless otherwise stated**

**73.1.8** All canter tests must be executed on the correct lead (not in counter canter).

**73.1.9** Each vaulter must show all the compulsory exercises and at least one exercise in the free test.

**73.1.10** Canter rounds should be separated by an interval of at least one hour.

**73.1.11** The tests may be performed to music, provided by the mixed team on whichever medium is specified in the schedule.

**73.1.12** A mixed team may change horses between the compulsory and freestyle rounds. This rule will be reviewed every year at the National meeting to decide on whether this rule will remain unchanged or not.

## **73.2.0 COMPULSORY TESTS**

**73.2.1** The tests & the gaits at which they are performed are provided in Appendix A.

**73.2.2** The vaulters follow each other in number order.

**73.2.3** Notwithstanding Section 0.4 the following shall apply, if a vaulter discontinues his/her performance because he/she has been hurt, the alternate vaulter may be substituted after the concerned exercise in which the original vaulter was hurt.

**73.2.4** In mixed competitions with more than 1 test, the alternate vaulter, after notification to the ground jury, may be used in the next test, however, once used, he must finish the competition.

## **73.3.0 FREE TESTS**

**73.3.1** In the freestyle test the vaulters have the opportunity to show their artistry. They may plan an original programme around their own capabilities, ideas, and specialties in single, double and triple exercises.

**73.3.2** No more than three vaulters may be on the horse at one time. The combined weight of the vaulters on the horse must never exceed 165kg. Except during the initial mounts and final dismounts, at least two of the vaulters must remain in contact with the horse for the exercise being performed to be scored.

**73.3.3** A free test consists of static and dynamic exercises. In order to be counted in the degree of difficulty, a static exercise must be held for at least three strides. A dynamic exercise should only be counted in the degree of difficulty if, in its execution, the vaulter's centre of gravity is displaced other than in the direction of the effect of gravity.

**73.3.4** In E & D grade the freestyle test is performed at the walk, and in C & A grades at the canter or unless otherwise stated.

**73.3.5** In the best interest of the vaulter the head stand free style movement is completely prohibited from the free test.

## **73.4.0 TIMING**

**73.4.1** Within one minute after the signal (bell/whistle) is given to enter the arena, the team must salute. At the latest 30 seconds after the bell following the trot, the first exercise must commence.

**73.4.2** The time for the compulsory test begins at the moment the first vaulter touches the grips, and ends with the time limit.

The time for the free test begins at the moment the first vaulter touches the grips, and ends with the time limit.

**73.4.3 The maximum times are as follows:**

	Compulsories	Free test
8 vaulters	8 min	8 vaulters 4 min 30 sec
7 vaulters	7 min	7 vaulters 4 min 15 sec
7 vaulters	7 min	6 vaulters 4 min

**73.4.4 A bell/whistle is used by the judge at A to signal the competitors:**

- ◆ To enter the arena.
- ◆ To start the compulsory and free test sections.
- ◆ That full time has elapsed.
- ◆ To stop, in unforeseen circumstances (which include repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention).
- ◆ To continue after an interruption. The time is resumed when the vaulter touches the grip. The test must be continued within 30 sec of the signal to resume.
- ◆ That the time is stopped after a fall in which the vaulter has landed other than on both feet and is unable to continue immediately or to return to the line. The test must be recommenced after a vault-on within 30 sec of the signal for the fall. The time is resumed when the vaulter touches the grip to vault-on.
- ◆ To stop a test when the horse shows any signs of irregularity, is out of control, or dangerous to the vaulters.

**73.4.5** If the signal is given to stop a test for any reason, the timing is stopped until the Judge A gives the signal to resume.

## 73.5.0 SCORING MARKS

73.5.1 The following marks are applicable for the different compulsory exercises, the parts of the free test, etc:

10 – excellent	4 – insufficient
9 – very good	3 – fairly bad
8 – good	2 – bad
7 – fairly good	1 – very bad
6 – satisfactory	0 – not executed or as a result of deductions
5 – sufficient	

## 73.6.0 SCORING THE COMPULSORY TEST

73.6.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

73.6.2 The score for the Compulsory section is divided by the number of vaulters in the mixed team.

73.6.3 The criteria for scoring the compulsory exercises and the horse are laid down in the *Guidelines for Judges*.

73.6.4 Deductions in compulsory exercises:

i) **Deduction 1 point:**

- ◆ Each stride (walk or canter) fewer than four held in static exercises. The strides are not counted before the exercise is set up or displayed.
- ◆ Each rhythm failure in the mill or half-mill.
- ◆ Failure to kneel before flag or stand.
- ◆ Leaning upon the horse's neck with the hand without loss of form in the flag.
- ◆ Landing on the ground other than on both feet only.

ii) **Deduct up to 2 points**

- ◆ Wasting time.
- ◆ Landing on the horse heavily or so as to cause discomfort, including after an unassisted mount-on at the walk.
- ◆ Falls after dismount.

iii) **Deduct 2 points**

- ◆ Repeating an exercise without leaving the horse.
- ◆ Retaking grips (loss of balance) in basic seat, flag, stand, kneel.
- ◆ Incorrect order of exercises followed by correct repetition without leaving the horse.
- ◆ Touching horse with hand behind surcingle in mill or half-mill.
- ◆ For repeating only one phase of a compulsory exercise
- ◆ For a fall between two exercises

iv) **Award 0 points**

- ◆ Each exercise wholly or partly not performed (SEE *Guidelines for Judges*).
- ◆ Coming off the horse apart from the prescribed dismount.
- ◆ Re-taking grips twice.
- ◆ Repeating whole/part of an exercise twice. (If a vaulter fails again in the second repeat of the mount-on, he/she is excused from the arena.)
- ◆ Turning away from longeur in scissors.
- ◆ Each exercise performed out of order and not corrected.
- ◆ Each whole/part of an exercise performed at the wrong gait. (A continuation of a static exercise after an interruption of the correct gait will entitle the vaulter to a score - the exercise must be held for 4 uninterrupted strides, deduction for a repetition has to be scored)
- ◆ Assisted mount-on in D-A grade.
- ◆ Each exercise begun after the time limit.

**73.7.0 SCORING THE FREE TEST**

**73.7.1** The mixed team free test receives four scores:

Degree of difficulty

Composition

Performance

Horse & general impression

See the appropriate score sheets (Appendix P) for the relationships between these scores.

### 73.7.2 DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

- i) The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- ii) For every prescribed exercise not performed, there will be a deduction of 0.50 in E and D Grade only.
- iii) If all the prescribed exercises (see score sheets) are performed the judge must award 5.0. In addition, up to 5.0 may be awarded for exercises displaying unusual risk and difficulty in E and D grade only. See Appendix B for descriptions of freestyle movements.
- iv) The Free Style Test exercises must be different from the Compulsory exercises. Compulsory exercises will be scored only if they are shown in combination with other exercises or variations (for example, within a change of position).
- v) If two exercises are combined in a difficult and creative way, the transition will be scored.
- vi) **If an exercise is shown at two levels of difficulty in E & D grade, only the most difficult is marked.**

### 73.7.3 COMPOSITION

- i) The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- ii) For scoring criteria, see *Guidelines for Judges* and Appendix H.
- iii) Deductions
  - ◆ -1 for commencing an exercise other than the dismounts after the bell. (Such exercises will also not be scored.)
  - ◆ -1 for the absence of number from any vaulter entering the competition arena
  - ◆ -2 for each vaulter who does not perform at least one exercise in addition to a mount-on.

#### 73.7.4 PERFORMANCE

- i) The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- ii) Deductions:
  - ◆ - at least 0.3 for each fall from the horse, regardless of the number of vaulters that fall.
  - ◆ - 0.5 - 1.0 for each severe fall or fall that affects the comfort and well being of the horse (including falls on the horse).
  - ◆ - 0.5 - 1.0 for each unassisted mount on at the walk that affects the comfort and well being of the horse.
  - ◆ - 0.1 for each fall after landing on the ground caused by bad technique.

#### 73.7.5 HORSE AND GENERAL IMPRESSION

- i) The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- ii) The scoring for general impression starts with the entry of the team and ends with the exit.
- iii) For scoring criteria, see *Guidelines for Judges* and **Appendices G & I**
- iv) To be taken into consideration for the **9** marks allocated to the horse:
  - ◆ For the entrance and exit the longeur should lead the horse correctly, holding the lunge rein correctly, running in step at the horse's shoulder.
  - ◆ The horse should stand still during the salutes.
  - ◆ The horse should be obedient at all gaits and halt squarely on the circle when required.
  - ◆ The horse should display regular, sound, correct gaits.
  - ◆ The horse should display good cadence in each gait
  - ◆ The horse should display good carriage and evidence of correct schooling, with its poll as its highest point with the engagement of the hind quarters and an active hock action. Correct contact on the side reins, and moving straight on the circle.

- ◆ The horse should be neatly turned out, its mane hogged or plaited, and all tack and equipment neat, clean and correctly fitted.
- ◆ The longeur should be competent and display the correct aids and technique.
- ◆ The circle should be regular and at least 15m in diameter.
  - iv) To be taken into consideration for the **1** mark allocated to the general impression of the team:
    - ◆ Entry, exit and salutes should be orderly and synchronised, without being 'gimicky' or ultra-flashy.
    - ◆ The team's outfits should be uniform.
    - ◆ The behaviour and demeanour of the team should be appropriate.

### **Deductions: Up to 1 Point**

- ◆ At the judge's discretion if the horse appears to be labouring or over-loaded (although under the limit of 165kg).
- ◆ - Audible instructions to the vaulters.
- ◆ - Circle irregular or smaller than 15m diameter.
- ◆ - Lack of straightness of the horse
- ◆ - Bad Behaviour (Buck or Kicks) After second buck or kick can be eliminated at the discretion of the Judge A
- ◆ - Incorrect lungeing (walking out of the centre of the circle, loose lunge rein, twisted lunge rein, inappropriate aids)
- ◆ - Longeur's rein not prepared before entering arena
- ◆ - Inappropriate dress of longer

### **73.8.0 TIME LIMIT OF THE FREE TEST**

**73.8.1** If an exercise has begun just before the time limit, the exercise or combination in progress may be finished.

**73.8.2** If the dismounts are commenced immediately without further intermediate exercises, the dismounts will be included in the evaluations for difficulty, composition and performance without penalty.

**73.8.3** If any other exercises or combinations are commenced after the exercise or combination in progress at the time of the bell, other than the final dismounts, there will be a deduction of 1 point from the score for composition and all exercises after the bell, including the dismounts, will not be scored for difficulty, composition or performance. No further static exercises may be performed after the bell.

### **73.9.0 ALTERNATE VAULTER**

**73.9.1** Notwithstanding Section 0.4 the following shall apply, if a vaulter discontinues his/her performance because he/she has been hurt, the alternate vaulter may be substituted after the concerned exercise in which the original vaulter was hurt.

**73.9.2** In mixed competitions with more than 1 test, the alternate vaulter, after notification to the ground jury, may be used in the next test, however, once used, he must finish the competition.

### **73.10.0 FINAL SCORE**

**73.10.1** The total marks for all tests are added and divided by the number of tests. The result will be rounded off to the third decimal.

**73.10.2** In case of equality of marks, the higher mark of the total compulsory score of the first round will decide.

### **73.11.0 CAUSES FOR ELIMINATION FROM A TEAM COMPETITION**

**73.11.1** Any of the following infractions will entail elimination from the team event for the entire team:

- ◆ Entering the arena with more than the nominated horse, longeur, vaulter, alternate vaulter and assistant where permitted.
- ◆ Vaulting on a horse that is obviously injured or unsound.
- ◆ Abusing the horse.
- ◆ Allowing more than three vaulters on the horse at one time.
- ◆ Allowing the horse to carry more than 165kg.
- ◆ Exceeding the horse's limits for horse use on the day.
- ◆ Using equipment other than compulsory or optional equipment.

- ◆ Not entering the arena within two minutes of the judge's call without good reason.
- ◆ Not commencing performing within 30 seconds of the judge's signal to do so.
- ◆ Dress other than defined.

### 73.11.2

**Unauthorised assistance** (see 73.11.2) other than assistance to prevent an accident (such assistance may nevertheless attract a deduction).

- Someone outside the arena passing equipment to the team
- A person other than the longeur giving directions to the horse.
- In all walk rounds, spotting(walking alongside the horse in order to provide assistance and/or support in movements other than for the mount on) will result in a deduction from the horse score as follows

-1.0 when another vaulter or the assistant walks alongside the horse while the vaulter is performing.

-2.0 when another vaulter or the assistant walks alongside the horse, touching the horse or vaulter, or holding the equipment of the horse while the vaulter is performing

**73.11.3** If a team is eliminated for an infraction of the rules during the compulsory section, that team may compete in the free style section, but may never be placed above teams who were not eliminated.

**73.11.4** A judge who eliminates a team must record the reason for doing so on the score sheet.

## **SECTION 74: THE INDIVIDUAL TEAM VAULTING COMPETITION**

### **74.1.0 GENERAL**

**74.1.1** The schedule must contain the method of scoring to be adopted.

**74.1.2** An individual team comprises 3 or 4 vaulters or 4 vaulters plus an alternate vaulter. The final results of the three best competitors in this team are added to obtain the final team result.

**74.1.3** In all other respects such an event shall be run as an individual vaulting competition and may be included within an individual competition. The schedule must make this clear.

**74.1.4** Members of an individual team are not obliged to have matching outfits.

## **SECTION 75: THE INDIVIDUAL VAULTING COMPETITION**

### **75.1.0 GENERAL**

**75.1.1** All individual vaulters using the same horse may enter the arena at the same time for the entrance, salutes and exit.

**75.1.2** In E & D grade, if only one vaulter is using a horse, there shall a break of at least 30 seconds between the compulsory and free tests.

**75.1.3** Only the longeur, the competing vaulter and an assistant (in some circumstances only: see 75.1.4) are allowed within the vaulting circle at the same time.

**75.1.4** An assistant may accompany the vaulter only to assist with the mounts. This assistant must be dressed as a vaulter/longeur.  
In any test at the canter, assistance with the mount will receive a score of 0.

**75.1.5** A vaulter may enter the circle only once the previous vaulter is preparing to dismount.

**75.1.6** A vaulter must use the same horse for all rounds of the competition.

**75.1.7** All participants on the same horse shall perform the compulsory test first following on from each other and then the freestyle test once the bell has sounded to start performing in programme order each time. The compulsory and the free test must be separated by at least an hour in C-A grade.

**75.1.8** The horse walks or canters on a circle with a minimum diameter of 15m, preferably more. A visible marking of the central point of the circle is recommended.

**75.1.9** E to B Grade individual vaulting competition consists of two tests (compulsory and freestyle) round 1 and (Freestyle only) round 2.

The A Grade individual competition consists of 2 tests over two rounds (first round compulsory and freestyle, second round technical and freestyle). This will be review annually by the NTC

**75.1.10** All canter tests must be executed on the correct lead (not in counter canter).

**75.1.11** The tests may be performed to music, provided on whichever medium is specified in the schedule.

## **75.2.0 COMPULSORY TESTS**

**75.2.1** The tests and the gaits at which they are performed are provided in Appendix A.

**75.2.2** The vaulters follow each other in programme order.

## **75.3.0 TECHNICAL TEST (A GRADE ONLY)**

**75.3.1** See Current FEI Vaulting Rules

## **75.4.0 FREE TESTS**

**75.4.1** In the freestyle test the vaulter has the opportunity to show his/her artistry. He/she may plan an original program around his/her own capabilities, ideas, and specialties.

**75.4.2** A free test consists of static and dynamic exercises. In order to be counted in the degree of difficulty, a static exercise must be held for at least three strides. A dynamic exercise should only be counted in the degree of difficulty if, in its execution, the vaulter's centre of gravity is displaced other than in the direction of the effect of gravity.

**75.4.3** See Appendix B for descriptions of freestyle movements.

**75.4.4** In E & D grade the freestyle test is performed at the walk, and in C-A grades at the canter.

**75.4.5** In the best interest of the vaulter the head stand free style movement is completely prohibited from the free test.

## **75.5.0 TIMING**

**75.5.1** Within one minute after the signal (bell/whistle) is given to enter the arena, the vaulters and longeur must salute. At the latest 30 seconds after the bell following the trot, the first exercise must commence.

**75.5.2** There is no time limit for the compulsory test. A vaulter may only enter the circle to stand behind the longeur once the previous vaulter is preparing to dismount. **If more than one vaulter is starting on the same horse, the next vaulter begins his /her performance after the previous vaulter is off the horse, without waiting for a signal.**

**75.5.3** There is a time limit of 1 minute for the free test. Each vaulter must signal after the bell that he/she is ready for the music. The time begins when the vaulter touches the grips or the horse regardless of whether the music has begun.

#### **75.5.4 A bell/whistle is used by the judge at A to signal the competitors:**

- ◆ To enter the arena.
- ◆ To give the signal for the first vaulter to start the Compulsory Test and every vaulter to start the Free Test or Technical Test. Elimination for failure to salute is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- ◆ That full time has elapsed in a freestyle test.
- ◆ To stop, in unforeseen circumstances (which include repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention).
- ◆ To continue after an interruption. In freestyle tests, the time is resumed when the vaulter touches the grip. The test must be continued within 30 sec of the signal to resume.
- ◆ That the time is stopped after a fall in which the vaulter has landed other than on both feet and is unable to continue immediately or to return to the line. The test must be recommenced after a vault-on within 30 sec of the signal for the fall. In freestyle tests, the time is resumed when the vaulter touches the grip to vault-on.
- ◆ To stop a test when the horse shows any signs of irregularity, is out of control, or dangerous to the vaulters.

**75.5.5** If the signal is given to stop a freestyle test for any reason, the timing is stopped until the Judge A gives the signal to resume.

#### **75.6.0 SCORING MARKS**

**75.6.1** The following marks are applicable for the different compulsory exercises, the different marks for the free test, etc:

10 – excellent	4 – insufficient
9 – very good	3 – fairly bad
8 – good	2 – bad
7 – fairly good	1 – very bad
6 – satisfactory	0 – not executed or as a result of deductions
5 – sufficient	

## **75.7.0 SCORING THE COMPULSORY TEST**

**75.7.1** The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**75.7.2** The criteria for scoring the compulsory exercises and the horse are laid down in the *Guidelines for Judges*.

## **75.7.3 FALLS**

- i) An exercise during which the fall occurs is scored as 'not performed'.
- ii) If a fall occurs between two exercises, only the subsequent exercise is scored.
- iii) Any non-prescribed touching of the ground during the performance is considered a fall.
- iv) In case of a fall, recommence within 30sec with another vault-on and the next exercise.

## **75.7.4 Deductions in compulsory exercises:**

### **i) Deduct 1 point**

- ◆ Each stride (walk or canter) fewer than four held in static exercises. The strides are not counted before the exercise is set up or displayed.
- ◆ Each rhythm failure in the mill, half-mill or leg-over.
- ◆ Failure to kneel before flag or stand.
- ◆ Leaning upon the horse's neck with the hand without loss of form in the I flag.
- ◆ Landing on the ground other than on both feet only.

### **ii) Deduct up to 2 points**

- ◆ Wasting time.
- ◆ Landing on the horse heavily or so as to cause discomfort, including after an unassisted mount-on at the walk.
- ◆ Falls after dismount.

**iii) Deduct 2 points**

- ◆ Repeating an exercise without leaving the horse.
- ◆ Retaking grips (loss of balance) in basic seat, flag, stand, kneel.
- ◆ Incorrect order of exercises followed by correct repetition without leaving the horse.
- ◆ Touching horse with hand behind surcingle in mill or half-mill.
- ◆ For repeating only one phase of a compulsory exercise
- ◆ For a fall between two exercises

**iv) Award 0 points**

- ◆ Each exercise wholly or partly not performed SEE *Guidelines for Judges*).
- ◆ Coming off the horse apart from the prescribed dismount.
- ◆ Re-taking grips twice.
- ◆ Repeating whole/part of an exercise twice. (If a vaulter fails again in the second repeat of the mount-on, he/she is excused the arena.)
- ◆ Turning away from longeur in scissors.
- ◆ Each exercise performed out of order and not corrected.
- ◆ Each whole/part of an exercise performed at the wrong gait. (A continuation of a static exercise after an interruption of the correct gait will entitle the vaulter to a score - the exercise must be held for 4 uninterrupted strides, deduction for a repetition has to be scored
- ◆ Assisted mount-on in **D-A** grade.

## 75.8.0 SCORING THE FREE TEST

75.8.1 The free test receives four scores:

- Degree of difficulty
- Composition
- Performance
- Horse

See the appropriate score sheets (Appendix Q) for the relationships between these scores.

### 75.8.2 Degree of difficulty

- i) The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- ii) For every prescribed exercise not performed, a deduction of 0.5 in E and D Grade.
- iii) If all the prescribed exercises in E & D grade only - (see score sheets) are performed the judge must award 5.0. In addition, up to 5.0 may be awarded for exercises displaying unusual risk and difficulty. See Appendix B for descriptions of freestyle movements.
- iv) The Free Style Test exercises must be different from the Compulsory exercises. Compulsory exercises will be scored only if they are shown in combination with other exercises or variations (for example, within a change of position).
- v) If two exercises are combined in a difficult and creative way, the transition will be scored.
- vi) If an exercise is shown at two levels of difficulty, only the most difficult is marked.
- vii) **B to A grade – The free test must consist of a minimum of 7 exercises for which a score can be attributed. The maximum score is 10. Decimals are allowed. Easy exercises (E) are to be counted, however they do not have a value for the degree of difficulty.**
- viii) **C grade – The free test must consist of a minimum of 7 exercises for which a score can be attributed. The maximum score is 10. Decimals are allowed. Easy exercises (E) are to be counted and awarded a score of 0.2 for the degree of difficulty.**

### 75.8.3 Composition

- i) The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- ii) For scoring criteria, see *Guidelines for Judges* and Appendix H.
- iii) **There will be a deduction of -1.0 for absence of a number from any vaulter entering the competition arena.**

### 75.8.4 Performance

- i) The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- ii) Deductions:

- ◆ - 0.1 - 0.5 for minor faults
- ◆ - 0.6 - 0.9 for medium faults
- ◆ - 1 for major faults
- ◆ - 0.5 - 1.0 for falls after the final dismount.
- ◆ - up to 2 for each fall on the horse that affects its comfort.
- ◆ - up to 2 for falls where the vaulter does not lose contact with the horse and the clock does not have to be stopped.
- ◆ - up to 2 for each unassisted mount-on at the walk that affects the comfort of the horse.
- ◆ -2 for each fall where the vaulter loses contact with the horse, whether or not the clock has to be stopped.
- ◆ Elimination for the third fall before the dismount.

### 75.8.5 Horse score

- i) The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- ii) For scoring criteria, see *Guidelines for Judges* and [Appendix G & I](#).

iii) The following should be taken into consideration:

- ◆ For the entrance and exit the longeur should lead the horse correctly, holding the lunge rein correctly, running in step at the horse's shoulder.
- ◆ The horse should stand still during the salutes.
- ◆ The horse should be obedient at all gaits and halt squarely on the circle when required.
- ◆ The horse should display regular, sound, correct gaits.
- ◆ The horse should display good cadence in each gait.
- ◆ The horse should display good carriage and evidence of correct schooling, with its poll as its highest point, correct contact on the side reins, and moving straight on the circle.
- ◆ The horse should be neatly turned out, its mane hogged or plaited, and all tack and equipment neat, clean and correctly fitted.
- ◆ The longeur should be competent and display the correct aids and technique.
- ◆ The circle should be regular and at least 15m in diameter.

#### iv) Deductions:

- ◆ - 0.5 for incorrect tension of the lunge rein
- ◆ - 0.5 for the horse passive to the aids
- ◆ - up to 1 for the horse not being straight on the circle.
- ◆ - up to 1 for the presentation of the horse on a circle less than 15m in diameter.
- ◆ - up to 1 for incorrect lunging (including walking out of the centre of the circle, a loose or twisted rein, inappropriate aids).

- ◆ - up to 1 if the longeur is inappropriately dressed.
- ◆ - up to 1 for time taken to adjust tack (except for the permitted adjustment of side reins).
- ◆ - up to 1 for overloading the horse (under the limit of 165kg).

It is recommended that the judges write down the degree of difficulty of all exercises and all deductions on the score sheet, as well as constructive comments on the horse score if it is less than 6.

## **75.9.0 FINAL SCORE**

**75.9.1** The total marks for all tests are added and divided by the number of tests. The result will be rounded off to the third decimal.

**75.9.2** In case of equality of marks, the higher mark of the total compulsory score of the first round will decide.

## **75.10.0 CAUSES FOR ELIMINATION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**

**75.10.1** If a horse is excused for misbehaviour, and a vaulter is on the horse at that time, that vaulter is eliminated. Any vaulters waiting in the arena to perform on that horse may be allowed to compete at a later time, at the discretion of the Organising Committee and in accordance with the rules. The horse is excused from that class only, and may return if entered in later classes.

**75.10.2** Any of the following infractions will also entail elimination of an individual from an individual competition:

- ◆ Entering the arena with more than the horse, longeur, vaulters and assistant where permitted.
- ◆ Vaulting on a horse that is obviously injured or unsound.
- ◆ Abusing the horse.
- ◆ If the ground jury is of the opinion that a vaulter is too tall and/or too heavy for the size and build of the horse, so that it obviously labours or is uncomfortable.
- ◆ Exceeding the horse's limits for horse use on the day: after the horse has reached its limit, all additional vaulters scheduled to vault on that horse shall be eliminated.
- ◆ Using equipment other than compulsory or optional equipment.

- ◆ Not entering the arena within two minutes of the judge's call to do so.
- ◆ Not commencing performing within 30 seconds of the judge's signal to do so.
- ◆ Dress other than defined.
- ◆ Approaching the horse before the previous vaulter has begun the dismount.
- ◆ Unauthorised assistance (see 75.10.3) other than assistance to prevent an accident (such assistance may nevertheless attract a deduction).

### **75.10.3 Examples of unauthorized assistance:**

- ◆ Someone outside the arena passing equipment to the team.
- ◆ A person other than the longeur giving directions to the horse.
- ◆ In all walk rounds spotting (walking along-side the horse in order to provide assistance and/or support in movements other than for the mount on) will result in a deduction from the horse score of: -
  - 1.0 when another vaulter or the assistant walks along-side the horse while the vaulter is performing
  - 2.0 when another vaulter or the assistant walks along-side the horse, touching the horse or vaulter or holding the equipment of the horse while the vaulter is performing.

**The above will apply except in the case of a disabled vaulter, spotting (walking alongside the horse in order to provide assistance and/or support in movements other than mount-  
ons).**

**75.10.4** A judge who eliminates an individual must record the reason for doing so on the score sheet.

## **SECTION 76: PAS DE DUX, PAIR & GROUP COMPETITIONS**

### **76.1.0      GENERAL**

**76.1.1**      All relevant regulations from the sections above, and especially sections 73 and 75, shall apply.

**76.1.2**      The pas de deux, pair or group competition is a free test only, run over one or two rounds (this must be specified in the schedule).

**76.1.3**      If the competition is run over two rounds, they must be separated by a break of at least an hour.

**76.1.4**      A pas de deux pair is composed of two vaulters (one male & one female), the longeur and the horse.

**76.1.5**      A pair is composed of two vaulters (ideally well matched in size and physique, and subject to any restrictions stated on the schedule), the longeur and the horse.

**76.1.6**      A group is a mini-team: 3 or 4 vaulters, an alternate vaulter if desired, the longeur and the horse.

### **76.2.0      THE FREE TEST**

**76.2.1**      See Appendix I for time limits.

**76.2.2**      The same composition may be used for both rounds.

**76.2.3**      During pair and pas de deux performances both vaulters must remain in contact with the horse, the grips or each other. Ground jumps are recommended.

**76.2.4**      During group performances no more than three vaulters are permitted on the horse at one time. In general the principles of a mixed team competition shall be applied.

**76.2.5**      The schedule must state the required grades.

**76.2.6**      See Appendix Q for score sheets.

## **SECTION 77:**

### **THE SA NATIONAL MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **77.1.0 CROSS REFERENCE AND APPLICATION**

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

**77.1.2** Unless specifically stated in this section (77), the rules for competitions described above (see especially section 73) shall automatically apply to the South African National Championships.

**77.1.3** A mixed team may change horses between the compulsory and freestyle rounds. This rule will be reviewed every year at the National meeting to decide on whether this rule will remain unchanged or not.

#### **77.2.0 TEAM ENTRIES, NOMINATIONS AND FINAL SELECTION**

**77.2.1** See SANEF General Regulations 10.11

**77.2.2** Each Provincial Body shall enter only one mixed team.

SANEF may invite FEI Group IX Federations to participate in the National Championships where applicable on terms and under conditions laid down by SANEF from time to time.

**77.2.3** The Championship shall be regarded as official provided that at least two teams are starting according to regulations at the time specified by the OC (see rule 71.1.1).

In the event that fewer than two teams are starting, the class will be run as an ordinary non-championship class, with rosettes awarded according to the programme. The organisers must specify the minimum score that must be achieved in order for a team to be deemed to have achieved 1st place.

#### **77.3.0 GRADE**

**77.3.1** The Technical Vaulting Committee shall decide each year the grade at which that year's Mixed Team Championship will be run.

The Organizing Committee, in conjunction with its Provincial Body, shall advise all Provincial Bodies of the grade that shall be the Mixed Team Championship Grade at the event.

#### **77.4.0 THE GROUND JURY**

**77.4.1** See Appendix **K** for the composition of the ground jury. Travelling expenses of any international judge shall be for the Technical Vaulting Committee.

**77.4.2** The Organizing Committee shall designate the president of the ground jury (Judge A).

#### **77.5.0 COLOURS**

**77.5.1** The colours worn or carried by the competitors in the official National Mixed Team Vaulting Championship competitions shall be those registered with the federation.

#### **77.6.0 REPLACEMENT OF HORSE**

**77.6.1** See rule 71.1.2.

**77.6.2** If a horse is unable to continue in the middle of a round or rounds not separated by at least an hour, the team is eliminated.

**77.6.3** Once a class has begun the horse may be replaced between rounds separated by at least an hour, providing an appropriate veterinary certificate is produced, and providing that the substitute horse has been vetted and is registered with a Provincial body. The Show Secretary must be informed (on the appropriate form) before the substitute horse's first round.

#### **77.7.0 PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

See SANEF General Regulations for the correct procedures.

#### **77.8.0 ALTERNATE VAULTER**

**77.8.1** Notwithstanding Section 0.4 the following shall apply, if a vaulter discontinues his/her performance because he/she has been hurt, the alternate vaulter may be substituted after the concerned exercise in which the original vaulter was hurt.

**77.8.2** In competitions with several tests, the alternate vaulter, after notification to the ground jury, may be used in the next test, however, once used, he must finish the competition.

## **SECTION 78:**

### **THE INTER PROVINCIAL UNDER 14 & OPEN INDIVIDUAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **78.1.0 CROSS REFERENCE AND APPLICATION**

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

**78.1.2** Unless specifically stated in this section (78), the rules for competitions described above (see especially sections 74 and 75) shall automatically apply to the South African National Championships. This includes 71.2.2. , 71.2.3, and 71.2.4.

**78.1.3** Notwithstanding rules 71.3.5 and 75.1.6, and apart from the provisions of 78.6, an individual team may change horses between rounds if, and only if, it has the unanimous approval of all Provinces and accepts that it may not be placed above any team that has not changed horses according to this regulation.

#### **78.2.0 TEAM ENTRIES, NOMINATIONS AND FINAL SELECTION**

**78.2.1** See SANEF General Regulations 10.11

**78.2.2** Each Provincial Body shall enter only one individual team per age group. SANEF may invite FEI Group IX Federations to participate in the National Championships where applicable on terms and under conditions laid down by SANEF from time to time.

The Championship in each age group shall be regarded as official provided that at least two teams are started according to regulations at the time specified by the OC (see rule 71.1.1).

#### **78.3.0 GRADE**

**78.3.1** The Technical Vaulting Committee shall decide each year the grade at which that year's Individual Team Championship will be run in each age group.

**78.3.2** The Organizing Committee, in conjunction with its Provincial Body, shall advise all Provincial Bodies of the grade that shall be the Individual Team Championship Grade for each age group.

#### **78.4.0 THE GROUND JURY**

**78.4.1** See Appendix **K** for the composition of the ground jury. Travelling expenses of any international judge shall be for the Technical Vaulting Committee.

**78.4.2** The Organizing Committee shall designate the president of the ground jury (judge A).

#### **78.5.0 COLOURS**

**78.5.1** The colours worn or carried by the competitors in the official National Individual Vaulting Team Championship competitions shall be those registered with the federation.

#### **78.6.0 REPLACEMENT OF HORSE**

**78.6.1** See rule 71.1.2.

**78.6.2** If a horse is unable to continue in the middle of a round or rounds not separated by at least an hour, the team is eliminated.

**78.6.3** Once a class has begun the horse may be replaced between rounds separated by at least an hour, providing an appropriate veterinary certificate is produced, and providing that the substitute horse has been vetted and is registered with a Provincial body. The Show Secretary must be informed (on the appropriate form) before the substitute horse's first round.

#### **78.7.0 ALTERNATE VAULTER**

**78.7.1** Notwithstanding Section 0.4 the following shall apply, if a vaulter discontinues his/her performance because he/she has been hurt, the alternate vaulter may be substituted after the concerned exercise in which the original vaulter was hurt.

#### **78.8.0 PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

**78.8.1** See SANEF General Regulations for the correct procedures.

## **SECTION 79:**

### **THE SA NATIONAL UNDER 14 & OPEN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **79.1.0 CROSS REFERENCE AND APPLICATION**

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

**79.1.2** Unless specifically stated in this section (79), the rules for competitions described above (see especially section 75) shall automatically apply to the South African National Championships. This includes 71.2.3.

**79.1.3** Notwithstanding rules 71.3.5 and 75.1.6, an individual may change horses between rounds if the original horse is certified unfit to compete by the veterinary delegate and he/she accepts that he/she may not be placed above any individual that has not changed horses according to this regulation.

#### **79.2.0 ENTRIES, NOMINATIONS AND FINAL SELECTION**

**79.2.1** There are no selection and nomination processes. Any vaulter who is graded in the grade at which the Championship for his/her age group is offered may enter.

**79.2.2** This championship class must be split between male and female.

**79.2.3** This championship class will be open to all ages.

**79.2.4** The Championship shall be regarded as official provided that there are at least two individual vaulters in each Male and Female sections are entered by closing date of entries

#### **79.3.0 GRADE**

**79.3.1** The Technical Vaulting Committee shall decide each year the grade at which that year's Individual Championship will be run in each age group.

**79.3.2** The Organizing Committee, in conjunction with its Provincial Body, shall advise all Provincial Bodies of the grade that shall be the Individual championship grade for each age group.

#### **79.4.0 THE GROUND JURY**

**79.4.1** See Appendix **K** for the composition of the ground jury. Travelling expenses of any international judge shall be for the Technical Vaulting Committee.

**79.4.2** The Organizing Committee shall designate the president of the ground jury (judge A).

#### **79.5.0 REPLACEMENT OF HORSE**

**79.5.1** See rule 71.1.2.

**79.5.2** If a horse is unable to continue in the middle of a round, and a vaulter is on the horse at that time, that vaulter is eliminated. Any vaulters waiting in the arena to perform on that horse may be allowed to compete at a later time, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and in accordance with the rules. The horse is excused from that class only, and may return if entered in later classes, subject to veterinary approval and the discretion of the OC; otherwise see 79.5.3.

**79.5.3** Once a class has begun the horse may be replaced between rounds separated by at least an hour, providing an appropriate veterinary certificate is produced, and providing that the substitute horse has been vetted and is registered with a Provincial body. The Show Secretary must be informed (on the appropriate form) before the substitute horse's first round.

#### **79.6.0 PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

See SANEF General Regulations for the correct procedures.

## **SECTION 80: THE SA NATIONAL PAIRS & PAS DE DEUX CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **80.1.0 CROSS REFERENCE AND APPLICATION**

**80.1.1** These rules shall be read in conjunction with, and are supplementary to the SANEF General rules applying to all SA National Championships (SANEF General Rules section 04)

**80.1.2** Unless specifically stated in this section (80) the rules of the competition described above (see especially section 76) shall automatically apply to the SA National Championships.

**80.1.3** Notwithstanding rules 71.3.5 and 75.1.6 a pair may change horses between rounds if the original horse is certified unfit to compete by the veterinary delegate and he/she accepts that he/she may not be placed above any pair that has not changed horses according to this regulation.

### **80.2.0 ENTRIES, NOMINATIONS AND FINAL SELECTION**

**80.2.1** There are no selection and nomination processes.

**80.2.2** This championship class will be open to all ages and sex.

### **80.3.0 GRADE**

**80.3.1** The Technical Committee shall decide each year the grade at which that year's Pairs & Pas de Deux Championships will be run in each age group.

**80.3.2** The Organising Committee, in conjunction with the Provincial Body, shall advise all Provincial Bodies of the grade that shall be the Pairs & Pas de Deux Championship grades.

### **80.4.0 THE GROUND JURY**

**80.4.1** See Appendix **K** for the composition of the ground jury. Travelling expenses of any international judge shall be the responsibility of the National Technical Committee.

**80.4.2** The Organizing Committee shall designate the President of the Ground Jury (Judge A)

**80.5.0        REPLACEMENT OF HORSE**

**80.5.1**        See Rule 71.1.2

**80.5.2**        Once a class has started the horse may be changed between rounds separated by at least one hour, providing an appropriate veterinary certificate is produced, and providing that the substitute horse has been vetted and is registered with a Provincial body. The show director must be informed on the appropriate form before the substituted horse's 1<sup>st</sup> round.

**80.6.0        PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

**80.6.1**        See SANEF general regulations for the correct procedures.