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Gauteng Dressage Team Selection Document 2026

- **Introduction**

The Gauteng Dressage Council will select Athletes to compete in the South Africa Youth Championships taking place in 2026.

- **Objectives**

The primary objective of participating at the South African Dressage Championships is for the teams to achieve the best possible results, as well as facilitate an opportunity for athletes to interact with their peers from other provinces.

- **Eligibility**

Athletes

1. Be a bona fide resident of Gauteng
2. Be a registered member of SAÉF and Dressage South Africa as well as a registered Club.
3. Be in good standing with the Gauteng Dressage Council
4. Be willing to make themselves and their horse available for selection and team training

Horses

1. Be registered with the DSA
2. Be made available for selection by their owners
3. Be up to date with AHS and flu vaccines

- **Dispute resolution**

The decision of the selectors will be final.

- **Teams**

All teams are made of between 3 and 4 riders and horses. Where insufficient riders and horses meet the criteria for team selection, riders and horses may be combined with those from another province to create a full team.

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Team	Test*	Eligible
Pony Rider, Children, Junior & Young Rider **Prelim** Championship	DSA Prelim (Training Level) Test 3	Will be made up of Prelim horses. The team score is determined by the scores achieved in the Prelim qualifier 2 class of the Championship event
Pony Rider, Children, Junior & Young Rider **Novice** Championship	DSA Novice (First Level) Test 3	Will be made up of Novice horses. The team score is determined by the scores achieved in the Novice qualifier 2 class of the Championship event
Pony Rider, Children, Junior & Young Rider **Elementary** Championship	DSA Elementary (Second Level) Test 3	The team score is determined by the scores achieved in the Elementary qualifier 2 class of the Championship event
Junior & Young Rider **Medium** Championship	DSA Medium (Third Level) Test 3	The team score is determined by the scores achieved in the Medium qualifier class of the Championship event
Pony Rider and Children **Open** Championship	Pony Rider National Team Test (2020)	A combination of Elementary to Medium horses. The Open Championship is run as a separate class
Junior and Young Rider Open Championship	Junior National Team Test (2011)	A combination of Elementary and above horses. The Open Championship is run as a separate class

***May be subject to change**

- **Selection Evaluation Process**

The selection committee:

- Claire Nadin (National List 1 Judge) – Main selector
- Angie Meredith – Convenor of the selection committee and President of Gauteng Dressage
- Martjie Kuipers – Portfolio holder for teams and awards
- Surea van Schalkwyk – Teams administrator

1. In evaluating the performance of combinations, the selectors will consider and have the discretion to place a greater emphasis on results achieved at CN Status Events
2. Competition based factors when assessing each athlete's performance include but are not limited to:
    a. The performance of the athlete relative to the quality and number of competitors in the event
    b. The quality of the riding by the athlete

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c. The general conditions under which the performance is achieved
d. The level of test being ridden within the selection grade
e. The suitability of the Athlete for the Provincial Team Championships, taking into account the team objectives.

3. The ability and experience of the Athlete to compete successfully at a Provincial Team Championship. Consideration will be given too:
   a. The ability of the Athlete to perform under stress and pressure
   b. Consistency of performance and form to contribute towards a team score.

- **Selection Evaluation Dates**

1. The results of Pony Rider and Junior Athletes will be considered up to and including 1 May 2026

- **Championship Dates**

1. The Youth Championships are to be held at Durban Shongweni club in KZN from 29th June – 5th July 2026

(Where referenced above, “Pony Rider” includes Pony Rider and Children Athletes, and “Junior” includes Junior and Young Rider Athletes)