

REGISTRATION OF RIDERS; HORSES/PONIES & SCHOOLS

All participating SCHOOLS, RIDERS and HORSES/PONIES HAVE to register with SANESA. Please register online on www.sanesa.co.za.

Take note that each rider will have to register using either his/her SA ID number (available on birth certificates or ID books) or a valid passport number.

It is now Law that all horses have valid Identification when being transported, even locally, reflecting compulsory vaccinations. ALL horses will need to be registered using their passport numbers, or in case they do not have a passport, please complete the SANESA Horse ID chart available on the website which will allocate a number. A copy of the ID and vacc section must be uploaded to each horses profile.

No rider, horse or pony needs to be registered with any National Discipline Association or Breed Society to compete in SANESA.

RESTRICTIONS

ADMISSION IS RESERVED.

1. Payments of all entries must reflect the **UNIQUE PAYMENT ID** as per the Entry Form (eg. R-GN332 - note NO spaces) on the bank/money transfers and cash deposits.
2. Late entries will be refused and participation on the day will be refused to riders with outstanding entry fee payments.
3. Payments into wrong bank accounts will be seen as Non-Payments.
4. **ENTRY FEES ARE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRY.** Riders are responsible for deleting entries prior to close of entries if withdrawing or will be liable for payment of such entries. Please "check entries". We reserve the right to block Riders and Schools with outstanding monies.
5. Should a judge disqualify a rider due to misconduct, such rider will lose all individual and schools points for that particular show as well as their placing on the day.
6. Horse-rider combinations may move up in levels, but individual and school points will not be carried forward to the next level.
7. A school may not drop to a lesser school category during the season.
8. No rider may change levels or classes on the day.
9. Please make sure you have read the SANESA CORE LEAGUE Rules and Regulations.
10. The show organisers reserve the right to cancel/combine or split classes at their discretion.

Please contact your local Vet to ensure that you comply with AHS regulations.

PRIZES

ROSETTES:

1 in 3 for Qualifiers

DRESS CODE AND TACK

As SANESA is a School sport, it is important to display the schools at all events. Sleeved school shirts with a collar, golf shirts, blazers or waist coats, and/or tracksuit tops are preferred above formal riding attire. Footwear and protective headgear must comply with the relevant Discipline Association Rules apart from any written dispensations/directives given to SANESA by the relevant National Discipline Association and/or as indicated on each schedule.

Tack to comply with the directives as per the National Discipline Association.

POINTS AND SCORING

Riders compete in SANESA to accumulate points to qualify their schools and simultaneously they compete to qualify themselves for Regional and Provincial teams selections.

SCHOOL POINTS: Irrespective of the number of competitors in a class, points will be allocated as follows:

Level weight: Lev 0 = 00 Lev 1 = 05 Lev 2 = 10 Lev 3 = 15 Lev 4 = 20 Lev 5 = 25 Lev 6 = 30
Lev 7 = 35

For Levels 0 - 6 the top third of a class will earn higher points per placing starting at 400 for 1st place, 395 for 2nd place decreasing in increments of 5 PLUS their level weight point. The lower two thirds of a class will all receive 20 participation points PLUS their level weight point. For Level 7, the top 50% of the class will earn higher points per placing plus their level weight points and the lower half, will receive 20 participation points plus their level weight point. The school points will be used to determine the top school teams to qualify to participate at the annual National Championships in the School Team category (all disciplines and levels) if and when such a competition is held. Number of schools to qualify will be determined by the National Council on an annual basis.

INDIVIDUAL POINTS: Irrespective of the number of competitors in a class, points will be allocated as follows: 200 points for 1st place, 198 points for 2nd place, 196 points for 3rd place (decreasing in increments of 2) points down till the last competitor placed.

Ties will be awarded equal points.

All eliminations and retirements will receive 20 participation points. Elimination and retirements in the 2nd round, when and where applicable, will receive their placing points. No points will be awarded for "scratchings" or "No Shows".

Disqualification by a judge will result in all scores being 0 and no placing.

SCHOOL CATEGORIES

The highest number of horse-rider combinations actively participating in any one show during the season will determine the school size category, not the number registered horse-rider combinations at a school.

Size categories will be as follows:

1. I = 1 rider only
2. H = schools with 2-4 rider combo's
3. G = schools with 5- 8 rider combo's
4. F = schools with 9- 12 rider combo's
5. E = schools with 13-16 rider combo's
6. D = schools with 17-20 rider combo's
7. C = schools with 21 - 27 rider combo's
8. B = schools with 28 - 34 rider combo's
9. A = schools with 35 or more rider combo's

GENERAL RULES

In these Rules, where the Rider is referred to, and where the Rider is a minor, these Rules shall automatically include and be binding upon the Rider's Parents/Guardians:

1. The Judge's decision is final.
2. By entering this show, the Rider confirms that he/she has read and understood SANESA's Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Terms and Conditions, Codes of Conduct and all other relevant material, and to the extent that these documents create any duty, onus or obligation on the Rider, the Rider accepts the same unreservedly.
3. The classes that have set times will have preference in the event of a clash, but the onus is on the Rider to advise those in charge of an arena of a potential clash PRIOR to the start of the class. Failure to do so may disqualify the Rider.
4. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME! The SANESA Organising Committee shall have the express right to require any dogs, or indeed any other animal, brought to the Venue to be removed, and failure to comply with such a lawful directive may subject the Rider associated with the owners of any such dog to disciplinary processes. In all regards, SANESA specifically reserve the right of admission to the Venue for the duration of the show.
5. It is up to the Rider to ensure that their horse/pony has been vaccinated/inoculated as required by law, is fit and healthy to compete, is not under the influence of any banned substances and does not have, to the best of their knowledge, any contagious diseases.
6. The Rider undertakes NOT to bring any horse/pony to the show which has an infectious disease, whether notifiable or not, or which horse/pony the Rider could reasonably be expected to know has an infectious disease and/or which may cause the spread of such infectious disease. The Rider shall immediately withdraw any such affected horse/pony from the show, and shall forfeit any entry fees paid.

7. In any qualifying SANESA show, a substitution may be made of horse AND/OR Rider PROVIDED they are from the SAME SCHOOL and compete in the EXACT same class.
8. Horse substitutions may only be done if the horse substituted is registered on the Rider profile.
9. No Rider may change levels or classes on the day.
10. No substitution may be bought or sold for money at any SANESA Show.
11. A School may enter a maximum of 6 Qualifying shows during one season.
12. No School or Team may enter in more than one region in a year.
13. Qualifying criteria and team selection criteria are as published under Selection Criteria for the Region/Province. If a Region/Province fails to publish their criteria as per the rules, the National criteria will be applied. It is the Rider's sole responsibility to familiarise and be aware of the applicable qualifying and selection criteria.
14. For shows that were postponed/rescheduled/cancelled **after closing date** there will be **no refunds/credits** of entry fees or any part thereof, for any reason whatsoever. For postponed/rescheduled shows it is the Rider's responsibility to delete entries if they cannot participate on the re-scheduled date. There will be no refunds/credits for Riders scratchings after close of entries.
15. There will be no refunds/credits for classes that are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances at an event. In these cases, all riders in the class will receive equality of points being 20 plus level weight point for both the rider individual and the school points.
16. Riders with disabilities may compete in all classes of the Schools League at own risk. Please see our criteria for Riders with disabilities when registering the Rider.
17. By entering this show, the Rider agrees that neither SANESA, SAEF, the venue/club, the organisers, owners, officials or their employees or representatives will be held responsible for any loss, damage, theft or injury sustained by horses/ponies, riders, spectators or their property at this event.
18. By entering this show, the Rider and his/her Parents/Guardians expressly consent and provide SANESA and its agents with the necessary authorisation to take and use photographs and/or video material ("material") of the Rider taken at any stage during the show, provided that any such material shall only be used for the purpose of promoting SANESA, in whatsoever form or format SANESA may choose, including but not limited to its website and/or social media pages, provided that SANESA shall use any such material with all reasonable discretion and sensitivity, and any such material may, where taken by an agent of SANESA, be made available for sale by the agent to the Rider. In the event that the Rider objects to SANESA's use of any material containing their image, on written request, SANESA shall remove such material from wherever it may have been used by SANESA. Save for requiring the removal of any material, the Rider shall have no further claim in this regard against SANESA or its agents.
19. **LEVEL 0 RIDERS MAY NOT USE SPURS IN ANY DISCIPLINE.**

SAFETY TIPS FOR RIDERS

Wear an approved riding helmet that fits your head and is correctly fastened every single time you go riding.
 Always have riding helmets checked by professionals after a fall.
 Use Safety Stirrups for younger riders.
 Always check girths before mounting.
 Always wear sturdy boots with a heel and minimal tread.
 Never lead your horse with your hand through the lead.
 Ride a suitable horse for your riding skill level.
 Frequently check your tack for signs of weakness and wear.
 Learn how to fall and roll away from your horse.
 Consider wearing a safety vest to protect your torso.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

If a rider wishes to receive recognition by the relevant National Discipline Association structure, he/she will have to ride at the level in which he/she and his/her horse/pony are registered and indicate on the entry form that he/she wishes to be graded for that class. For the grading requirement box to be available on the riders entry, riders need to ensure that their DA Membership number is added on their rider profile and that they tick the "grading required" box **at the time of submitting the entry.**

The onus is on the rider to ensure that he/she and his/her horse/pony are correctly registered and have entered in the correct classes to be considered for grading points.

NUMBER OF CLASSES

A pony may be used by 2 riders per day if it is participating in **LEAD REIN ONLY**.

NO horse/pony in any other level may be used by more than 1 rider per day. Infringement of this rule will result in the disqualification of rider and/or school for the season.

Competing (and registering) the same horse/pony under different names, will also be seen as a violation of this rule.

RISING STARS CHALLENGE

Lead Rein riders will be accommodated in Level O with the Beginner riders. A school may enter a team at Level O which is made up of only Lead Rein riders, only Beginner Riders or a combination of both. As this Level has been created to protect beginners, NO rider who rides in Level O in either the Prep or High Schools, may enter ANY other Level at this particular show. A Lead Rein rider may progress to Beginner rider during the qualifiers and retain their scores for the qualifiers. Level 0 Riders who have participated in **at least two qualifiers**, will qualify for the Rising Stars Challenge at the end of the season. Level 0 riders are not eligible for Provincial or National Colours.

Lead Rein

To be ridden on Lead Line in a snaffle bridle using predominately two hands on the reins. The handler must be an adult with a lead attached to the cavesson, headstall or double clip lead on the horse at all times whilst the competitor is mounted in the arena. In Leadline the handler must be over 18 years of age and may assist the rider, where necessary. No whip or spurs are allowed.

LEVEL 0 RIDERS MAY NOT USE SPURS IN ANY DISCIPLINE.

No Stallions will be allowed to compete at Level 0 in **any** discipline.

DEVELOPMENT

Subsidies for children whose participation depends on financial aid may be applied for in writing to sponsored@sanesa.co.za. SANESA will look at each application and its decision will be made in terms of the development criteria of SANESA.

INDEMNITY

I agree to be bound by the SANESA Codes of Conducts, relevant rules and regulations of SANESA, SAEF and the relevant National Discipline Association. Neither SANESA, SAEF, the National Discipline Association nor its agents, employees, officers, officials, members, independent contractors, volunteers or any other persons associated therewith shall be responsible or may be held liable for any loss, damage or injury including consequential losses, suffered by or caused to any person or property on or about the property or premises on which any SANESA event, competition, match, practice or related activity or any other activity of the SANESA of whatsoever nature is held, whether or not such loss, damage or injury is occasioned by any act or omission of the SANESA its agents, employees, officers, members, independent contractors, volunteers or any other persons associated therewith or for whose actions they or any of them would be liable in law, or by reason of *vis major*; *casus fortuitus*, rain or other water, riots, strikes, theft or burglary with or without forcible entry, or by any reason or any condition on or off any grounds, building structures, premises or facilities on or about which any SANESA event, competition, function or meeting of whatsoever nature is held, or caused by any sporting activity, or by any other cause of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising.

COVID COMPLIANCE

ALL COVID 19 HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL APPLY AS PER LATEST PUBLISHED GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

STALLION RESTRICTIONS

Riders must complete the necessary Stallion Indemnity Form and upload this to the horse/pony profile. This form must also be returned to the Provincial/Regional Chair and a copy mailed to the National Office. [/files/STALLION INDEMNITY FORM 2014\(2\).pd](#)

All Stallions must wear a **YELLOW RIBBON** in their tail;
No Stallions will be allowed to compete at Level 0 in **any** discipline, Primary or High Schools.

SPECIAL NEEDS RIDERS

The **Special Needs (SN)** Rider classes are open to Physically Disabled (PD) as well as Intellectually Disabled (ID) riders.

Special Needs riders can choose not to participate in the SN classes and ride in the mainstream classes on their own accord.

Riders can elect to ride On or Off Lead on the day of the Competition. Written request to do so, from the Coach or the Parent will be required on the day as well as full reasons why the change is required. This must be handed in to the Regional/Provincial Committee as well as the Show Director of each Discipline affected. Approval must be given prior to the change being official.

Walk-only Tests: Riders that have a disability prohibiting them from posting the trot or sitting the jog. These can be On or Off Lead Classes (supported or un-supported).

Walk, Trot/Jog, Canter/Lope. Independent only. Rider is expected to compete with no modifications to NGB rules. These riders should compete in the SANESA mainstream classes as the SN Classes are only Walk & Trot Classes.

TACK

No changes of tack or attire are allowed for the duration of the two compulsory phases with exceptions to those noted below. A rider must not mix and match attire. Same tack/attire must be worn in all compulsory phases, except jackets, spurs, whips, and horse boots

Any style of bridle or saddle is permitted. All tack must be well fitting so as not to cause pain or distress to the horse. All bits are as per Dressage South Africa Rules. Spurs are to be blunt competition spurs. Blunt rowels are acceptable. Whips - dressage as per DSA Rules, Whips may be used in the normal way for all levels. Permissible maximum length for whips is 1.2 metres and 1 metre for ponies. The tassel is included when measuring the whip.

The whip must not be secured to the horse or tack, it must be held by hand. Only one whip is permitted at all times when riding at the venue.

Additional Bits (for all diagrams and measurements please see ZAWA rules)

1. Portuguese curb (shank less than 10cm)
2. Kimblewick straight (with or without port) jointed or halfmoon.
3. English Pelham straight (with or without port) jointed or halfmoon (shank less than 10cm).

Additional Bridles (for all diagrams and measurements please see ZAWA rules)

1. Bitless Bridle (may not self tighten)
2. Micklem Bridles
3. Bosal

Horse boots are allowed in all levels except in the dressage phase, no bandages are allowed.

Ear Bonnets are permitted to be worn under the following conditions:

1. The ear bonnet must not cover the horse's eyes.
2. The ear bonnet must be clearly made from a material which does not provide any sound reduction.
3. No materials may be used to plug the horse's ears
4. Failure to present to the gear steward for ear bonnet inspection before and after each phase will incur elimination (refer rule 12.18).
5. The Gear Steward will verify that no additional insulation from the manufactured state has been inserted and that ear plugs have not been inserted.

Tack not permitted - riding in any of the tack listed below on the competition grounds on the day of competition will result in immediate elimination.

Running/standing martingales, running reins, chambon, de Gogue, tongue ties, blinkers, ear plugs (may be used for presentations) or ANY equipment that the Ground Jury for the relevant competition determines is against the intent and general principles of working equitation.