INTER-DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

Inter-District competitions aren't currently given the recognition that is due. They are seen as a fun event by many disciplines.

As with Provincial colours, where the Discipline applies to the Western Cape Sports Confederation via the Western Cape Equestrian Federation, so we, as the District Equestrian Federations need to apply to the relevant District Sports Council to be able to award colours to the Open level teams.

Open team members:

- Receive full District colours for those competing in the team or as reserve on the day.
- Should the athlete's school require confirmation of the District colours award, we can arrange this.

Novice team members:

- These teams are mainly for fun and to create spirit at the show. It is also there to recognise those representing their District at a lower level.
- Some Districts may award riders with a pin and teams will have the use of any rugs, numnahs for parades depending on what the District has available.
- These are not official colours in any respect and not the same as the Open team colours

The idea / theory is that your Clubs select teams to represent them at Inter-Club competitions. These riders should form the long-list for selection for Inter District teams, which in turn should form the long or short list for Provincial team selection.

Given that we often only have enough riders at the top level to make a Provincial team, we need to think outside of the box when it comes to Inter Districts and how we make up the teams.

I would think that the maximum number of riders will try and attend your Provincial Championship show and thus it would make sense to run the Inter-Districts at each Discipline's Provincial Championship show – I know that Eventing trialled that this year for George, however I know that some of the Disciplines are not keen on this approach.

For the purposes of this document, I am only referring to Show-Jumping, Dressage, Equitation and Showing working on the basis of a multi-discipline show. I am happy to work with other disciplines to see how best to incorporate an Inter-District competition.

For this to work and with the welfare of the horse in mind, it is better to run the Team event as part of the usual classes and not a completely separate one as with Inter-Provincials.

George Riding Club started with Jumping and we then included Showing and Dressage over the 3 years. It was then agreed that this should rotate through the Districts on a 3 yearly

basis in order to allow sponsorship to build over a 3 year period. 2020 no Inter-District was run due to Covid.

2021 was held at Europa. I will flesh these out with more detail and send to the relevant disciplines for review.

I have the criteria documents from previous years and if we are running this as a multi-discipline show, then we can adapt the capability form so riders only have to complete one form and indicate which discipline they want to apply for.

Alternatively (based on what has happened every year to date), we wait until final entries are received, then invite riders to be on the team. This leaves us very little time to apply to the District Sports Council.

According to the Sports Council, you are able to list an A and B team – perhaps this is something to look at, I know we combined with Winelands and West Coast teams to make up full teams, but for example, our Open Pony Rider jumpers lost out as although we could make 2 teams, both were from Cape Town and there were no Open Pony Riders from other Districts so we couldn't make a second team.

Having said that though, I do think that in order for it to be classed as an Inter-District, there should be at least 1 team from 2 different districts, but if you can make a 3-way team competition then why not. It also makes your team selection pool for Provincial teams a little wider

Dressage

Dressage worked on the Elementary level as being the Open level for Inter-District competition and I think this is fair. Riders usually do 2 tests, but the higher numbered test will be the team event.

This year, we had enough riders across Medium and above to create a team event for the higher level riders and this was great.

I think that the Elementary should be able to include EM horses too.

Equitation

With the small number of competitors particularly in the Open classes, this becomes difficult and I will need to look back on the entries received in 2021 and work with the equitation committee to see how best we can work this in the fairest way.

Show-jumping

The best class to run this over is the A2 competition with the top 3 scores counting and the final score is a total combined penalties and combined time.

For Open level – this could be set at 100 for ponies (combining the 100 and 110 ponies). Although for ponies, we may need to look at 90 being our Open level at District level. Maybe set the class to 95 A2 and open to 90, 100 and 110.

For Juniors and Adults, we often don't have enough at the 130 level, so we could run this at 120 level and open to 120 + horses.

If there aren't enough riders, then the Juniors and Adults could be combined as they are generally in the same class anyway or look at holding this over a 115 A2 track and open to 110, 120 + horses.

Showing

This worked well this year. Where there aren't enough Open level riders, Novice level riders are able to be included in the Open team. Where there is a team member in Open level from 1 team and in Novice level from another team and both win their sections, we need to have a tie-break scenario in place in case this is needed later – running a Championship class would help here.

Selection Panel

Each club should have a Discipline Rep. Therefore the club discipline reps should basically form a "District committee". It is this committee who should look at the capabilities received and either appoint a selection committee or be the selection committee and should appoint the team manager. It is this team who should complete the Colours application form and send to the relevant District liaison for application to the Sports Council.

General Rules

All riders must be a member of a club within the District they reside unless they have applied for and received dispensation from the WCEF.

All riders must be fully paid up with the SAEF and the relevant Discipline they wish to take part in.

Unless otherwise stipulated, teams will consist of a minimum of 3 horse/rider combinations and a maximum of 4 horse/rider combinations with the top 3 scores counting towards the final team score.

A reserve horse/rider combination may be selected. Should there be no reserve horse/rider selected and the District sends a team with only 3 riders and due to unforeseen circumstances should 1 horse/rider combination selected not be able to take part, then a third horse/rider combination may be selected from those entered for the show to make up a team of 3.

Teams will be made up of club representatives in the following districts:

- ✓ Cape Town Unicity
- ✓ Winelands
- ✓ West Coast
- ✓ Overberg
- ✓ Eden

Districts may combine to form full teams.

INTER DISTRICT TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA & COMPETITION RULES – DRESSAGE

GENERAL

- All DSA rules will apply.
- The Team event will only be held if there are at least 2 teams participating from different Districts.
- Districts may combine team members in order to nominate full teams.
- The Inter-District competition will run concurrently with the Individual Championship class. The warm-up test score does not count.
- The horses and riders must be qualified by having ridden in at least one (1) recognized GRADED show within the 12 months preceding the closing date of entries for the show in their respective age categories and relevant grade.
- Ponies and horses must be correctly registered with DSA in the grade they ride in for qualification for the Inter-District Team Championship in that grade.

JUDGING OF THE COMPETITION

- The team competition will run concurrently with the individual championship class.
- Two (2) judges must be selected from the DSA International and/or National and/or Provincial A Panel of Dressage Judges, one must be National panel or higher.
- The judges must come from at least two (2) DISTRICTS. A suitable foreign judge may be appointed as one (1) of the two (2) judges.
- The Organizing Committee must submit their choice of judges to the WC DRESSAGE PROVINCIAL President for approval before inviting the Judge(s) to officiate at the Event.
- The two (2) judges are allocated at C position and B/E Position at the Show Holding Bodies Discretion for the championship class.

SCORING

- The highest 3 scores will be combined and then divided by 3 to make up a final percentage score for the team. All percentage scores will be done to 3 decimal places (not rounded up).
- In the event of a Team tie, the team that received the highest combined collective score will determine the winning team.
- In the event of a judge eliminating a horse during the judging of a competition, the horse will be placed last and the score recorded as 0% for the Team competition.

INTER DISTRICT TEAM SELECTION CRITERA AND COMPETITION RULES – EQUITATION

ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes must be registered with SAEQA if they would like to be considered for an open team. Performance at this show will be considered for our provincial team selection.
- Day membership will be allowed for this event for all other levels but unfortunately those athletes will not be eligible for any further provincial team considerations.
- Athletes wishing to be considered must be registered with their Primary club, as listed with SAEF, being in one of the Western Cape Districts and duly registered with the Western Cape Equestrian Federation and SAEQA.
- Athletes may only enter at the level in which they are currently graded. If an athlete has not done Equitation before they may only enter at the level at which they are currently graded for show jumping.

TEAM SELECTION

Each district may have one team in each level across each age group, as follows:

- Welcome Team – Pony Riders and 10 & Under
- Welcome Team – Juniors/Adults
- Novice Team – Pony Riders
- Novice Team – Juniors/Adults
- Intermediate Team – Pony Riders
- Intermediate Team – Juniors/Adults
- Open Team – Pony Riders
- Open Team – Juniors/Adults

Each team should have a minimum of 3 riders and a maximum of 5.

DISTRICT COLOURS

District Colours will only be awarded to Open Team members.
All Intermediate and Novice Team members will receive a District Federation pin where available.
Day members and Welcome members will not be eligible for colours or a federation pin. They are, however, eligible for any team prizes.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The Inter-District Team competition will only be held if there are two or more teams competing from different Districts.
Teams will consist of a minimum of 3 riders and a maximum of 5.
Should there be 5 riders in the team, the team manager will select one rider to be the reserve. The reserve rider will still be eligible to compete in both individual and team event and receive a prize/rosette, it is just their score that will not be considered for the team event.

The Team competitions will run concurrently with the individual competitions but will be treated as separate competitions.
All athletes will ride Parts 1 and 2 in programme order and will be accumulating individual as well as team scores.
The declared team athletes must be identified as such on the programme.

For Welcome & Novice Team competitions:

- The top 3 scores per team after parts 1 and 2 will determine the final team result.
- In the event of a tie, the team with the highest combined score for Part 2 will be deemed the winning team.

For Intermediate & Open Team competitions:

- The top 8 athletes will go forward to part 3. Where there is a tie for 8th position, all athletes tying for 8th position will go through. Scores for Part 3 will only count for individual results.
- The top 3 scores per team after parts 1 and 2 will determine the final team result.
- Notwithstanding the above, in the event of equality for 1st place in the team event, the highest individual score of a team member in Part 3 will determine the winning team.

INTER DISTRICT TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA & COMPETITION RULES – SHOW-JUMPING

It is an honour and privilege to be selected for a District Team, and riders chosen will be expected to participate in ALL team functions. Once the team has been finalized, the Chef de Equipe has the final say over all team riders and the selection of the final 4 and reserve. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times as well as courtesy shown to fellow team members and opposition teams. If a rider and horse combination accept their Team selection, they are expected to treat it as their first priority over any other shows/classes that they may wish to compete in.

OBJECTIVE

To select a Team of "on form" combinations as at the time of the show. Performance of all relevant combinations will be monitored prior to selection.

RECORDS

A performance record will be looked at and will include the following: -

- Size and type of Class
- Placing
- Clear Rounds
- Type of Faults (poles or stops)
- Recurring Problems (water, napping etc)

SHORT LIST

After applying the above and analyzing the records, a list of riders will be identified for final selection. This list is purely objective and self-selective.

FINAL SELECTION

Should a team of riders not be obvious after the above process, the following will be considered.

- Length of partnership of horse and rider
- Experience of Rider
- Soundness of horse. (Random veterinary inspections may be conducted from time to time, inclusive of dope testing)
- Any disciplinary action or letter of warning that may have been issued to the rider.

SELECTORS DECISION

In the event that after all the above, there is a decision to be made between two riders, authority is given to the Selection Committee to choose who they deem to be the best at that time. THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL. It may be based on rider temperament, by vote, if in a previous team; the commitment and team spirit shown, however it is made, it will be subjective.

JUDGING OF THE COMPETITION

- The team competition will run concurrently with the relevant A2 class and will be judged as an A2 class

SCORING

- The top 3 individual team rider penalties and times will be combined for a final result.
- In the event of a Team tie, the team with the fastest, lowest scoring round will be deemed the winning team.
- In the event of a team competitor being eliminated or retiring, the time recorded will be the same as the time limit and the penalties will be recorded as 100.

INTER-DISTRICT TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA & COMPETITION RULES – SHOWING

GENERAL

- The relevant SASA Showing Rules will apply
- The Team event will only be held if there are at least 2 teams participating from different Districts.
- Districts may combine team members in order to nominate full teams.
- The Inter-District Showing and Working Team Championship is conducted along the lines of a Showing show in that the five (5) traditional categories if Showing and Working competitions are held.
    - Show Hack / Show Pony
    - Show Riding Horse / Pony
    - Show Hunter / Show Hunter Pony
    - Working Riding Horse / Pony
    - Working Hunter / Working Hunter Pony
- The Open Working Hunter competition will be run at Foxhunter level.
- Final team nominations must be submitted to the SASA Provincial President as well as the relevant District representative for application of colours.
- Horses must be qualified by having been placed and received points in at least one (1) recognised qualifier show within the 12 months preceding the closing date of entries for the competition.
    - Qualifying competitions will be announced via the Western Cape Showing Facebook page and SASA National Office.
- Being placed with points in a Novice class may be considered as being qualified to compete at this level.

TEAM AND TEAM SELECTION

- Should there be insufficient numbers to make up an Open team, Novice riders may be selected as part of the team.
- The team shall consist of five (5) horse/rider combinations as well as a reserve horse/rider combination, all of whom must have been included in the original nominations.
- Each horse/rider combination must only be entered in one (1) category. Should there be insufficient numbers, a horse/rider combination may be selected for a second category.
- One rider may be selected on a second horse for the team should there be a lack of numbers.
- If for any unforeseen reason a horse and/or rider can no longer take part in the competition, then the reserve horse and /or rider may take part (they must have been included in the original nomination). A veterinary and/or medical certificate must be presented or with permission from the SASA Technical Delegate granted.
- The reserve may be a sixth (6th) horse/rider combination or a sixth (6th) horse and one (1) of the original riders, all of whom must have been on the original nomination.
- Should there be no reserve rider selected and a team of only 5 members or less is entered and should any unforeseen circumstances arise in which a horse and /or rider can no longer take part, then one (1) of the existing team combinations may take part in a second class subject to presentation of a veterinary and/or medical certificate or with permission from the SASA Technical Delegate.

- The obtaining of a veterinary/medical certificate or SASA Technical Delegate's permission may not delay the running of the competition.

RUNNING AND JUDGING OF THE COMPETITION

- The Team competition will run concurrently with the relevant showing classes.
- Each class will be run and scored as per the SASA Rules relevant to that Class.
- Should the Team horse be placed 2nd in the normal line up in between Non-Team combinations, it will be deemed first (1st) in the Inter-District Team part of that class and scored accordingly.
- Two (2) judges must be selected from the SASA International and/or National and/or Provincial Riding or Non-Riding Panel of Showing Judges for the competition.
- The judges must come from at least (2) two Districts. A suitable foreign judge may be appointed as one (1) of the two (2) judges.
- The Organising Committee must submit their choice of judges to the relevant SASA Provincial President and SASA National President for approval before inviting the judge(s) to officiate at the Event.
- One (1) of the two (2) invited judges will set the Working Riding Test
- For each of the five (5) competitions, there is a Call Judge and Second Judge. These positions are rotated with each competition.
- The two (2) judges are allocated an initial position dependent on which judge has designed the working riding test.
- The Call judge controls the proceedings of each competition.

TEAM SCORING

- Horses / Ponies will be placed as per the individual competition.
- The Team horses will be ranked 1st, 2nd, etc based on their positions in the individual competition.
- Depending on the number of teams in the competition, the first placed team rider will receive twelve (12) points if there are Six (6) teams, Ten (10) points if there are five (5) teams and so on. The bottom placed horse will receive two (2) points.
- The scores are added together over the five (5) classes.
- Where one team member competes in Open level and one team member competes in Novice level and in the case of equality of placing, there should be a Championship type class to effect the tie break should it be required.
- The total number of points shall decide the winning team.
- In the event of a team tie, the team that received the most first places shall be deemed the winning team. In the event of a further tie, the most second places will be counted and so on down the places.
- In the event of a judge eliminating a horse or a team horse needing to retire, the combination will be placed last and indicated with an E on the scoresheet. Should there be more than one eliminated or retired from a class, they will be placed equal last. All eliminated combinations will receive one (1) point.

INTER DISTRICT TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA & COMPETITION RULES - EVENTING

It is an honour and privilege to be selected for a District Team, and riders chosen will be expected to participate in ALL team functions including training sessions, cocktail parties, parades, or anything that the Chef d'Equipe deems necessary.

Once the team has been finalized, the Chef de Equipe has the final say over all team riders and the selection of the final 4 and reserve.

Good sportsmanship is expected at all times as well as courtesy shown to fellow team members and opposition teams. If a rider and horse combination accept their Team selection, they are expected to treat it as their first priority over any other shows/classes that they may wish to compete in.

OBJECTIVE

To select a Team of "on form" combinations as at the time of the show. Performance of all relevant combinations will be monitored prior to selection.

RECORDS

A performance record will be looked at and will include the following: -

- Size and type of Class
- Placing
- Clear Rounds
- Type of Faults (poles or stops)
- Recurring Problems (water, napping etc)

SHORT LIST

After applying the above and analyzing the records, a list of riders will be identified for final selection. This list is purely objective and self-selective.

FINAL SELECTION

Should a team of riders not be obvious after the above process, the following will be considered.

- Length of partnership of horse and rider
- Experience of Rider
- Soundness of horse. (Random veterinary inspections may be conducted from time to time, inclusive of dope testing)
- Any disciplinary action or letter of warning that may have been issued to the rider.

SELECTORS DECISION

If, after all the above, there is a decision to be made between two riders, authority is given to the Selection Committee to choose who they deem to be the best at that time. THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL. It may be based on rider temperament, by vote, if in a previous team - the commitment and team spirit shown, however it is made, it will be subjective.

TEAMS

Open level teams will be:

- ✓ Junior and Adult 2*
- ✓ Junior and Adult 1*
- ✓ Pony Rider 95
- ✓ Should there not be enough numbers to warrant a 95cm Pony Rider team competition, then one 85cm team from each District will qualify for Open colours.
  Junior and Adult combined teams will be allowed.

JUDGING OF THE COMPETITION

- ➢ The team competition will run concurrently with the relevant Eventing competition class
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SCORING

- ➢ The top 3 individual team rider penalties will be combined for a final result. The team with the lowest number of combined penalties shall be deemed the winning team.
- ➢ In the event of a Team tie, the classification will be decided by adding the numbers of the highest 3 placings (not scores) with the team with the lowest score being deemed the winning team. i.e. a team with riders placed individually 2nd, 8th and 12th will have a team total of 22 and will beat that of a team with riders placed individually 1st, 7th and 15th for a total of 23.
  Should these figures still remain tied, then a tie shall be declared.
- ➢ In the event of a team competitor being eliminated, retiring or withdrawing for any reason, a total of 1000 penalties will be awarded to that combination for the team competition.

CAPABILITY FORM

Dressage		**Equitation**		**Eventing**		**Jumping**		**Showing**	

Pony Rider		**Child Rider**		**Junior**		**Adult**	

Please indicate class or height or level you are wishing to be considered for	

Show Hack		**Show Riding**		**Show Hunter**		**Working Riding**		**Working Hunter**	

Name of Rider	
SAEF Number	
Date of Birth	
Race & Gender	
Disabled?	
Name of Instructor	
Primary Club	
Area and Town of Residence	
District Federation	
Name of Guardian (if rider under 18)	
Email Address	
Contact number	

Name of Horse / Pony	
Passport Number	
Owner of Horse/Pony	
Age of Horse / Pony	

I, the athlete (or parent/guardian of athlete if under 18) would like to be considered for the Inter Districts Team.

I have read the eligibility criteria and accept these conditions. I further agree to actively participate in a manner, which reflects true sportsmanship, and help build team spirit.

My horse/pony is up to date with all inoculations, has his/her correct height measurement in his/her passport (where applicable), which has been signed by an approved SAEF agent and is correctly completed.

I agree to abide by the decision of the selectors and team manager and not to question or undermine their decision in any way.

In the event of my being nominated for the Team I undertake to ensure that the horse/pony and I will be in a position to attend the Event. In the event of ill health of myself or the horse or any other disaster that might prevent me from attending the Event, I undertake to inform the team manager and the relevant District and Discipline contact immediately.

In the event of me obtaining colours I agree to wear these colours proudly and always put the needs of the District and my team before my own.

I am aware of the financial implications of attending the Event and I am in a position to finance the attendance of this Event.

I am a member in good standing of the relevant Discipline and SAEF.

I have read the District Code of Conduct, and if selected for the Open Team, I will sign it and return it to the relevant contact.

I undertake to abide by all Covid regulations and Protocols, and to notify the Team Manager in the event of any circumstance which may render me unable to compete.

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Signed Athlete (or parent/guardian if under 18) Signed Owner of horse / pony

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Date

Please complete and return to

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Deadline for submission:

Performance History

Please list all relevant and recent performance history here. For Showing, please include points obtained in previous 12 months in the categories you are applying for consideration for.