



RULES FOR SHOWING

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PREAMBLE

The Rules for Showing are produced specifically for use at CN or lower Status Events and have been drawn up in the broadest possible terms so as to allow Organising Committees affiliated to SAEF and SASA itself, as much freedom as possible in the management of their Events and in the preparation of their schedules.

It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these rules. If there is no rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the nearest interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in an obvious injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense and fair play, using all technical assistance available including official video-recordings (an official video recording is considered to be a recording made by a TV network or video company hired by the organising committee) thus reflecting, as closely as possible, the intention of these rules and of the General Regulations.

These rules have to be read in conjunction with the SASA General Rules and Regulations, SAEF General, Veterinary and Anti-Doping Regulations which are uniform for all disciplines falling under SAEF jurisdiction.

Although the FEI does not recognise the Showing Discipline as such, the General Regulations and rules of the FEI, unless otherwise stated in these rules, still apply and in consequence, these rules are supplementary to those of the FEI in this respect.

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SECTION 50

GENERAL RULES

50.1 CROSS REFERENCE AND APPLICATION

50.1.1 These rules shall be read in conjunction with, and are supplementary to, the SASA Constitution, SASA General Rules and Regulations and the relevant SAEF General Regulations.

50.1.2 SASA warning cards

In cases of offences involving abuse of horses in any form or incorrect behaviour towards event officials, judges etc. and which are of a less serious nature and /or in cases specified in the Sport Rules:

The President of the Ground Jury, the SASA Technical Delegate, the Judge and the Chief Steward, may deliver to the person responsible a SASA warning card, either by hand or by any other suitable means.

Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more SASA warning card at the same or any other International, National or Provincial Event within one (1) year of the delivery of the first SASA warning card, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months immediately following the Event at which the Person responsible is competing. The SASA National President shall be responsible to notify the Person Responsible of such suspension.

The penalty imposed in any given case can consist of a combination of fine, suspension and disqualification. All fines imposed by anybody under the Legal System are due to SASA. They must not be paid to the organizing Committee or any other body. Any Person who has not paid a fine within thirty (30) days of receiving a demand for payment will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid.

50.2 DEFINITION OF “HORSE” AND “PONY”

50.2.1 In the spirit of this “Horse” shall, wherever applicable, include “Pony”.

50.3 HEIGHT GROUPS

50.3.1 Height specified competitions will be held in the following height categories:

Horses: 1.63m and under

Over 1.63m

Ponies: 1.42m and under

Over 1.42m and up to 1.50m

The qualifying competitions for the Individual Showing, Working Riding Horse, and Working Hunter Showing Championships of South Africa and at all CN status shows should preferably be held in the two (2) above height categories. At any Recognised Event or lower-level show, it is permissible to hold one (1) competition for Horses or Ponies incorporating both height categories if the Organising Committee deems fit.

50.3.2 Separate classes are run for Pony Rider, Junior, and Adult competitors. Age groups may be combined during the judging of a Supreme Championship. Also at regional shows, Adult and Junior classes may be combined and run as one (1) class if there are less than four (4) competitors in either the Adult or Junior class/classes. Separate prizes must be awarded to each age category.

50.3.3 This ruling will not apply to Provincial Championship classes and shows of CN Status and above.

50.3.4 Working classes in which horses and Ponies compete together will not be allowed.

50.3.5 Provincial Showing Championships may not be held in conjunction with any multi-discipline or SANESA Show.

50.4 **SEX**

50.4.1 Stallions may compete in all Adult Showing and Breed Competitions. They may not compete in any Junior or Pony Riders' Competitions.

50.4.2 All stallions must have a Yellow disc or tag fitted on the bridle for the duration of an Event.

50.4.3 Mares and geldings may compete in all competitions excepting those from which they are excluded by specific rules of a competition.

50.5 **HORS CONCOURS**

50.5.1 No horse will be allowed to compete Hors Concours in any Showing competition.

50.6 **DRESS/APPAREL (See Appendix A)**

50.6.1 Dress or Apparel refers to all items worn by Riders or Handlers.

50.7 **SADDLERY/TACK (See Appendix B & G)**

50.7.1 Saddlery or Tack refers to all items worn or placed on the Horse or Pony.

50.8 **ENTRIES**

50.8.1 If there are more than twenty (20) horses entered in a competition, the Organising Committee must divide the competition into two (2) pools. This may be done by dividing the entries into two (2) or more equal pools or on a height basis. Prize money must be awarded in all pools.

- 50.8.2 No pool in the Working Riding classes shall exceed ten (10) horses.
- 50.8.3 Unless otherwise provided for in the specific rules of a competition a competitor may only ride one (1) horse in a class, except in the Working classes.
- 50.8.4 A competitor showing two (2) or more horses in the same Working class may ride in different pools but may not show more than (3) three horses in the same category.
- 50.8.5 If a rider has more than one (1) horse in the same pool a handler may be used.
- 50.8.6 In Working classes the groom may replace the handler.
- 50.8.7 Graded and Ungraded Horses or Ponies may not enter more than (4) four ridden classes plus 2 Lead Rein classes per day, this will exclude the following classes:
 - 50.8.7.1 In Hand Classes
 - 50.8.7.2 Best Turned Out
 - 50.8.7.3 Championships
- 50.8.8 Ponies only competing in Tiny Tots, Lead Rein and First Ridden classes may compete in maximum (6) six classes per day.
- 50.9 **PRIZES**
 - 50.9.1 The joint placing of horses (ties) is not allowed in any Showing and/or Working competition.
 - 50.9.2 Place and prize money must be awarded for one (1) in every four (4) horses or part thereof in a competition.
 - 50.9.3 If there are not more than four (4) horses entered in a competition, two (2) places with points must be awarded, although only the first horse will receive prize money. This will allow two (2) horses from each competition to qualify for the category championship, where applicable.

SECTION 51

PANEL OFFICIALS

51.1 OFFICIALS

- 51.1.1 All persons who are members of recognised panels of Judges, Officials and Candidate Judges shall be members of a Club, SAEF and SASA.
- 51.1.2 At recognised events organised by Affiliated Bodies, the use of officials on authorised panels, as applicable, is obligatory.
- 51.1.3 The travelling expenses of Judges and Officials officiating at events must be paid by the Organising Committee at a previously agreed rate. Accommodation and meals, where an overnight stay is unavoidable, shall be arranged and paid for by the Organising Committee.
- 51.1.4 All judges and Show Holding Bodies are required to sign a Judge's contract as per schedule 6 of the SASA General Regulations.

51.2 OBLIGATORY USE OF PANEL OFFICIALS

- 51.2.1 Only judges from the SASA International or National Panel of Showing Judges shall be used at National Showing Team Championships and the Individual Showing and Individual Working Showing Championships of South Africa.
- 51.2.2 In the event of an International competition or National Team and Individual Showing and Working Showing Championship of South Africa, a foreign judge or judges may be invited, provided that they are on the appropriate panels in their country.
- 51.2.3 At all other Recognised Events, judges from the SASA International, National, Candidate National, Provincial Panel of Showing Judges or approved foreign judges may be used. Junior Panel Judges may only judge in the Province that they reside. All invitations to foreign or out-of-province judges must be cleared with the SASA National President prior to the invitations being issued.
- 51.2.4 Only judges on the SASA International or National Panel of Showing Judges may officiate in a country other than the Sub-Saharan Zone.
- 51.2.5 In the event of a South African Panel Official being invited to officiate in a foreign country, such Official shall be required to notify the SASA National President who will inform the SAEF and the Provincial Showing President of the relevant Provincial Body.
- 51.2.6 A foreign judge may judge at a Recognised Event only if they are currently on the appropriate panels in their country of residence. It is the duty of the Organising Committee to ensure the relevant SAEF form has been completed and signed by all parties. The relevant information must be advised to the SASA National President.

51.2.7 In the event of a South African Panel Official being invited to officiate outside his/her province, such official shall be required to notify the Provincial Showing President who will inform the SASA National President. This applies to both SASA and SANESA Events.

51.2.8 Only registered Course Designers, from Show Jumping and Eventing, on the Provincial, National, or International panel of Course Designers, may be used as the Course Designer at all recognised events.

51.3 **PROMOTION OF PANEL OFFICIAL**

51.3.1 LEARNER SHOWING JUDGES PANEL:

In order to become a learner showing judge, the Candidate has to be a registered member of a Club, SASA and SAEF, they will need to complete three (3) separate exams in order to be placed on the Learner Judges Panel.

Part One (1) Theory

Candidates will write a theory exam and will be examined on the following:

- a. SASA General Rules and Regulations
- b. Showing Rule Book
- c. Ring Procedure
- d. Judge's Etiquette.
- e. Knowledge about SANESA Performance, Working Riding, Working Hunter, Handy Hunter and In-hand Utility classes.
- f. Basic Conformation

On passing part one (1), candidates will then qualify to do part two (2) the practical exam.

Part Two (2) Practical

Horses/ Ponies will be stood up and candidates will be required to comment on all the following:

- a. Conformation
- b. Movement
- c. Blemishes and unsoundness
- d. Type
- e. Age
- f. Breed

Two (2) horses will be ridden – One (1) as a hack one (1) as a hunter.

Candidates will judge a class commenting on all aspects of the running of the class, as well as placing the winners.

A Section on lead rein and first ridden ponies will be presented for comment.

Candidates will be required to mark and place both working riding and working hunter horses/ponies.

Candidates are to wear full riding gear if they wish to become a riding judge or suitable dress that a non riding judge would wear when judging.

On passing the practical exam, potential candidates are then eligible to write the second theory exam.

Part Three (3) Second Theory

Second theory exam will consist of the following:

- a. All SASA Rules and Regulations
- b. In depth knowledge of unsoundness, blemishes, age, conformation, and movement
- c. Broad knowledge of bits and other tack
- d. Problems associated with judging and how to deal with them
- e. Knowledge of skeletal structure of the horse

On passing the second theory exam, the Candidate will then be placed on the Learner Judges Panel. They remain on this panel for a minimum of one (1) year.

During this period, it is their responsibility to present themselves at various shows to Learner Judge under a Senior Judge.

This must be cleared with Provincial Showing President. A record of where and when they judged must be kept by them and presented at the end of their Learner Judge year.

At the end of one (1) year, the Provincial Showing Council will decide on whether the Learner Judge is ready to be promoted to the Junior Judges panel, or if they feel the Learner Judge still needs more time on the Learner Panel.

Judging of SANESA Performance and Working Classes up to Level 5 and Level 7 (but only if prior permission has been obtained), will also be taken into consideration during the promotion process.

The SASA Judges Committee needs to be informed of this promotion.

51.3.2 JUNIOR JUDGES PANEL:

Once on the Junior Panel, the Judge may only judge, at shows within the Province where they reside. A Judge will remain on this panel for a minimum of at least one (1) year.

Judging of SANESA Performance and Working Classes will also be taken into consideration during the promotion process.

It is up to the Provincial Showing Council to nominate a candidate for promotion to the Provincial Panel.

A Junior Judge will need three (3) assessment forms from three (#) different judges who are on the National or International panel. These judges must have judged with the candidate and must not be related to the candidate.

The majority of the National Judges Committee must be in agreement on the promotion. Once this has been established, the Judge in question is then promoted to the Provincial Panel.

The Provincial President and National Secretary must be notified of the decision.

51.3.3 PROVINCIAL JUDGES PANEL:

Once a judge has been promoted to the Provincial Panel, they will remain on this panel for a minimum of at least two (2) years or more. They may judge out of province, again only at certain shows, however on receiving any invitation to do so, must first inform the Provincial Showing President, in their province.

The Provincial President must then clear this with the SASA National President, who will then approve/disapprove the invitation. No Judge may accept an invitation without following the former procedure.

In order to be promoted to the Candidate National Panel, a Judge must have judged out of province on more than two (2) occasions.

Once the Provincial Showing Council feel a candidate is ready for promotion to the Candidate National Panel, they will inform the SASA National President and the Judge. The SASA National President will supply the necessary form to be completed by both the Provincial President and the Provincial Judge. The Provincial Judge must supply the following Information:

1. Form requesting promotion to the Candidate National Panel from the Provincial President.

2. Detailed report on what shows the Provincial Judge has judged at, as well as what classes, age groups in at least the last three (3) years (as per official logbook).
3. The Provincial Judge needs three (3) assessment forms from three (3) different Judges who are either on the National or International panel. These Judges must have judged with the candidate, and must not be a relative, sponsor or instructor of the Candidate. (As per Rule 53.1.6 of the S.A.S.A. Showing Rules) They will be required to ask these judges to complete the forms but may not see them. These Forms must be sent to the SASA National President, along with the other information required.
4. The SASA National President will forward this to the National Judges Committee who will have the final say on the promotion.

The majority of the National Judges Committee must be in agreement on the promotion. Once this has been established, the Judge in question is then promoted to the Candidate National Panel.

The Provincial President and National Secretary must be notified of the decision.

51.3.4 NATIONAL JUDGES PANEL

Once promoted to the National Panel, a judge will remain on this panel for at least three (3) years or more. The judge may judge anywhere within the RSA, as well as overseas.

On receiving an invitation to judge outside of their province or Country, the same procedures as listed under the Provincial Panel need to be followed in order to be able to accept the invitation.

Where a Judge is invited to judge abroad, the SASA National President will inform the SAEF or the Secretary General at the SAEF Office. Only with approval from SAEF may the judge accept the invitation to judge abroad.

In order to be promoted to the International Panel, the following procedure will be required: Once the SASA National President and the National Judges Committee (Comprising of three Judges) feel a candidate is ready for promotion to the International Panel, they will inform the Provincial President and the Judge. The SASA National President will supply the necessary form to be completed by both the Provincial President and the National Judge. The National Judge must supply the following Information:

1. Form requesting promotion to the International Panel from the Provincial President.
2. Detailed report on what shows the Judge has judged at, as well as what classes, age groups in at least the last three (3) years (as per official logbook).

3. The National Judge needs three (3) assessment forms from three (3) different Judges who are either on the National or International panel. These Judges must have judged with the candidate and must not be a relative, sponsor or instructor of the Candidate. (As per 53.1.6 of the S.A.S.A. Showing Rules) They will be required to ask these judges to complete the forms but may not see them. These letters must be sent to the SASA National President, along with the other information required.
4. The SASA National President will forward this to the National Judges Committee who will have the final say on the promotion.

The majority of the National Judges Committee must be in agreement on the promotion. Once this has been established, the Judge in question is then promoted to the International Panel.

The Provincial President and National Secretary must be notified of the decision.

51.3.6 INTERNATIONAL JUDGES PANEL

A Judge on the International Panel may judge anywhere within the RSA as well as abroad. On receiving any invitation to judge, the same procedures as listed under the Provincial Panel and National Panel will apply before any invitation may be accepted.

SECTION 52

QUALIFICATION OF HORSES

52.1 PROVINCIAL QUALIFICATION OF HORSES

- 52.1.1 Provinces shall have the right to introduce a system of qualification for recognised shows held under their auspices.

52.2 NOVICE STATUS

- 52.2.1 In Adult, Junior and Pony Riders' competitions a Novice Horse/Pony shall be one (1), that at the closing date of entries for the event concerned, has not achieved twenty (20) Novice points. Novice Horses/Ponies may not be ridden by a judge.

52.2.2 Novice points are cumulative throughout the career of the Horse/Pony

- 52.2.3 Points shall be awarded as follows

- a. 2 points for 1st place (1 to 8 competitors)
- b. 1 point for 2nd place (2 to 8 competitors)
- c. 1 point for 3rd place (9 to 12 competitors)
- d. 1 point for 4th place (13 to 16 competitors)
- e. SANESA Level 5 placings will receive points according to above, providing the competitor has applied and paid for grading points.

- 52.2.3 In interpreting Rule 52.2.1, a Horse/Pony may be a Novice in the Showing Category (Show Hack/Pony, Show Riding, Show Hunter) while being Open in either or both of the Working Showing Categories (Working Riding and Working Hunter). There are three (3) categories of grading:

1. Show Hack/Pony, Show riding Horse/Pony, Show Hunter
2. Working Riding Horse/Pony
3. Working Hunter Horse/Pony

Once a Horse/Pony had obtained one (1) point in Open in any age category that Horse/Pony is Open in either the Showing, Working Riding or Working Hunter category. (No Points are awarded for Championships).

Should a Novice Horse/Pony compete in SANESA Level 7 Performance, Working Hunter or Working Riding classes and be placed with points, they will then be classified as Open in that category, providing the competitor has applied and paid for grading points to be allocated.

- 52.3.1 At any given show, a Horse/Pony and Rider combination may not compete in both Novice and Open classes within the same category.

52.3.2 All Horses/Ponies not on our records as Open Horses/Ponies will be recorded as Novice in their respective categories, unless documentary evidence proves otherwise.

52.3.3 Any Horse/Pony that was previously graded Open in the Working category may be regarded as Novice in either Working Riding or Working Hunter as long as no Open points have been recorded in either of the categories.

52.3 **RECLASSIFICATION**

52.3.1 **EFFECT OF RECLASSIFICATION ON NOVICE STATUS**

- a. In reclassification from Pony Rider to Junior or from Junior to Adult i.e. from a lower to higher age group, a Horse/Pony that has been qualified as per Rule 52.2.1 or Rule 52.2.2 in the lower age group may not compete as a Novice in a higher age group.
- b. On reclassification from Adult to Junior or from Junior to Pony Rider i.e. from a higher to a lower age group, a Horse/Pony that has been qualified as per Rule 52.2.1 or Rule 52.2.2 in the higher age group may not compete as a Novice in the lower age group.
- c. Points gained by a horse in Junior Novice classes will not be carried over if it is reclassified to Adult.

52.3.2 **RECLASSIFICATION OF PONIES:**

A Pony, measuring 1.50m and under, may not be reclassified as a Horse and may not compete in Junior or Adult Classes. A Pony may not be ridden by any judge. A horse measuring over 1,50m may not be re-classified as a Pony.

52.3.3 **RECLASSIFICATION OF OPEN TO NOVICE**

An Open Horse/Pony in any category may be reclassified, on application, to Novice if the new Rider has never entered Open classes in that category. Reclassification will then be allowed to Novice plus ten (10) points as long as the Horse/Pony is ridden by a Rider that has never previously ridden in Open classes in that category. A Horse/Pony that is a reclassified Novice may not be ridden by an Open Rider in that specific Novice category.

52.3.4 **RECLASSIFICATION OF OPEN TO NOVICE**

An Open Horse in any category may be reclassified, on application, to Novice if the new Rider has moved from the Open Pony Rider age group to the Junior age group. Reclassification will then be allowed to Novice plus ten (10) points as long as the Horse is ridden by a Rider that has never previously ridden in Open Junior classes.

SECTION 53

JUDGING OF COMPETITIONS

53.1 GENERAL

53.1.1 ELIMINATION

- a. If, in the opinion of the judge, a horse behaves in an unruly or dangerous manner or displays continued disobedience, he/she is entitled to eliminate the horse from the competition.
- b. If, in the opinion of the judge, a horse will not stand to be presented its prize, the horse will be eliminated.
- c. A horse leaving the arena, mounted or not mounted, without the permission of the judge/s will be eliminated.
- d. Any horse which pulls away from its rider or handler, will be eliminated from the class. In the Inter-Provincial Team event, should a horse pull away from its rider, it will be eliminated for that phase only and will receive one (1) mark.
- e. Working Riding and Working Hunter competitions: Any horse found practising in the arena over part of or the complete course prior to the commencement of the competition shall be eliminated.
- f. A fall of a horse and rider in any Showing or Working Competition is an elimination. A horse is said to have fallen when its shoulder and/or hindquarter touches the ground.

A rider is said to have fallen when either voluntarily or involuntarily, he/she is separated from his/her horse, which has not fallen, in such a way that he/she touches the ground or finds it necessary, in order to get back into the saddle, to use some form of support or outside assistance. If it is not clear that the rider has used some form of support or outside assistance to prevent his/her fall, the benefit of doubt must be given to the rider.

- g. Horses, deemed to be unfit for competition by the Ground Jury, will be eliminated.

53.1.2 SUBSTITUTE FOR "RIDE BY JUDGE" FOR PONY COMPETITIONS

Judges will not ride ponies. In place of the "ride by the judge" they may be required to give a further show.

53.1.3 AGE OF HORSE

In the judging of all Showing competitions the age of the horse may be taken into consideration at the discretion of the judge.

53.1.4 UNAUTHORISED PERSONS

- a. **No** communication or assistance of **any** kind, verbal or physical, may be given to the competitor once they are in the ring and the class has commenced except that assistance may be given by the attending steward with instruction or the permission of the judge. Any deviance from this rule will result in the elimination or disqualification of competitor.
- b. Unauthorised persons are not allowed in the arena during the judging of a Showing Competitions. Should this occur, it may result in an elimination or fine of the competitor involved.
- c. Only persons authorised by the Organising Committee and/or judge(s) may enter the arena once the judging is in progress.
- d. An assistant that is suitably dressed with closed shoes and equipped with a brush and small cloth may enter the arena when directed by the arena steward or arena announcer to assist competitors.
- e. The assistant will be allowed assist the competitor with the following:
 1. Un-saddling
 2. Re-saddling
 3. Re-mounting
- f. All the assistants must leave the arena when directed by the arena steward or arena announcer, after the completion of the conformation phase and all competitors are re-mounted.

53.1.5 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. In the event of a competitor qualifying more than one (1) horse for a Championship competition they must substitute a person/s to ride the extra horse/s, providing that they comply with the Substitution rule in the relevant SASA General Rules and Regulations. However, should the competitors be required to perform individual tests, the qualifying competitors must ride the test on the extra horse/s.
- b. During the judging of any Championship competition involving all Showing and Working Competitions, each competitor must have the opportunity to demonstrate the test required of the competition in which they won. Every championship must be judged as a new class.
- c. Separate championships must be held for Supreme Working Riding, Supreme Working Hunter and Supreme Showing Championships. Age groups may be combined for these Championships.

- d. At all National Showing Team Championships and the Individual Showing and Working Showing Championships of South Africa and all CSN status shows, it is prohibited for any horse /pony to be schooled under saddle by anyone other than the competitor who qualified the horse, or the substituted competitor in terms of Rule 53.1.5 a, to ride the horse from the start of the day of the event until the end of the event as defined in the SASA General Rules and Regulations.
- e. At all National Showing Team Championships and the Individual Showing and Working Showing Championships of South Africa, it is prohibited for anyone other than the competitor, or the riding judge, to do any part of the class for the competitor. With prior approval from the S.A.S.A Technical Delegate an exception may be granted due to medical reasons and a Medical Certificate may be called for.
- f. In the judging of the category Working Hunter and Working Riding Championships, a short test must be set by the judge using the existing equipment in the arena.
- g. Any competitor in the South African Individual Showing, Working Riding or Working Hunter Championships will be required to perform a short individual test. The judge will inform the competitors of what is required.

53.1.6 JUDGES AND ARENA OFFICIALS

Judges must submit a Declaration of Interest form on receipt of an invitation to judge if they are likely to be judging their own pupils. The Show Holding Body will have the option to withdraw the invitation or accept the Declaration of Interest.

It is prohibited for any judge to officiate in a competition in which any of the following connections are exhibiting:

- a. Immediate family members (that is, husband, wife, son, daughter, grandchild, siblings, mother or father)
- b. Nor if he/she is the owner, instructor or sponsor of the horse.

53.1.7 JUDGING PROCEDURES

The competitions below must be judged strictly in accordance with the laid down specifications and procedures.

- 53.1.8 Each category below must be judged strictly in accordance with its specifications and procedures. In all competitions, including those specifically listed below, up to three (3) different judges may be used to judge the Show, Conformation and Ride by the Judge, provided that the same judge(s) judge the same functions in the two (2) height categories:

- a. National Showing Team Championship of South Africa

- b. Challenge Showing Team Championship of South Africa
- c. Individual Showing Championship of South Africa
- d. Individual Working Riding Championship of South Africa
- e. Individual Working Hunter Championship of South Africa

- 53.1.9 The same horse/rider combination may not compete in both Junior and Adult classes at the same show.
- 53.1.10 A horse may not compete in both Junior and Adult classes at the same show, with a different rider.
- 53.1.11 Once competitors start to enter the competition arena, the class is deemed to have started, regardless of whether the judge is present in the competition arena and all relevant rules will apply until the class is completed.
- 53.1.12 The class is deemed completed as soon as the rosette presentation is completed.
- 53.1.13 No Judge or competitor may carry a cell phone in the competition arena.

SECTION 54

SHOWING COMPETITIONS FOR HORSES AND PONIES

54.1 SHOW HACKS / SHOW PONIES

HORSES WILL ONLY BE RIDDEN BY A JUDGE IF THIS HAS BEEN SPECIFIED ON THE SCHEDULE OF THE SHOW OR IF THE SHOW HAS CN STATUS.

54.1.1 Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, quality, type, movement, and manners.

The ride by judge will be judged at CN Status Shows and/or at the discretion of the SHB.

Novice Horses are not ridden.

Novice Horses may not be required to rein-back

54.1.2 **Judging Procedure:**

- Enter the arena and circle in a clockwise direction.
- Walk, trot and canter, changing rein through the trot.
- Call in, in order of preference, and line up from left to right.
- Individual show: Horses should show walk, trot, lengthened trot, canter with a change of leg, lengthen the canter, halt and stand. A rein back may be required.
- The judge may allow those competitors who are not in contention to leave the arena.
- The judge, at his/her discretion, will ride the horses in contention (omit in ponies).
- A rider showing a horse side-saddle, must provide an astride saddle for the ride by the judge.
- Strip any horses in contention.
- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

54.2 **SHOW RIDING HORSES / SHOW RIDING PONIES**

HORSES WILL ONLY BE RIDDEN BY A JUDGE IF THIS HAS BEEN SPECIFIED ON THE SCHEDULE OF THE SHOW OR IF THE SHOW HAS CN STATUS.

54.2.1 Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, movement, manners and type.

The ride by judge will be judged at CN Status Shows and/or at the discretion of the SHB.

Novice Horses are not ridden.

Novice Horses may not be required to rein-back

54.2.2 **Judging Procedure:**

- Enter the arena and circle in a clockwise direction.
- Walk, trot, canter, changing rein through the trot.
- Call in, in order of preference, and line up from left to right.
- Individual Show: Horses should show walk, trot, lengthened trot, canter with a change of leg, extend the canter, halt and stand. A rein back may be required.
- The judge may allow those competitors who are not in contention to leave the arena.
- The judge, at his discretion, will ride (omit in ponies) the horses in contention.
- A rider showing a horse side-saddle, must provide an astride saddle for the ride by the judge.
- Strip the horses in contention.
- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

54.3 **SHOW HUNTERS / SHOW HUNTER PONIES**

HORSES WILL ONLY BE RIDDEN BY A JUDGE IF THIS HAS BEEN SPECIFIED ON THE SCHEDULE OF THE SHOW OR IF THE SHOW HAS CN STATUS.

54.3.1 Qualified Adult Riders who provide proof of membership of a registered Hunt Club, by submitting a letter from the Hunt Master confirming that they have hunted over jumps with the Club, may ride in a **scarlet/pink** Hunt jacket and Hunting boots (with brown tops) in Open classes at S.A. and Provincial Championships, CN Status and other selected major shows.

54.3.2 Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, quality, movement, type, manners and ability to gallop.

The ride by judge will be judged at CN Status Shows and/or at the discretion of the SHB.

Novice Horses are not ridden.

Novice Horses may not be required to rein-back

- a. Adult and Junior Show Hunters may gallop singly or in company.
- b. Pony Riders' Show Hunter Ponies may only gallop singly and not in company.
- c. At the gallop, a flying change of leg may be shown.

54.3.3 **Judging Procedure:**

- Enter the arena and circle in a clockwise direction.
- Walk, trot, canter, changing rein through the trot, and gallop.
- Call in, in order of preference, and line up from left to right.
- Individual show: Horses/Ponies should show walk, trot, canter with one change of leg, gallop, halt and stand.
- The judge may allow those competitors who are not in contention to leave the arena.
- The judge, at his discretion will ride (omit in ponies) the horses in contention.
- A rider showing a horse side-saddle, must provide an astride saddle for the ride by the judge.
- Strip any horses in contention.
- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

54.4 WORKING RIDING HORSES / WORKING RIDING PONIES

HORSES WILL ONLY BE RIDDEN BY A JUDGE IF THIS HAS BEEN SPECIFIED ON THE SCHEDULE OF THE SHOW OR IF THE SHOW HAS CN STATUS.

- 54.4.1 Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, movement, manners and general utility.

The ride by judge will be judged at CN Status Shows and/or at the discretion of the SHB.

Novice Horses are not ridden.

Novice Horses may not be required to rein-back

Notes:

- a. Horses will be required to negotiate a course of eight (8) tests that should be of a practical nature. The course should be designed to demonstrate that the horse is obedient, well schooled, be able to jump, extend their paces, stand still and show a steady temperament.
- b. Dangerous equipment, fillers or wings may not be used. The Judge has the authority to request that such hazards are changed or removed. Tests such as dragging sacks may only be used in Open and Open Complete Horse classes.
- c. **Height of Jumps for In-Hand Utility and Working Riding Tests**

In-Hand Utility: Including SANESA and Working Riding tests where the competitor must lead the horse/pony over an obstacle.

Pony Riders 20cm, Juniors & Adults 30cm, either a cross or 2 parallel poles.

Working Riding Tests

Pony Rider Newcomers & Novice 40cm, Open 50cm

Junior & Adult Newcomers & Novice 50cm, Open 60cm

Fences

All age groups refer to Pony Riders, Juniors and Adults but excludes lead rein and first pony classes.

In-hand: Single fences only, no oxers or spreads. No bounces or related distances.

Ridden Tests: No oxers or spreads, related distances and bounces should only be used in Open classes.

Poles raised on either side or a fan of poles may not be used in Young Children's classes. Poles raised on alternate sides may be used in all classes from Novice upwards for all age groups except Young Children.

A fan of trotting poles should only be used in Open classes. Canter poles may only be used in open classes. These tests may be used for Pony Riders. Juniors and Adults.

Related distances: Trot poles after a jump may only be used in Open classes for all age groups. Related distances to showcase a transition between fences should only be used in Open classes for all Age Groups. Recommended distance for trotting poles is 1m for Ponies & 1m20 for Horses.

Recommended distance for Bending Poles is 8m & 10m for canter poles.

- d. No person, other than the Judge, Course Designer appointed by the Organising Committee or the SASA Technical Delegate is permitted to alter the course. Any alterations should first be discussed.
- e. In National Showing Team Championships and qualifying competitions for the Individual Championship, should the horse categorically refuse to enter, negotiate or complete any test, it will score a zero (0) mark for that test, and may not be placed above a horse that completes all of the tests.
- f. In Recognised Events should the horse categorically refuse to enter, negotiate or complete any test, it will score a zero (0) mark for that test, and may not be placed above a horse that completes all of the tests.
- g. Any horse taking the wrong course or negotiating another test after completing the course will be eliminated.
- h. If the flat work (e.g. circles, simple changes, figures of eight etc.) is incorrectly carried out, it is not an elimination, but it is marked down.
- i. Any horse/rider found practising any part of or the entire test, set for the Working Riding class at any Show prior to the commencement of the competition, once the test has been distributed, shall be eliminated.

This will include: caught practicing in the competition arena, practice warm up arena or anywhere else on the show ground. Only specified equipment supplied by the Organizing Committee, as set up in the practice warm up arena may be used. This will include a jump.

- j. Superficial wounds and minor blemishes will not necessarily be taken into account.
- k. Two (2) or three (3) judges may be used. The Ride and/or Conformation judge/judges need not observe the Test or communicate with the Test judge. They should (in order to save time) judge their phases simultaneously. A recorder adds the sets of marks together.

The test phase (phase 1) must be judged first, followed by Ride and Conformation (phase 2). When two (2) judges are officiating and phase 1 and phase 2 are to be judged simultaneously, then the two (2) phases may take place in separate arenas.

- l. In case of a tie, the Style and Manners mark should be used to determine the winner. In case of a further tie, the Conformation and Soundness mark will determine the winner.
- m. A competitor may have three (3) attempts at an obstacle and will then be instructed by the judge, to move on to the next obstacle, scoring zero (0) for that obstacle.
- n. No protective boots or bandages may be worn in Working Riding Classes.

54.4.2 Judging Procedure:

Phase 1

- Competitors enter the arena and line up from left to right, in programme order.
- Call out, singly, in programme order, to ride the course.
- Allocation of points for Phase 1:

Tests X 8 (each out of 10)	Out of 80
Manners	Out of 10

Phase 2

- The judge may allow those competitors not in contention to leave the arena.
- The judge, at his discretion, will ride (omit in ponies) the horses in contention.
- A rider showing a horse side-saddle, must provide an astride saddle for the ride by the judge.
- Allocation of points for Phase 2:

Ride (omit in pony competitions)	Out of 10
Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up (conformation, movement and soundness). Horses may be stripped at the discretion of the judge.	Out of 10

- Points are totalled, horses out of 110, ponies out of 100.
- Circle at a walk.

- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.
- The competition must be scored on the official Working Riding score sheet. This must be displayed at the completion of the competition.
- For the official score sheet see Appendix D.

54.5 WORKING HUNTERS / WORKING HUNTER PONIES

HORSES WILL ONLY BE RIDDEN BY A JUDGE IF THIS HAS BEEN SPECIFIED ON THE SCHEDULE OF THE SHOW OR IF THE SHOW HAS CN STATUS.

54.5.1 Qualified Adult Riders who provide proof of membership of a registered Hunt Club, by submitting a letter from the Hunt Master confirming that they have hunted over jumps with the Club, may ride in a **scarlet/pink** Hunt jacket and Hunting boots (with brown tops) in Open classes at S.A. and Provincial Championships and other selected major shows.

54.5.2 Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, quality, movement, style and manners marks, jumping performance, and ability to gallop.

The ride by judge will be judged at CN Status Shows and/or at the discretion of the SHB.

Novice Horses are not ridden.

Notes:

- a. Horses will be required to jump a course consisting of not less than eight (8) but not more than twelve (12) jumps, one (1) of which should be a combination. Jumps should be rustic or as natural as possible. A water jump, as defined in the Show jumping rules, may be used.

Suitable jumps and obstacles are the following:

a. Verticals	b. Spreads
Rustic rails over straw bales	Single oxer (brush with rail behind)
Gate, white or rustic Style	Double oxer (parallel rails with brush in centre)
Wall of stone colour	Wall with rail behind
Rustic planks	Parallel rails over straw bales
Bullfinch with spare filling	Rustic triple rails
Rustic rails	
c. Natural obstacles	d. Additional
Banks/Steps	Water trays and water jumps are permitted.
Dykes	
Ditches	

- b. The course must be designed to test the ability of the horse to jump from a strong canter. Refer to Rule 51.2.8.
- c. The appropriate level should be selected for the event. The judge should use his/her discretion as to the height when jumping smaller ponies and novices.
- d. Distances in pens must be true and there should be a line from entrance to exit.
- e. Bounce fences must be lengthened according to the competition; advisable distances as basic distances for upright to upright: 3.5m for ponies and 4m for horses. Bounce fences must not be used for First Ridden courses.
- f. Bullfinches must be securely staked in the ground. The height of the frame must not exceed the maximum height for the competition. It is advisable to place this type of fence either as an individual fence or as the second element of a double. It is not advisable to use this fence in First Ridden Competitions.
- g. Distances must be measured at ground level, from the rear of one (1) obstacle to the face of the next obstacle.

Range of distances for combination Fences

Fence Type	1 Stride	2 Strides
Horses		
Vertical to Vertical	7.8m – 8.2m	10.8m – 11.3m
Vertical to Oxer	7.7m – 8m	10.9m – 11.2m
Oxer to Vertical	7.9m	10.7m
Oxer to Oxer		10.7m – 10.9m
Ponies		
Vertical to Vertical	7.5m – 7.9m	10.4m – 10.9m
Vertical to Oxer	7.3m – 7.6m	10m – 10.5m
Oxer to Vertical	7.2m – 7.6m	10.2m – 10.6m
Oxer to Oxer		10.1m – 10.3m
Maximum Width of Water Jumps		

Horses	2m
Ponies	1.8m

Competitions, heights of jumps and spreads are:

Pony Riders	Maximum height	Spread
Lead Rein	Poles on Ground	No spreads
First Ridden	0,50m	0,60m
SASA Performance Working Hunter	0,50m	No spreads
Newcomer Ponies	0,60m	0,70m
Cub Hunter	0,70m	0.80m
Fox Hunter	0.80m	0.90m
Open Working Hunter	0.90m	1.00m
Juniors/Adults	Maximum height	Spread
SASA Performance Working Hunter	0,60m	No spreads
Newcomer Horses	0,70m	0,80m
Cub Hunter	0.80m	0.90m
Fox Hunter	0.90m	1.00m
Open Working Hunter	1.00m	1.10m

- h. No cross entry of horse between Training classes, Newcomer classes, Cub Hunter, Fox Hunter and Open Working Hunter is permitted.
- i. Novice Working Hunters will jump Cub Height. Open Working Hunters may jump Fox or Open height.
- j. Saddlery as per Appendix B and Protective boots, as per Appendix H, may be worn in Phase 1 but must be removed for Phase 2 (it is recommended that these be a conservative colour). Bandages are not allowed.
- k. Any horse found practising in the Competition arena over part of or the complete course prior to the commencement of the competition shall be eliminated.

- l. No person, other than the Judge, the Course Designer appointed by the Organising Committee or the SASA Technical Delegate is permitted to alter the course.
- m. The course must contain a change of direction.
- n. All penalties incurred at a combination fence are cumulative.
- o. Any horse taking the wrong course or jumping another fence after completing the course will be eliminated. A horse which circles between fences or crosses its track between fences will receive a refusal for doing that.
- p. If a horse positively stops, or turns its quarters to a fence, or has a complete turnaround, these constitute refusals. If a horse jumps the incorrect fence out of a pen or a lane, it will be eliminated.
- q. No penalty is incurred unless the maximum height of the fence is lowered in the same vertical plane.
- r. The course should be built according to the condition of the arena and not all fences need be at maximum height.
- s. Superficial wounds and minor blemishes will not necessarily be taken into account.
- t. The jumping phase (phase 1) must be judged first followed by Ride and Conformation (phase 2). Where two (2) judges are officiating and phase 1 and phase 2 are to be judged simultaneously, then the two (2) phases may take place in separate arenas.
- u. A bold, accurate round with the horse showing the correct technique over the jumps is desired and to be given a high mark. Horses that rush, jump hollow, hang legs, creep over fences and add unnecessary strides are to be marked down. All those not eliminated are required for judging of phase 2.
- v. In case of a tie, the Style mark should be used to determine the winner. In case of a further tie, the Manners mark will determine the winner. In case of a further tie, the Conformation, Movement, Type and Soundness mark will determine the winner.
- w. Excessive use of the hands or reins in addition to/ or instead of the whip is prohibited.

The whip, hands or reins cannot be used to vent a rider's temper. Such use is always excessive.

- The whip, hands or reins is not to be used after elimination or after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course.

- The whip, hands or reins is never used overhand (for example a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank). The use of a whip, hands or reins on a horse's head is not allowed at all.
 - A horse should never be hit more than three (3) times for any one (1) incident. If a horse's skin is broken, it is considered excessive use of the whip.
 - A rider identified as misusing or excessively using the whip will be disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Ground Jury. Disqualification is compulsory, while the imposition of a fine is an additional option.
 - A rider may be disqualified from the class in question or from the entire event. Disqualification from the class/ competition is self explanatory, however disqualification from the event means that the rider is not only disqualified from the competition in question, but also from all subsequent competitions in the event.
 - In addition, they may also be disqualified from any previous competitions in the event and in respect of those competitions will forfeit all prize money, trophies, grading points, qualification rounds etc.
 - It is at the Ground Jury's discretion to determine whether the rider should be disqualified from the class in question or from the entire event.
- x. The use of Safety Cups is compulsory for the back poles of oxers, both in the warm up arena and in the competition arena.
 - y. The competition must be scored on the official Working Hunter score sheet. This must be displayed at the completion of the competition.
 - z. For the official score sheets see Appendix E. National
 - aa. Showing Team Championships and Individual Championships must use score sheet.

54.5.2 **Judging Procedure:**

Phase 1

- Competitors to walk the course before the start of the competition.
- Horses enter singly in programme order and jump the course.
- No preliminary circling

- Competitors must gallop after jumping and halt in front of the judge.
- Allocation of points for Phase 1

Total Jumping points	Out of 50
Penalties:	
Knockdown	- 5
1 st Refusal	- 10
2 nd Refusal	- 15
3 rd Refusal	Elimination
Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination

- All jumping penalties are deducted from the score of 50.

Additional Points:	
Hunter pace	Out of 10
Gallop (including soundness of wind)	Out of 10
Style	Out of 10
Manners	Out of 10

Phase 2

- Before the start of this phase, all protective boots must be removed.
- Competitors in contention return and line up from left to right according to their score.
- The judge, at his/her discretion, will ride the horses in contention (omit in ponies).
- A rider showing a horse side-saddle, must provide an astride saddle for the ride by the judge.
- Horses in contention may be stripped at the discretion of the judge.

- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.

- Allocation of points for Phase 2

Ride by judge (omit in pony competitions)	Out of 10
Conformation, movement and soundness	Out of 10

- Points are totalled, horses out of 110 and ponies out of 100.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up from left to right, placed in order of merit for the presentation of prizes.

SECTION 55

SHOWING COMPETITIONS FOR LEAD REIN PONIES

55.1 GENERAL

55.1.1 The following will be taken into account:

- a. The capability and performance of the competitor.
- b. Pony and competitor should be well suited in size and the height of the pony must not exceed 1,37m.
- c. Competitors may compete from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach four (4) years of age until the end of the calendar year in which they reach eight (8) years of age.
- d. Handlers must turn fourteen (14) during the calendar year. Their dress should be neat and conservative.
- e. The pony should be shown in a snaffle bridle with a lead rein attached to the cavesson noseband.
- f. Cross entries of riders, between Lead Rein classes and any other classes, at the same show, are not allowed. Cross entries of ponies are allowed.

55.2 LEAD REIN PONY

55.2.1 Ponies will be judged on manners, quality, performance and turnout of the pony, competitor and handler.

55.2.2 Classes may be offered for Lead Rein Show Pony and Lead Rein Show Hunter Pony and will be judged on type in addition to the criteria listed in 55.2.1. Cross entries between the two classes will be allowed.

55.2.3 Judging Procedure:

- Enter the arena and circle in a clockwise direction.
- Ponies will be required to walk and trot individually beside the handler.
- Call in, in order of preference and line up from left to right.
- Individual show.
- Call forward singly to be examined.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

55.3 LEAD REIN UTILITY PONIES

55.3.1 Ponies will be judged on manners, performance and turnout of the pony, competitor and handler.

Notes:

Ponies will be required to perform a simple utility test, consisting of six (6) items. The test may not include a jump.

55.3.2 Judging Procedure:

Phase 1

- Competitors enter the arena and line up from left to right, in programme order.
- Call forward one (1) at a time to perform a special test.
- Allocation of points for Phase 1:

Tests x 6 (each out of 10)	Out of 60
Style and Manners	Out of 10

Phase 2

- Allocation of points for Phase 2:

Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up (conformation, movement and soundness)	Out of 10
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- Points are totalled out of 80
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

55.4 LEAD REIN WORKING HUNTER PONIES

55.4.1 Ponies will be judged on manners, conformation, soundness, and movement. Marks out of 10 will be allocated for manners, Style and consistency of pace.

Notes:

- a. Ponies will be required to trot over a course consisting of not less than six (6) but not more than eight (8) preferably rustic poles.
- b. Jumps: poles on the ground
- c. Superficial wounds and minor blemishes will not necessarily be taken into account.
- d. Ponies may wear protective boots during Phase 1. It is recommended that these be of a conservative colour. Bandages are not allowed.
- e. At the completion of the course competitors will halt, salute and leave the arena.
- f. Competitors will not trot, canter or gallop around the arena at the completion of the course.
- g. Ponies may not canter a lap of honour

55.4.2 Judging Procedure:

Phase 1

- Competitors walk the course before the start of the competition.
- Ponies enter singly in programme order to trot the course.
- No preliminary circling.
- Allocation of points for Phase 1

Total "Jumping" points	Out of 50
Penalties:	
Knockdown (poles moved out of position)	- 5
1 st Refusal	- 10
2 nd Refusal	- 5
3 rd Refusal	Elimination

Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination
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- All phase 1 penalties are deducted from the score of 50.

Additional Points:	
Consistent pace during “jumping” phase	Out of 10
Style	Out of 10
Manners	Out of 10

Phase 2

- Before the start of this phase all protective boots must be removed.
- All those not eliminated return and line up from left to right according to their score.
- Allocation of points for Phase 2

Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up (conformation, movement and soundness)	Out of 10
Riders to remain mounted.	

- Points out of 90 are totalled.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up from left to right, placed in order of merit for the presentation of prizes.
- The competition must be scored on the official Leadrein Working Hunter score sheet. This must be displayed at the completion of the competition.
- For Official Scoresheet see Appendix E1.

SECTION 56

FIRST PONIES

56.1 GENERAL

Notes:

- a. Ponies are not permitted to canter in a group or on a lap of honour but may canter during the individual show.
- b. Competitors may compete from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach four (4) years of age until the end of the calendar year in which they reach ten (10) years of age.
- c. The age of the pony may be taken into account at the discretion of the judge.
- d. The maximum height of First Ridden Ponies is 1,50m.

56.2 FIRST RIDDEN PONY

56.2.1 Ponies will be judged on manners, conformation, soundness, movement and performance.

56.2.2 Judging Procedure:

- Enter the arena and circle in a clockwise direction.
- Walk, trot.
- Call into line in order of preference from left to right.
- Individual show: Walk, trot and may, at the competitor's discretion, canter (No rein back).
- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

56.3 FIRST UTILITY PONIES

56.3.1 Ponies will be judged on manners, conformation, soundness, movement and performance.

Notes:

- a. Ponies will be required to negotiate a course of eight (8) tests

- b. Simple utility test of a practical nature that may not contain a jump. The course should be designed to demonstrate that the pony is obedient, well-schooled, and able to stand still and show a steady temperament.
- c. Superficial wounds and minor blemishes will not necessarily be taken into account.
- d. In case of a tie, the Style and Manners mark should be used to determine the winner. In case of a further tie, the Conformation and Soundness mark will count.

56.3.2 Judging Procedure:

Phase 1

- Competitors enter the arena and line up from left to right in programme order.
- Call forward one (1) at a time to perform a special test.
- Allocation of points for Phase 1:

Tests x 8 (each out of 10)	Out of 80
Style and Manners	Out of 10

Phase 2

- Call in and line up from left to right according to score.
- Allocation of points for Phase 2:

Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up (conformation, movement and soundness)	Out of 10
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- Points are totalled out of 100.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, place in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.
- The competition must be scored on the official Working Riding score sheet. This must be displayed at the completion of the competition.
- For the official score sheet see Appendix D.

56.4 FIRST WORKING HUNTER PONIES

56.4.1 Ponies will be judged on manners, conformation, soundness, movement, jumping performance and ability to extend the canter.

Notes:

- a. Ponies will be required to jump a course consisting of not less than six (6) but not more than eight (8) preferably rustic type jumps.
- b. No combination of jumps.
- c. Jumps: height 50cm maximum.
- d. Spread: 60cm maximum.
- e. Superficial wounds and minor blemishes will not necessarily be taken into account.
- f. Ponies may wear protective boots during Phase 1. It is recommended that these be of a conservative colour. Bandages are not allowed.
- g. Ponies may not canter a lap of honour.

56.4.2 Judging Procedure:

Phase 1

- Competitors walk the course before the start of the competition.
- Ponies enter singly in programme order to jump the course.
- No preliminary circling.
- Competitors should be reminded to extend the canter after jumping.
- Allocation of points for Phase 1

Total Jumping points	Out of 50
Penalties:	
Knockdown	- 5
1 st Refusal	- 10
2 nd Refusal	- 15

3 rd Refusal	Elimination
Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination

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- All jumping penalties are deducted from the score of 50.

Additional Points:	
Hunter pace during jumping phase	Out of 10
Extended canter	Out of 10
Style	Out of 10
Manners	Out of 10

Phase 2

- Before the start of this phase all protective boots must be removed.
- All those not eliminated return and line up from left to right according to their score.
- Allocation of points for Phase 2

Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up (conformation, movement and soundness)	Out of 10
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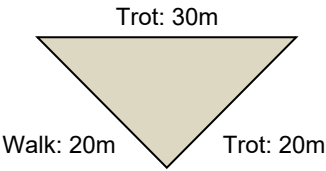
- Points are totalled and are out of 100.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up from left to right, placed in order of merit for the presentation of prizes.
- The competition must be scored on the official Working Hunter score sheet. This must be displayed at the completion of the competition.
- For the official score sheet see Appendix E.

SECTION 57

IN HAND COMPETITIONS

57.1 GENERAL

- 57.1.1 Judged on manners, conformation, soundness, quality, type and movement.
- 57.1.2 Pads and bar shoes are not allowed in In-Hand Showing classes where the horse is judged.
- 57.1.3 It is permitted to show foals at foot in hand if they are accompanied by their Dam. Foals and Weanlings should be shown in a foal halter or slip. Colts should be shown in a bit from the age of 2 years.
- 57.1.4 Children and Juniors may not show Stallions in Hand.
- 57.1.5 Judging Procedure:
- Competitors walk horses on circle in a clockwise direction. Judge may hold the circle and require the competitors to trot half the circle individually.
 - Call in and line up from left to right in order of preference.
 - Call forward singly to examine.
 - Individual show.
 - It is recommended that the triangle should be marked out with cones, plants or flags, as shown in the diagram.

1. Walk away 2. Trot across 3. Trot back towards and past the judge	
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- All competitors circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.
- Any horse pulling away from its handler will be eliminated from the class.

SECTION 58**COMPLEAT HORSE COMPETITION****58.1 GENERAL**

Test No	Test	Points
1	Conformation, movement, soundness and turnout.	30
2	Utility test.	30
3	Ride by judge (omit in pony competitions).	30
4	Dressage Test (applicable DSA Rules to apply).	30
5	Show Jumping - approximately ten (10) fences: Jumping penalties - Penalties to be subtracted from fifteen (15) points, but with a minimum score of zero (0). - A deduction of two (2) points per fault incurred. Style of horse.	15 15
6	Free test - top five (5) competitors are given two (2) minutes to show off their horse to its best advantage: The thirty (30) points awarded to the free test should be made up of: - ten (10) marks for flatwork and schooling - ten (10) marks for jumping and/or utility - ten (10) marks for artistic merit	30

Notes:

- a. The dressage and jumping tests should be set to suit the standard of the competition.
- b. The winner, who must compete in all tests, will be the horse with the highest overall score. Competitors eliminated in any one (1) test will score zero (0) for that test but will not be eliminated from the competition.
- c. The number of competitors progressing to tests four (4) and five (5) may be restricted to a maximum of fifteen (15).
- d. Showing and/or Working Tack may be used in all sections, except for the Dressage test.

SECTION 59

NATIONAL SHOWING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA

59.1 GENERAL

- 59.1.1 The relevant SASA Showing Rules will apply.
- 59.1.2 The Championship shall not be held unless at least two (2) teams participate.
- 59.1.3 Each Province shall only enter one (1) team. If a Province is unable to field a full team, they should, if possible, form a combined Team with another Province. However, no Province may be represented in more than one Team.
- 59.1.4 The National Showing Team Championship is conducted along the lines of a Showing show, in that the five (5) traditional categories of Showing Competitions are held. These are the Show Hack/Pony, Show Riding Horse/Pony, Show Hunter, Working Riding Horse/Pony, and the Working Hunter.
- 59.1.5 The SASA Technical Delegate must announce the running order of the classes at the final Team Selection.
- 59.1.6 The Working Hunter competition will be run at Fox Hunter Level.
- 59.1.7 Only Team horses and competitors will participate in the competitions.
- 59.1.8 Five (5) sets of numbers must be provided

No Athlete/Competitor may hold up the running of a class. Should a horse have lost a shoe, they will be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes, provided the Organising Committee has been notified of this prior to the commencement of the relevant class.

59.1.9 TEAM NOMINATIONS

- a. Provinces indicate their intention to enter a Team as stipulated in the relevant schedule.
- b. Team nominations for National Championships shall be submitted by the Provincial Showing Presidents concerned as being correct and in accordance with the rules. This must be submitted to the SASA National President.
- c. A Provincial Body may only nominate a team with 3 (three) horse/rider combinations, if there are only 3 combinations available in province. Provinces with less than 5 (five) horse/rider combinations shall combine with each other where possible.

- d. The team shall consist of three, four or five horse/rider combinations all of whom must have been included in the original nominations. If five horse/rider combinations are nominated a reserve rider/horse may also be nominated.
- e. Each horse/rider combination may be nominated for a maximum of two (2) categories as defined in Rule 59.1.4.
- f. No rider may ride more than one horse in a team competition unless they are nominated to ride the Reserve horse, and this is required to compete in terms of clause 59.1.10.

59.1.10 SUBSTITUTIONS AFTER FINAL NOMINATION

- a. If, for any unforeseen reason, a horse and/or competitor cannot take part, on presentation of a veterinary or medical certificate or with permission from the SASA Technical Delegate, the reserve horse and/or competitor or the horse/competitor entered in only one (1) category, who must have been included in the original nomination, may be substituted. This only applies when nominations of four (4) or five (5) horse/rider combinations were received in the original Team nomination form.
- b. If a Reserve was nominated, they shall be substituted.
- c. This 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 included in the original nominations.
- d. Where only 3 (three) horse/rider combinations were nominated, and due to unforeseen circumstances, a team is reduced to only 2 (two) horse/rider combinations no horse or rider may ride more than once in the Team Event. A Provincial Body may compete with a team with only two (2) rider/horse combinations. The team will receive the lowest points obtainable in the class in which they have no representation.
- e. The obtaining of a veterinary or medical certificate or SASA Technical Delegate's Permission as stated in Rule 59.1.6.1, may not delay the running of the competition
- f. In the event of a substitution, the Team Manager may amend the allocation of Horses to the various categories as set out in the final Team selection.

59.2 QUALIFICATION OF COMPETITORS

- 59.2.1 All competitors, owners and sponsors shall be registered with a Club in whose area of jurisdiction they have their principal place of residence, SAEF and SASA and shall be re-registered on 1 January each year.
- 59.2.2 Horses, riders & owners shall be registered with the SAEF and SASA

59.2.3 The horse and rider combination must compete as a member of the Province where the rider is resident.

59.2.4 The same horse/rider combination may compete in both the Junior and Adult Interprovincial and SA Individual Showing and Working championships, within the same year, provided that this combination is duly registered in both age categories.

59.3 **QUALIFICATION OF HORSES**

59.3.1 In the Adult/Junior/Pony Rider National Showing Team Championship, horses must be qualified by having been placed and received points, in at least one (1) recognised show within the last twelve (12) months, in their respective age categories and relevant classes as per Rule 59.1.4. Being placed with points, in a Novice Class may be considered as being qualified to compete at this level.

59.3.2 The reserve horse that may be chosen, has to have been placed, with points, in at least one (1) recognised show in at least one (1) of the five (5) classes (as per Rule 59.1.4) in order for the horse to be eligible to be chosen as a reserve for the team.

59.3.3 Open Points shall be awarded as follows:

- 4 points for 1st place (1 to 8 competitors)
- 3 points for 2nd place (2 to 8 competitors)
- 2 points for 3rd place (9 to 12 competitors)
- 1 point for 4th place (13 to 16 competitors)

59.3.4 Novice Points shall be awarded as follows:

- 2 points for 1st place (1 to 8 competitors)
- 1 point for 2nd place (2 to 8 competitors)
- 1 point for 3rd place (9 to 12 competitors)
- 1 point for 4th place (13 to 16 competitors)

59.4 **JUDGES**

59.4.1 Three (3) judges must be selected from the SASA International, and National Panel of Riding Showing Judges for the Adult and Junior National Showing Team Championship. For the Pony Riders' National Showing Team Championship, three (3) judges must be selected from the SASA International, and National Panel of Showing Judges, not necessarily riding judges. The judges must come

from at least two (2) provinces. A suitable foreign judge may be appointed as one (1) of the three (3) judges.

59.4.2 The Organising Committee must submit their choice of judges to the SASA National President for approval before inviting the Judge(s) to officiate at the Event.

59.4.3 Setting of Working Riding Tests: One (1) of the three (3) invited judges will set the Working Riding Test for the Team Competition, and a second judge will set the test for the Individual Classes and the third for the Challenge Team Event.

59.5 **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

59.5.1 For each of the five (5) competitions there is a Call Judge, Second Judge and Third Judge. These positions are rotated with each competition, for example the Call Judge in the first competition becomes the Second Judge in the second Competition, the Second judge becomes the Third judge and the Third Judge becomes the Call Judge.

59.5.2 The three (3) judges are allocated an initial position dependent on which judge has designed the working riding test. Each receives a judging block with the description of the class, class number, and the position of the judge for that class, on which they record the placing of the horses. The blocks are bound in the order of the programme and rotate the position of the Call Judge, Second Judge and the Third Judge.

59.5.3 The Call Judge controls the proceedings of each competition.

59.5.4 Pony Riders' National Showing Team Championships.

The three (3) judges watch the go-around, but only the Call Judge places the ponies. The Second Judge judges the test. The Third Judge judges the Conformation. Each pony in the class is placed by all three (3) judges.

The judging of the test and the conformation phase will take place concurrently.

59.5.5 Junior and Adult National Showing Team Championships:

The three (3) judges watch the go-around and keep it in mind as they move off to their stations. The First Judge judges the Test, the Second Judge does the Ride, and the Third Judge judges the Conformation. All scores are to be added. All horses must be placed by all three (3) judges. Should a horse misbehave or go on the incorrect leg in the canter in the go around, the Call Judge for that class must mark that horse down in his/her placing.

The judging of the test, the ride by the judge and the conformation phase should take place concurrently.

59.5.6 In the Working Classes one (1) judge will score the Tests, one (1) judge will ride and score the Ride by Judge section (not in the Pony Rider Classes), and one (1) judge will assess and score the section on Conformation.

In the Pony Rider Working Riding Team Championship class one (1) judge will score the Test, one (1) judge will score the Style and Manners and one (1) judge will assess and score the Conformation.

In the Pony Rider Working Hunter Team Championship class one (1) judge will score the Test and the Hunter Pace, one (1) judge will score the Gallop, Style and Manners and one (1) judge will assess and score the Conformation.

59.5.7 In all Age Categories, the Working Riding and Working Hunter classes the various phases of the classes as specified in 59.5.6 will be scored separately but simultaneously by each of the three (3) judges using the usual scoring sheets to assess the horses/ponies.

59.5.8 The judges will not confer.

59.5.9 There shall be no ties for places.

59.5.10 At the conclusion each phase of the Showing Team competition the judge places the horses in order of merit and instructs their steward to enter their selection in the judges' block, then checks and signs it.

59.5.11 At the conclusion of each phase of the Working Riding and Working Hunter team competition the judge checks their allocated marks on the score sheet, signs it and hands it to the steward for submission to the Technical Director.

59.6 **SCORING**

59.6.1 In each competition all the horses will be placed. The first receiving Eighteen (18) points if there are nine (9) Teams in the competition, Sixteen (16) points if there are eight (8) Teams and so on. The second will receive two (2) fewer points and so on down the places. The last horse will therefore receive two (2) points. The scores are added.

59.6.2 The total number of points obtained by a Province shall decide the winning team.

59.6.3 In the event of a Team tie, the team that received the most first places shall be placed higher than the other team. In the event of a further tie the most second places will be counted and so on down the places.

59.6.4 In the event of a tie in the scoring of a class, the competitors receiving the most 1st places shall be placed above the other competitors. In the event of a further tie the most 2nd places will be counted etc. down the places. If this does not resolve the tie, the placing of the Call judge for the class will determine the winner.

- 59.6.5 In the event of a judge eliminating a horse during the judging of a competition, the horse will be placed last on their card and indicate this with an "E". Should the judge eliminate more than one (1) horse during the judging of a competition, they will place those horses joint last on their card indicating this with a bracket as well as an "E". All eliminated horses will receive one (1) point in total.
- 59.6.6 In the event of a horse or pony breaking free from its handler in the in-hand section, or at any other stage during the running of the class, that horse/pony will be eliminated for that phase only. This will be indicated with an "E" and will receive one (1) point in total
- 59.6.7 If a horse scores a zero (0) for Ride by any Judge (refuses to allow the judge to mount; is lame at this phase, etc.), it may never be placed above a horse without a zero (0).

SECTION 60

THE INDIVIDUAL SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA

60.1 GENERAL

- 60.1.1 The relevant SASA Showing Rules will apply.
- 60.1.2 Horses, riders & owners shall be registered with a Club, SAEF and SASA. No Temporary membership of SASA is allowed.
- 60.1.3 These rules shall be read in conjunction with and are supplementary to the relevant SAEF General Regulations.
- 60.1.4 The Individual Championships of South Africa are held in three (3) categories:
- a. The Individual Showing Championship of South Africa.
 - b. The Individual Working Riding Championship of South Africa.
 - c. The Individual Working Hunter Championship of South Africa.
- 60.1.5 The Championships will be held in the following age categories:
- a. Adults
 - b. Juniors
 - c. Pony Riders
- 60.1.6 The Championships may be held in the following height categories:
- a. **Horses:** 1.63m and under
Over 1.63m
 - b. **Ponies:** 1.42m and under
Over 1.42m and up to 1.50m
- 60.1.7 The same judge must judge the two (2) height categories in each qualifying competition and the category Championship.
- 60.1.8 The Working Hunter competition will be run at Open level.
- 60.1.9 The Junior and Adult Working Riding and Working Hunter classes will be judged by two (2) Judges. One (1) to Judge the Test and Ride by Judge and one (1) to Judge the Conformation.
- 60.1.10 The Pony Rider Working Riding and Working Hunter classes will be judged by only one (1) Judge.
- 60.1.11 The first and second prize-winner of each height category will compete for the Championship and the Reserve Championship of each competition.

- 60.1.12 The Champion and Reserve Champion of each of the competitions in Rule 60.2.1, will qualify to take part in the Individual Showing Championships of South Africa.
- 60.1.13 Champions and Reserve Champions must take part in the Individual Showing Championships of South Africa.
- 60.1.14 During the Judging of the Individual Championship each competitor must have the opportunity to demonstrate the test required of the competition in which they won.
- 60.1.15 The judging of the Individual Showing Championship, the Individual Working Riding Championship and the Individual Working Hunter Championship of South Africa will be done using the Hi-Low Three (3) Judge System.
- 60.1.16 No horse may enter the arena late during the judging of the qualifying competitions for the Individual Showing, Working Riding and Working Hunter Championships of South Africa.

60.2 **THE INDIVIDUAL SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA:**

- 60.2.1 The qualifying competitions are:
 - a. Champion & Reserve Show Hack/Show Pony
 - b. Champion & Reserve Show Riding Horse/Pony
 - c. Champion & Reserve Show Hunter/Pony

60.3 **THE INDIVIDUAL WORKING RIDING CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA**

- 60.3.1 The qualifying competitions are:
- 60.3.2 Working Riding Horse/Pony
 - a. **Horses:** 1.63m and under
Over 1.63m
 - b. **Ponies:** 1.42m and under
Over 1.42m and up to 1.50m
- 60.3.3 Regardless of how many qualifying competitions there are the Championship will be judged as a new class with all three (3) judges.

60.4 THE INDIVIDUAL WORKING HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA

60.4.1 The qualifying competitions are:

60.4.2 Working Hunter Horse/Pony

a. **Horses:** 1.63m and under

Over 1.63m

b. **Ponies:** 1.42m and under

Over 1.42m and up to 1.50m

60.4.3 Regardless of how many qualifying competitions there are the Championship will be judged as a new class with all three (3) judges

60.5 JUDGES

60.5.1 Qualification and Selection:

Three (3) judges must be selected from the SASA International, and/or National Panel of Showing Judges for the Individual Showing, Working Riding and Working Hunter Championships. A suitable foreign judge may be selected.

60.5.2 The Organising Committee must submit their choice of judges to the SASA National President for approval before notifying the judges.

60.5.3 The competitions in Rule 60.2.1, Rule 60.3.1 and Rule 60.4.1 will be judged using the judges selected from Rule 60.5.1.

60.5.4 The three (3) judges from Rule 60.5.1 will judge the Individual Showing Championship, Individual Working Riding Championships and the Individual Working Hunter Championships of South Africa.

SECTION 61

CHALLENGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA

61.1 GENERAL

- 61.1.1 The relevant SASA rules will apply.
- 61.1.2 The Championship shall not be held unless at least two (2) teams participate.
- 61.1.3 Each Province shall only enter one (1) team. Provinces may combine with other provinces if there are less than five (5) competitors entered from a province.
- 61.1.4 The Challenge Team is comprised of five (5) classes. These are Show Pony/Hack, Show Riding Pony/Horse, Show Hunter, Working Riding and Working Hunter. The Working Hunter will be run at Cub Hunter Level.
- 61.1.5 The Working Hunter competition will be run at Cub Hunter Level.
- 61.1.6 Team nominations for National Championships shall be submitted by the Provincial Showing Presidents concerned as being correct and in accordance with the rules. This must be submitted to the SASA National President.
- 61.1.7 The team shall consist of at least three (3) or a maximum of five (5) horse/rider combinations, as well as a reserve rider/horse, all of which must have been included in the original nominations. If five horse/rider combinations are nominated a reserve rider/horse may also be nominated.
- 61.1.8 Each horse/rider combination may be entered in a maximum of two (2) categories as defined in Rule 59.1.4 If, for any unforeseen reason, a horse and/or competitor cannot take part, on presentation of a veterinary or medical certificate or with permission from the SASA Technical Delegate, the reserve horse and/or competitor or the horse/competitor entered in only one (1) category, who must have been included in the original nomination, may take part.
- 61.1.9 This 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 included in the original nominations.
- 61.1.10 Should there be no reserve horse or rider, the Provincial Body may send a team consisting of three (3) to five (5) horse/rider combinations. Should any unforeseen circumstances arise in which a horse and/or rider cannot take part, one (1) of the existing horse/rider combinations may take part in a second class on the presentation of a veterinary/medical certificate or with permission from the SASA Technical Delegate.
- 61.1.11 This only applies when nominations of four (4) or five (5) horse/rider combinations were received in the original Team nomination form.

- 61.1.12 A Provincial Body may only enter a team with 3 (three) horse/rider combinations, if there are only 3 combinations available in province. Provinces with less than 5 (five) horse/rider combinations must combine with each other where possible.
- 61.1.13 Where only 3 (three) horse/rider combinations were nominated, and due to unforeseen circumstances, a team is reduced to only 2 (two) horse/rider combinations no horse or rider may ride more than once in the Team Event.
- 61.1.14 A Provincial Body may compete with a team with only two (2) rider/horse combinations. The team will receive the lowest points obtainable in the class in which they have no representation.

61.2 **QUALIFICATION OF COMPETITORS AND HORSES**

- 61.2.1 No cross entry of horse/rider combinations in the SA Team Championship and the Challenge Team Championship. A rider may compete in both, but on different horses.
- 61.2.2 It is preferable that horses have at least competed in one (1) recognised showing class within the last twelve (12) months, in their respective age categories and relevant classes as per Rule 61.4.
- 61.2.3 The Challenge Team Event is open to both Novice and Open horses/ponies.

61.3 **JUDGES**

- 61.3.1 Three (3) judges must be selected from the SASA International, and National Panel of Riding Showing Judges for the Adult and Junior National Showing Team Championship.
- 61.3.2 For the Pony Riders' National Showing Team Championship, three (3) judges must be selected from the SASA International, and National Panel of Showing Judges, not necessarily riding judges.
- 61.3.3 The judges must come from at least two (2) provinces. A suitable foreign judge may be appointed as one (1) of the three (3) judges.
- 61.3.4 Horses/Ponies will not be stripped for the conformation phase of each Challenge Team class and riders will remain mounted for this phase of the class.
- 61.3.5 Two (2) Judges shall be used for each of the Five (5) Categories in the Challenge Team Event.

61.4 **SCORING**

- 61.4.1 Judges place all competitors, and a result will be obtained from points scored in the Challenge Team event. The first receiving twelve (12) points if for example there are six (6) teams in the competition, ten (10) points if there are five (5)

teams and so on. The second will receive two (2) fewer points and so on down the places. The last horse will therefore receive two (2) points.

- 61.4.2 An elimination shall receive one (1) point in total.
- 61.4.3 The total number of points obtained by a province shall decide the winning team.
- 61.4.4 In the event of a team tie, the team that received the most first places shall be placed higher than the other team. In the event of a further tie the most second places will be counted and so on down the places.

SECTION 62

S.A.S.A NEWCOMER CLASSES

62.1 GENERAL

- 62.1.1 These classes will be open to entry Level members SAEF.
- 62.1.2 These classes are open to members and Non-members of SASA.
- 62.1.3 Open to riders who have never competed in Graded classes in any age group.
- 62.1.4 No cross entry allowed between Newcomers and any other Graded (Novice and Open) classes.
- 62.1.5 Classes may be run for Pony Rider, Juniors and Adults.
- 62.1.6 Horses will not be ridden by the Judge.
- 62.1.7 No Stallions may be ridden by Pony Riders or Juniors.
- 62.1.8 Once a Rider has accumulated 20 points in Newcomer classes they will be classified as Novice Riders and may not compete in any Newcomer class.

62.2 SADDLERY & DRESS

- 62.2.1 Saddlery/Tack allowed in Showing, Working Classes as per Appendix B, G, H.
- 62.2.2 Only Snaffle or Pelham Bridles may be used in Showing Classes.
- 62.2.3 Dress as per Appendix A

62.3 **NEWCOMER CLASSES**

Newcomer Horses/ponies may not be requested to rein-back in any class.

62.3.1 **SHOW HACKS / SHOW PONIES**

Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, quality, type, movement, and manners.

62.3.1.1 **Judging Procedure:**

- Enter the arena and circle in a clockwise direction.
- Walk, trot and canter, changing rein through the trot.
- Call in, in order of preference, and line up from left to right.
- Individual show: Horses should show walk, trot, lengthened trot, canter with a change of leg, lengthen the canter, halt and stand.
- The judge may allow those competitors who are not in contention to leave the arena.
- Strip any horses in contention.
- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

SHOW RIDING HORSES / SHOW RIDING PONIES

Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, movement, manners and type.

62.3.2.1 **Judging Procedure:**

- Enter the arena and circle in a clockwise direction.
- Walk, trot, canter, changing rein through the trot.
- Call in, in order of preference, and line up from left to right.
- Individual Show: Horses should show walk, trot, lengthened trot, canter with a change of leg, extend the canter, halt and stand.

- The judge may allow those competitors who are not in contention to leave the arena.
- Strip the horses in contention.
- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

62.3.3 **SHOW HUNTERS / SHOW HUNTER PONIES**

Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, quality, movement, type, manners and ability to gallop.

- a. Adult and Junior Show Hunters may gallop singly or in company.
- b. Pony Riders' Show Hunter Ponies may only gallop singly and not in company.
- c. At the gallop, a flying change of leg may be shown.

62.3.3.1 **Judging Procedure:**

- Enter the arena and circle in a clockwise direction.
- Walk, trot, canter, changing rein through the trot, and gallop.
- Call in, in order of preference, and line up from left to right.
- Individual show: Horses should show walk, trot, canter with one change of leg, gallop, halt and stand.
- The judge may allow those competitors who are not in contention to leave the arena.
- Strip any horses in contention.
- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.
- Circle at walk.
- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.

62.3.4 **WORKING RIDING HORSES / WORKING RIDING PONIES**

Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, movement, manners and general utility.

Notes:

- a. Horses will be required to negotiate a course of six (6) to eight (8) tests that should be of a practical nature. The course should be designed to demonstrate that the horse is obedient, well-schooled, be able to jump, extend their paces, stand still and show a steady temperament.
- b. Any horse taking the wrong course or negotiating another test after completing the course will be eliminated.
- c. If the flat work (e.g., circles, simple changes, figures of eight etc.) is incorrectly carried out, it is not an elimination, but it is marked down.
- d. In case of a tie, the Style and Manners mark should be used to determine the winner. In case of a further tie, the Conformation and Soundness mark will determine the winner.
- e. A competitor may have three (3) attempts at an obstacle and will then be instructed by the judge, to move on to the next obstacle, scoring zero (0) for that obstacle.
- f. No protective boots or bandages may be worn in this class.

62.3.4.1 **Judging Procedure:**

Phase 1

- Competitors enter the arena and line up from left to right, in programme order.
- Call out, singly, in programme order, to ride the course.
- Allocation of points for Phase 1:

Tests X 6 or 8 (each out of 10)	Out of 60/80
Manners	Out of 10

Phase 2

- The judge may allow those competitors not in contention to leave the arena.
- Horses may be stripped at the discretion of the judge.
- Allocation of points for Phase 2:

Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up (conformation, movement and soundness)	Out of 10
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Points are Totalled out of 80 or 100.

- Call in and line up, placed in order of merit from left to right for the presentation of prizes.
- The competition must be scored on the official Working Riding score sheet. This must be displayed at the completion of the competition.
- For the official score sheet see Appendix D.

62.3.5 WORKING HUNTERS / WORKING HUNTER PONIES

Horses will be judged on conformation, soundness, quality, movement, style and manners marks, jumping performance, and ability to gallop.

Notes:

- a. Horses will be required to jump a course consisting of not less than six (6) but not more than ten (10) jumps, one (1) of which should be a combination. Jumps should be rustic or as natural as possible
- b. The course must contain a change of direction.
- c. All penalties incurred at a combination fence are cumulative.
- d. Any horse taking the wrong course or jumping another fence after completing the course will be eliminated. A horse which circles between fences or crosses its track between fences will receive a refusal for doing that.
- e. If a horse positively stops, or turns its quarters to a fence, or has a complete turnaround, these constitute refusals. If a horse jumps the incorrect fence out of a pen or a lane, it will be eliminated.
- f. No penalty is incurred unless the maximum height of the fence is lowered in the same vertical plane.

- g. In case of a tie, the Style and Manners marks should be used to determine the winner. In the event of a further tie, the Conformation, Movement, Type and Soundness mark will count.
- h. Excessive use of a whip, the hands or reins in addition to/ or instead of the whip is prohibited.
- i. The use of Safety Cups is compulsory for the back poles of oxers, both in the warm-up arena and in the competition arena.
- j. The competition must be scored on the official Working Hunter score sheet. This must be displayed at the completion of the competition.
- k. For the official score sheets see Appendix E.
- l. Height of Jumps:
 - Pony Riders 60cm
 - Juniors/Adults 70cm

62.3.5.1 Judging Procedure:

Phase 1

- Competitors to walk the course before the start of the competition.
- Horses enter singly in programme order and jump the course.
- No preliminary circling
- Competitors must gallop after jumping and halt in front of the judge.
- Allocation of points for Phase 1

Total Jumping points	Out of 50
Penalties:	
Knockdown	- 5
1 st Refusal	- 10
2 nd Refusal	- 15
3 rd Refusal	Elimination
Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination

- All jumping penalties are deducted from the score of 50.

Additional Points:	
Hunter pace	Out of 10
Gallop (including soundness of wind)	Out of 10
Style	Out of 10
Manners	Out of 10
Fall of horse/competitor	Elimination

Phase 2

- Before the start of this phase, all protective boots must be removed.
- Competitors in contention return and line up from left to right according to their score.
- Strip/or trot up the horses in contention.
- Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up.
- Allocation of points for Phase 2

Call forward singly to be examined and trotted up (conformation, movement and soundness)	Out of 10
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- Points are totalled, out of 100.
- Call in and line up from left to right, placed in order of merit for the presentation of prizes.
- The competition must be scored on the official Working Hunter score sheet. This must be displayed at the completion of the competition.
- For the official score sheet see Appendix E.

SECTION 63

SASA RIDING HORSE CLASSES

63.1 GENERAL

- 63.1.1 SASA Riding Horse Classes provide an alternative showing opportunity for all breeds of horses and ponies.
- 63.1.2 These classes offer competitors an environment in which to gain experience in a show atmosphere before entering affiliated classes. It is an ideal stepping stone for novice riders and horses.
- 63.1.3 Breed and Type relevant dress and tack is allowed as long as protective headgear is worn.
- 63.1.4 These classes are open to members and Non-members of SASA.

63.2 SASA RIDING HORSE CLASSES

63.2.1 BEST TURNED OUT

Competitors enter arena at a walk and circle. The Judge will call competitors into line and competitors will be called forward individually to be inspected by the judge.

63.2.2 BEST WALK

This class is judged on the horses' ability to stride out and move freely from its shoulder. The horse must have a natural ground covering walk that is regular, free and unconstrained.

63.2.3 BEST TROT

The trot must be balanced, cadenced, free-moving, show elegant carriage and with easy rhythm and impulsion from the hindquarters. The trot should show equality of movement both from the front and rear end.

The trot should never look forced, laboured or artificial.

63.2.4 BEST CANTER

The horse is judged on its ability to engage, collect and stay flexed. The canter should be business-like, not too slow, and not a full-blown gallop. The canter must be united, light, have cadence and impulsion.

The canter should never look hurried, with each stride long and covering as much ground as possible.

63.2.5 **PLEASURE HORSE/PONY**

The horse/pony should appear to be a pleasure to ride, be well schooled, balanced and obedient showing a calm temperament. At the judge's discretion, the competitors can be asked to ride with one hand.

Conformation should only be taken into account in the event of equality.

63.2.6 **TOWN HACK**

The town hack must be beautiful, have good conformation and paces. Manners are particularly important in the judging of hacks.

Town hacks must have quality, animation, presence and balance.

63.2.7 **BEST THREE GAITED HORSE**

These may be split into specific Breeds.

Best Three Gaited Thoroughbred, Non Thoroughbred, Warmblood, Welsh Pony or any other Specific Breed.

The horse is judged on the quality of its paces at a walk, trot and canter.

63.2.8 **RIDING SCHOOL HORSE/PONY**

A pony/horse suitable for use in a riding school. Temperament and schooling to take precedence.

63.2.9 **FARM HORSE/PONY or HANDY HORSE/PONY**

A test set by the relevant judge, will be performed. Horses will be required to negotiate a course of eight (8) tests that should be of a practical nature.

The course should be designed to demonstrate that the horse is obedient, well-schooled, able to jump, extend their paces, stand still and show a steady temperament.

Each obstacle is marked individually, and scores are tallied up afterwards.

63.2.10 **PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER**

A basic Working Hunter Course with no combinations, bounces or related distances will be required. A gallop should be shown on completion of the round.

Recommended Heights:

- Ponies - 50cm
- Horses – 60cm

63.2.11 **BEST RIDER**

The focus of this class is to determine how well a rider sits and controls their mount. The judge will focus mainly on leg position, seat, upper body position and posture, hand position and overall horsemanship.

The correct trot diagonal and canter lead are essential.

Accuracy of movements ridden will be taken into consideration. Best rider classes may be required to do a short test.

These classes may be split into Best Child rider, Best Lady rider and Best Gentleman rider.

63.2.12 **TINY TOTS CLASSES**

Lead Rein Classes open to riders aged two (2) years until the end of the year in which they turn four (4).

Classes to be offered will be Best Turned out and Best Walk

63.3 **JUDGING OF SASA RIDING HORSE CLASSES**

63.3.1 Class will be judged on manners, suitability, and performance of horse.

63.3.2 In the event of equality, the Conformation of the horse may be considered.

63.3.3 Generally, competitors enter at a trot (In the Three Gaited Classes normally on the left rein).

63.3.4 They may be asked to extend the trot. They then walk and at the judge's command, canter. On command, competitors come back to a walk, turn around and trot on. Walk again and canter on.

63.3.5 Competitors then come in and line up while judges do a quick inspection of tack and condition of horse. Conformation is not judged as such.

63.3.6 Competitors are then placed by the judge and the announcer calls the winners in from lowest to highest.

63.4 **GENERAL RULES**

63.4.1 **JUDGES**

At all recognised events organized by SASA Affiliated Bodies, the use of officials on SASA or SA Riding Horse panels, excluding Learner judges is obligatory.

63.4.2 **DEFINITION OF “HORSE” AND “PONY”**

In the spirit of this “Horse” shall, wherever applicable, include “Pony”.

63.4.3 **SEX**

Stallions, Mares and geldings may compete in all SA Performance horse classes excepting those from which they are excluded by specific rules of a competition.

Stallions may only be ridden by Adults and must display the required yellow tag on the bridle.

63.4.4 **AGE OF HORSE**

In the judging of all SA Performance Horse competitions the age of the horse may be taken into consideration at the discretion of the judge.

63.4.5 **ENTRIES**

Classes may be divided into Novice and Open at the Discretion of the SHB.

If there are more than twenty (20) horses entered in a competition, the Organising Committee may divide the competition into two (2) pools.

This may be done by dividing the entries into two (2) or more equal pools.

Prizes must be awarded in all pools.

63.4.6 **PRIZES**

The joint placing of horses (ties) is not allowed in any SASA Riding Horse competition.

Place and prize money (if applicable) should be awarded for every four (4) horses or part thereof in a competition.

If there are not more than four (4) horses entered in a competition, two (2) places with points, must be awarded, although only the first horse will receive prize money where applicable.

This is to allow two (2) horses from each competition to qualify for the Championship should there be one.

Championships should be held for Show Horses/Ponies (Best Turned-out, Best Walk & Best Trot classes excluded)

Working Riding Horses/Ponies & Working Hunters

63.4.7 **POINTS ALLOCATION**

Points shall be awarded as follows:

- 4 points for 1st place
- 3 points for 2nd place
- 2 points for 3rd place
- 1 point for 4th place
- 1 point for 5th place

63.4.8 **VICTOR LUDORUM**

Using the above point system an annual Victor Ludorum may be awarded.

Points will be calculated from the 1st January to the 31st December.

In order to be eligible for V/L, both horse/pony and rider will need to be registered with SASA.

63.4.9 **ELIMINATION**

If, in the opinion of the judge, a horse behaves in an unruly or dangerous manner or displays continued disobedience; he/she is entitled to eliminate the horse from the competition.

A horse leaving the arena mounted or not mounted without the permission of the judge/s will be eliminated.

Any horse which pulls away from its rider or handler, will be eliminated from the class.

A fall of a horse and rider in any SA Performance class is an elimination.

A horse is said to have fallen when its shoulder and hindquarter touches the ground.

A rider is said to have fallen when either voluntarily or involuntarily, he/she is separated from his/her horse, which has not fallen, in such a way that he/she touches the ground or finds it necessary, in order to get back into the saddle. Horses, deemed to be unfit for competition by the Judge, will be eliminated.

63.4.10 **UNAUTHORISED PERSONS**

Unauthorised persons are not allowed in the arena during the judging of SASA Riding Horse competitions.

Should this occur, it may result in an elimination of the competitor involved.

Only persons authorised by the Organising Committee and/or judge(s) may enter the arena once the judging is in progress.

63.4.11 **SASA WARNING CARDS**

In cases of offences involving abuse of horses in any form or incorrect behaviour towards event official, judges etc. and which is of a less serious nature, the judge may award a SASA warning card to any competitor, parent, instructor or any person affiliated to the rider.

The Judge or Show director may deliver this to the responsible person by hand.

Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more SASA warning card at the same or any other Event within one (1) year of the delivery of the first SASA warning card, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months immediately following the Event at which the Person responsible is competing.

63.4.12 **PLAITING OF HORSES**

Plaiting of manes is preferable; however, it is not a requirement if it is in conflict with the breed standard of the horse /pony.

63.4.13 **SADDLERY**

Breed and Type relevant dress and tack is allowed as long as protective headgear is worn.

No competitor is permitted to change any tack during the judging of a competition, except in the case of an emergency and provided the judge's consent has been obtained.

No horse competing in a SASA Riding Horse competition may wear a, martingale, Auxiliary reins, bandages, boots, gags, hackamores, triangle reins or any form of gadget or training aid.

A simple Snaffle, Pelham or Double bridle may be used. When using a Pelham or Double bridle, only cavesson nosebands may be worn.

Pelham or curb bits may only have a moderate port or simple joint in the centre. Rugby Pelhams must have a bridoon strap attached to the bit.

Rein connectors may be used. All bits must have smooth mouthpieces. Bitless bridles may be used for mares and geldings ridden by Adults.

For the Farm Horse/Handy Horse and Performance Working Classes, tack as described in Appendix B (Under Working Competitions), may be used.

63.4.14 **RECOGNISED DRESS**

Hats: All Mounted Athletes and Riding Judges, regardless of age or level of competition, must wear properly fitted and fastened safety approved protective headgear at all times when mounted at any SASA-sanctioned competition at the event location.

Protective headgear as defined below is recommended to also be worn for all In-Hand classes by the person handling the horse. Bowlers, top hats and hunt caps will no longer be permitted in Ridden Classes for Competitors and Riding Judges. All Helmets must conform to internationally recognised safety standards.

Hair: long hair should be either plaited or put up in a hair net.

Jackets: A suitable riding jacket of a conservative colour should be worn.

Shirts: Shirts with a collar and tie are preferable.

Gloves: These may be worn, again of a conservative colour.

Breeches/Jodhpurs: Cream, beige, fawn or yellow may be worn.

Boots: Either short or long boots may be worn. Black or brown in colour. Leather Gaiters may be worn. No Chaps will be permitted.

Button holes, tie pins and ribbons should be conservative and inconspicuous.

Showing Canes and /or Riding crops with leather flaps on the end, not exceeding seventy-five (75) cm, may be used. No dressage whips are allowed.

Spurs: Only blunt spurs not exceeding two (2) cm are allowed. Spurs are only to be worn in the traditionally correct manner with the curve of the neck directed downwards. No plastic spurs are allowed. No spurs with moveable parts may be used.

SECTION 64

STRICTLY COME SHOWING (Free Style Showing to Music)

A freestyle to music competition for all different breeds of Show Horses. This class is designed to promote the correct training and production of the Show Horse.

Rules:

1. The show and music to be of the competitor's choice. Competitors may design their own show to include any suitable movements / paces they wish, so as to show off their Horse/pony to the best of their ability. The test may include a maximum of two (2) obstacles as may be found in a working riding / working hunter test. The test must begin and end with a halt and salute to the Judges.
2. The size of the arena to be stated in the schedule (60m x 20m on average).
3. To be ridden astride or side saddle.
4. Time allowed: 2 ½ minutes.
5. The emphasis for Judges and Competitors should be of a well schooled, correctly going horse which, according to its type, enhances the way of going and presence of a Show Horse as opposed to a Dressage Horse.
6. Dress and turnout as per SASA Showing rules. However, glitter and conservative additions to Horse and Rider turnout is allowed.
7. Tack allowed: As per SASA Showing Rules. To be ridden in a Simple Snaffle, Pelham or Double Bridle. Bitless bridles may be used for mares and geldings ridden by Adults.

Marks will be awarded as Follows:

1. Content of Show. Accuracy of movements. Overall impression including	60 Marks
2. Musical interpretation (Music should reflect the horses' paces)	30 Marks
3. Conformation of Horse/Pony.	10 Marks

Total: 100 Marks

Strictly Come Showing

No	Name	Performance out of 60	Musical Interpretation out of 30	Conformation out of 10	Total	Place
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Section 65 SANESA

1. All classes will be judged under the latest edition of the S.A.S.A. Showing Rules.
2. Riders in levels 5 and 7 may receive grading points providing an application with the correct fee has been received.
3. Level 0 is the equivalent of Lead Rein; Level 1 is the equivalent of First Pony; level 3 is the equivalent of Newcomer; level 5 is the equivalent of Novice and level 7 is the equivalent of Open.
4. Qualified S.A.S.A. Judges must be used for judging all Showing and Working classes.

5. Height of Jumps

In-Hand Utility, Pony Riders 20cm, Juniors & Adults 30cm, either a cross or 2 parallel poles.

Working Riding Tests

Pony Rider Newcomers & Novice 40cm, Open 50cm

Junior Newcomers & Novice 50cm, Open 60cm

Fences

In-hand, single fences only, no oxers or spreads. No bounces or related distances.

Ridden Tests, No oxers or spreads, related distances and bounces should only be used in Open classes.

Poles raised on either side or a fan of poles may not be used in Young Children's classes. Poles raised on alternate sides may be used in all classes from Novice upwards for all age groups except Young Children.

A fan of trotting poles should only be used in Open classes. Canter poles may only be used in open classes.

6. All Showing classes to be run as per the table below:

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Show Riding Classes SANESA 2026 (per Level)

High/Prep	Weight	Level 0 On Lead	Level 0 Off Lead & SN Level 1	Level 1	Level 3	Level 5	Level 7
Go Round	20	Enter the arena on the lead rein on the right rein at a walk, one change of rein will be requested. Walk into line-up. (No trotting or cantering in the go around)	Enter the arena at a walk, then trot go-around. Walk change Rein. Trot. Walk into line-up.	Enter the arena at a walk, then trot go-around. Walk change Rein. Trot. Walk into line-up.	Enter the arena on the right rein at a walk for the go-around. Walk trot and canter will be requested in the go-around on both reins. Walk into line-up.	Graded Novice Show Riding Class.	Graded Open Show Riding Class.
Tests	20	Individual tests to show a walk and short trot only, halt and salute the judge. Go back into line-up.	Individual tests to show a walk and short trot on both reins, halt and salute the judge. Go back into; line-up.	Individual tests to show a walk, trot and canter on both reins, halt and salute the judge. Go back into; line-up.	Individual tests to show a walk, trot and canter on both reins, and a short-extended canter, then a halt and salute the judge. Go back	Individual tests of own choice. Test to show a walk, trot and canter on both reins, and a short-extended trot and canter,	Individual tests of own choice. Test to show a walk, trot and canter on both reins, and a short-extended trot and canter,

					into; line-up.	then a halt and salute the judge. Go back into; line-up.	then a halt and salute the judge. Go back into; line-up.
Total	40						
Handling		Line up Walk away, trot back, stay mounted for turnout, general impression and conformation.	Line up Walk away, trot back, stay mounted for turnout, general impression and conformation.	Line up Walk away, trot back, stay mounted for turnout, general impression and conformation.	Line up Dismount stand the pony or horse up, then walk away and trot back for turnout, general impression and conformation.	Line up Dismount and remove saddle. Stand the pony or horse up, then walk away and trot back for turnout, general impression and conformation.	Line up Dismount and remove saddle. Stand the pony or horse up, then walk away and trot back for turnout, general impression and conformation.
TACK & TURNOUT	10						
GENERAL	10						
CONFORMATION	10						
GRAND TOTAL	70					No Score Cards, run like a normal Novice Class	No Score Cards, run like a normal Open Class

SECTION 66 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

International Team Event Qualification and Selection Criteria

1. A rider will only qualify at National CHAMPIONSHIPS, CN Status showing event OR a Provincial/District Champs results competing at the highest level in their respective Provinces. These events will be the only qualifier events. The TOP 12 Candidates will be invited to the selection event that will run in the same format as the competition event.
2. In the event of a Junior competitor, the Junior's guardian or parent must sign an indemnity if in the event during the horse swap or mystery horse turns out to be a stallion at the time of the competition and the Junior has not yet turned 18 years of age.
3. The SASA President and Judges council will appoint 3 Senior SASA Judges as the selectors to officiate at the selection event. The SASA President will act as the convener during the selection process.
4. SASA EXCO will ratify the team as selected by the SASA selection council. The selected riders must make their horses available to be used in the team draw.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

Only current REGISTERED SASA members may be invited to team selection day and members must have competed at the highest level in the last 3 years at a Provincial/District and or National Championship or CN status events. Members who wish to qualify from the year prior up until 2 months prior to competition date must enter Provincial championships up to and including 3 months prior to competition date latest in order to qualify to be invited to team selection day.

The National Showing President will extend a personal invitation to candidates who fulfil the criteria to take part in a selection event based on Selection show results (Provincial and SA CHAMPS events) A team of 5 riders that will include the Reserve will be selected to represent the National team at this event and application will be submitted via SAEF for National colours.

International SASA Competition Format

All riders will present themselves and their horses correctly turned out for competition. Riders may not wear spurs at any time in the competition, but showing canes are permitted. Program order determines riding order therefore it has to be a random draw.

To be judged by three judges approved by the National Judges council, preferably at least one judge must be invited outside of South-Africa, each with their own steward. These judges may confer but must each mark their papers individually. They may not confer with the competitors.

- I. Throughout the competition (from the moment of entering the arena), the riders may not confer with anyone except their personal steward. In the event of questions as to format or protocol their steward may confer with the judges and relay their answers to the competitor. This will be strictly enforced, and any outside assistance may lead to elimination.
- II. All riders enter in program order and ride a standard Go Round, then line up in program order. Each rider will perform his or her test, suitable to the type of horse they have drawn and riding. When all have completed their test, riders shall dismount and step away from their horses (left with their stewards), for the swap horse draw. Judges leave the arena at this stage. Riders and horses will be drawn from two hats/containers. Riders are to remount their newly allocated rides and adjust tack.

- No one may move off till the signal is given.
- III. At the signal all riders have 2 minutes to ride their new mount. Judges may not watch this phase. At the second signal all riders to line up in original program order while the judges return to the arena.
 - IV. The competition now recommences and each rider performs an individual test, in the original order, appropriate to the horse they are now riding.
 - V. The scores from both phases are now tallied and the top two riders will be announced. These riders will dismount and their horses, along with the other combinations, will leave the arena.
 - VI. The draw will take place for the order of riding the mystery horse as in rule 4 of this Section. Neither competitor may watch as the mystery horse will be ridden into the arena. The mystery horse will be walked around the arena for 3 minutes. Riders will now mount one at a time according to their draw, and will be given 1 minute to assess the horse, at the signal they will be required to perform a test suitable to the horse now ridden.
Judges may not assess the one-minute assessment ride and the second competitor may not watch the first rider's assessment or ridden test. When they have both completed this phase they remain on foot, while the horse is led out and the winner is announced. Their horses will be brought back in by the stewards. After the presentation of the trophy, they may mount their own horse for a lap of honour.
 - VII. The individual champions will be based on the scores of the last 2 riders completing phase 3. The team event will be determined by adding all the competitors scores up to and including all phases.

APPROVED DRESS AT RECOGNISED EVENTS

In all Showing Classes, (except SASA Riding Horse classes) – Show Hack/Pony, Show Hunter, Show Riding, Working Riding, Working Hunter, Lead Rein & First Pony, it is compulsory for Horses and Ponies to be plaited (Irrespective of Breed Types).

Qualified Adult Riders who provide proof of membership of a registered Hunt Club, by submitting a letter from the Hunt Master confirming that they have hunted over jumps with the Club, may ride in a **scarlet/pink** Hunt jacket and Hunting boots (with brown tops) in Open classes at S.A. and Provincial Championships, CN Status and other selected major shows.

Adult Riders may ride in evening wear (stock, black or navy coat and velvet covered hard hat) in Open Championships at S.A. and Provincial Championships, CN Status and other selected major shows, **providing the Championship takes place after 18h00.**

Whiskers (sensory hairs) around the muzzle and eyes may NOT be trimmed.

Horses and Ponies must be shown with markings described in the Passport (excluding hooves).

ADULTS

Section 57

COATS	HATS	BREECHES	BOOTS	SHIRTS	TIES	GLOVES
Tweed Brown Scarlet	Hard Hat Black, Navy or Brown	Beige, Cream or Fawn. Never White	Black or Brown ONLY If qualified to wear Hunt Attire black boots with Brown Tops are Allowed. Polished black or brown leather gaiters	Collared White, Cream or Pastel. Plain, Checked or Striped. No American roll collar type of shirt or stock is permissible.	Conservative	Plain Conservative colour. String or Leather.
Black Navy	Hard Hat/ Black or Navy	Beige or Cream. Never White	Black ONLY Polished black Gaiters are allowed	Collared White, Cream or Pastel. No American roll collar type of shirt or stock is permissible	Conservative	As above.

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<i>COATS</i>	<i>HATS</i>	<i>BREECHES or JODHPURS</i>	<i>BOOTS JODHPUR BOOTS or</i>	<i>SHIRTS</i>	<i>TIES</i>	<i>GLOVES</i>
Tweed Brown	Hard Hat: Black, Navy or Brown	Beige, Cream or Fawn. Never White.	Black or Brown ONLY Boots with Breeches. Jodhpur Boots with Jodhpurs. Polished black or brown leather gaiters	As for Adults	Conservative	As for Adults
Black Navy	Hard Hat Black or Navy	Beige or Cream. Never White.	Black ONLY Boots with Breeches. Jodhpur Boots with Jodhpurs. Polished black leather gaiters.	As for Adults	Conservative	As for Adults

PONY RIDERS

<i>COATS</i>	<i>HATS</i>	<i>JODHPURS</i>	<i>JODHPUR BOOTS or BOOTS</i>	<i>SHIRTS</i>	<i>TIES</i>	<i>GLOVES</i>
Tweed Brown	Hard Hat: Black, Navy or Brown	Beige, Cream or Fawn. Never White.	Black or Brown. ONLY Polished black or brown leather gaiters	As for Adults	Conservative	As for Adults
Black Navy	Hard Hat Black or Navy	Beige or Cream. Never White.	Black. ONLY Polished black leather gaiters.	As for Adults	Conservative	As for Adults

LEADING REIN

<i>JACKETS</i>	<i>HATS</i>	<i>JODHPURS</i>	<i>JODHPUR BOOTS</i>	<i>SHIRTS</i>	<i>TIES</i>	<i>GLOVES</i>
Recommended	Hard Hat: Black, Navy or Brown	Beige, Cream or Fawn. Never White.	Or shoe with heel	As for Adults	In keeping with the age group	As for Adults

GENERAL

GENERAL	Hard Hats	All Mounted Athletes and Riding Judges, regardless of age or level of competition, must wear properly fitted and fastened safety approved protective headgear at all times when mounted at any SASA-sanctioned competition at the event location. Protective headgear as defined below is recommended to also be worn for all In-Hand classes by the person handling the horse. Bowlers, top hats and hunt caps will no longer be permitted in Ridden Classes for Competitors and Riding Judges. All Helmets must meet International Safety Standards
	Body Protectors	Body Protectors may be worn in all classes. Inflatable body protectors may only be used in Working Hunter classes. Only Navy or black body protectors may be used. Jackets incorporating body protectors must conform to SASA dress code. Judges may wear body protectors when riding, should they wish to do so.
	Shirts	All shirts should have formal conventional collars. Collar points should not stick out, checks and stripes should be discreet. Conservative plain colour.
	Boots	Boots with brown tops are not allowed unless an Adult Rider is qualified to wear Hunt attire.
	Ties & Tie Pins	Bow Ties are only allowed in In-Hand classes Ties should be pinned down and the tie-pin or tie clip should be placed below the level of the coat top button so that it is invisible. No Jewellery should be worn as a safety measure.
	Button-holes	Discreet buttonhole.
	Hair	When the hair is below the level of the ears, the hair should either be plaited or secured in a hair net.
	Riding Cane Whip Crop	Plain cane or leather covered cane not to exceed 75cm. Riding whips or crops not exceeding 75cm are allowed in Working Classes only. In Showing classes, canes with leather flaps on the end are permitted. Dressage whips are not allowed.

	Hunting whips	Hunting whips are permissible for Adult Hunter competitions
	Spurs	Spurs made of plastic are not allowed. Gooseneck spurs are not allowed. In Lead-rein and First Pony competitions spurs may not be used. In Pony Rider competitions only blunt spurs with necks not exceeding 2cms are permitted. In Adult and Junior competitions spurs of excessively severe design are not to be worn. Such designs include spurs with necks in excess of 3cms long, spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, spurs with rowels, spurs with roughened or cutting edges with or without necks. No spurs with moveable parts may be used. Spurs are only to be worn in the traditionally correct manner with the curve of the neck directed downwards.

MOUNTED SERVICES

	<i>COATS</i>	<i>HATS</i>	<i>BREECHES</i>	<i>BOOTS</i>	<i>SHIRTS</i>	<i>TIES</i>	<i>GLOVES</i>
SAPS (South African Police Service)	Navy Blue	White or Black	Navy Blue	Black	Light Blue Collared Shirt	Navy Blue	Black
PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES	None	White Black	Navy Blue	Black	Social Club approved Golf Shirt	None	Black
DCS (Department of Correctional Service)	Bottle Green	Black	Bottle Green	Black	White Collared Shirt	Green	Black
SANDF (South African National Defence Force)	Olive Green or Brown	Olive Green, Brown or Black	Beige	Black	Beige Collared Shirt	Olive Green	Black

APPENDIX “B”

1. SADDLERY FOR SHOWING COMPETITIONS

Show Hack/Pony, Show Riding Horse/Pony and Show Hunter/Pony Competitions.

- a. No competitor is permitted to change any tack during the judging of a competition, except in the case of an emergency and provided the judge’s consent has been obtained.
- b. The tack used in a class, must be the same in all subsequent Championships for which a horse has qualified.
- c. No clips may be used on any part of a Bridle or to connect Bits or reins to the Bridle
- d. No horse competing in a Showing competition may wear a martingale, auxiliary reins, bandages, **body bandages (spur guards)** gags, flash, grackle, crank, dropped nose bands, breast plates, Hackamores, gag action bits or gadgets. No Triangle reins may be used in any Showing Classes.
- e. Bitless bridles may only be used as set out in Appendix G.
- f. All bits must have smooth mouthpieces. **Latex Bit-wrap as per picture 3 is permitted.**
- g. Snaffles or bridoons must only have one (1) ring on each side and one (1) mouthpiece which may not be square, serrated, of wire or chain.
- h. Happy mouths and Wilkie Snaffles are permitted. Portuguese snaffles are not permitted in Showing Classes.
- i. The sides of jointed mouthpieces must be of equal length.
- j. No tongue checks of any kind are permitted.
- k. Pelham or curb bits may only have a moderate port or simple joint in the centre. Swales pelhams may not be used in Showing Classes.
- l. The maximum length permitted for the shank of a Pelham or curb bit is: fourteen (14) cm. The shank is measured from the cheek piece ring to the lowest rein ring.
- m. Rugby pelhams must be worn with a Bridoon Strap.
- n. Only cavesson nosebands are allowed.
- o. Pelham or snaffles are allowed for all Showing Competitions. A simple double bridle may be used in all classes except Novice or young Pony Riders’ competitions.
- p. Juniors and Adults may not use couplers or rein connectors in Showing Classes.
- q. Any tack or additional “dress” for the horses used should be conservative. Glitter is not allowed in Showing Classes.

- r. Blinkers, muzzle nets, earmuffs, cotton wool, or any other artificial muffler device are not allowed except the approved horse ear plugs are allowed as per picture one (1).
- s. Any Pelham must be used with two (2) reins or rein connectors for Pony riders. Adults and Juniors may use rein connectors in the Working Hunter or Working Riding classes only.
- t. All stallions must display a Yellow Tag on their bridle during all competitions.
- u. A neck strap is not allowed in Open Classes

2. **SADDLERY FOR WORKING COMPETITIONS**

Working Riding and Working Hunter Competitions

- a. No competitor is permitted to change any tack during the judging of a competition, except in the case of an emergency and provided the judge's consent has been obtained.
- b. The tack used in a class, must be the same in all subsequent Championships for which a horse has qualified.
- c. No clips may be used on any part of a Bridle or to connect Bits or reins to the Bridle
- d. Swales pelhams, hackamore and hackamore/bit combinations are not allowed in working classes.
- e. **Latex Bit-wrap as per picture 3 is allowed.**
- f. Horses may not have sheepskin covered nosebands or bridle cheek-pieces.
- g. No horse competing in Working competitions may wear auxiliary reins, bandages, **body bandages (spur guards)** hackamores or bitless bridles (see Appendix G for exceptions for bitless bridles).
- h. Reins must be attached to bit(s).
- i. Martingales **must be correctly fitted to the snaffle rein of pelham or double bridles.**
- j. The use of string, wire, twine, cord or anything similar in the horse's mouth is prohibited. Tongue guards are not allowed.
- k. Blinkers, muzzle nets, earmuffs, cotton wool, or any other artificial muffler device are not allowed except the approved horse ear plugs are allowed as per picture one (1).
- l. Any Pelham may be used with two (2) reins or rein connectors.
- m. Split reins as per picture 2 are allowed.
- n. Rugby Pelhams must have a Bridoon strap

- o. All stallions must display a Yellow Tag on their bridle during all competitions.
- p. Breastplate and/or Martingale numbers may be worn for Working Classes
- q. Cage Stirrups are not permitted in any Showing or Working competition.



Picture 1



Picture 2

3. **BRIDLES FOR PONY RIDERS' SHOWING COMPETITIONS**

- a. Plain snaffle bridle.
- b. Pelham with two (2) reins or rein connectors / split reins
- c. Simple double bridles but may not be used on First or Novice ponies.
- d. Simple double bridle or pelham are preferable in Open competitions.
- e. Only a cavesson noseband may be worn.

Picture 3



4. SADDLES FOR SHOWING AND WORKING CLASSES

- a. Showing, Dressage, Jumping or General Purpose type Saddles.
- b. In the interest of safety, a competitor or the Organising Committee may have an alternative set of stirrup leathers and irons for the ride by the judge.
- c. This must be organised by the competitor at the start of the class.
- d. It is advisable to have rubber treads on the stirrup irons.
- e. Stirrup leathers should be adjustable to accommodate judges of different heights.
- f. All numnahs or saddle cloths must be of a conservative colour and fitted to the shape of the saddle

5. SHOEING

- a. No bar shoes, wedges or sole pads are allowed in Showing Classes.
- b. Bar shoes, wedges or sole pads are allowed in the Working Riding and Working Hunter Classes.
- c. Studs are permissible in Showing and Working Classes.

6. IN HAND COMPETITIONS

- a. Shown in snaffle, pelham or simple double bridle, with cavesson noseband and normal bridle rein(s) as required.
- b. Colts or stallions over two (2) years old must be shown in a bit.
- c. Mares, gelding and young stock may be shown in a Show Halter. It is the responsibility of all handlers to ensure horses are under control at all times.

APPENDIX “C”

THE HI-LOW SCORING SYSTEM

The Hi-Low System provides a method of scoring judge's cards in a Three (3) Judge Panel where each judge has equal power of one (1) full vote to place each of the competitors.

Tabulation is simple and can be completed in about forty-five (45) seconds. All ties can be easily broken.

Results are computed by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes in favour of each place awarded in a class.

The System is called "Hi-Low" because the highest and lowest votes are cancelled out, and the middle vote only is recorded. Thus the position is awarded in which a horse stands as he is placed by the judge who has placed him second highest from the top of the card.

Readings by the Scorer are taken in each case from the top of the set of three (3) cards, progressing along each line from left to right, and then commencing again at the left of the next line. The first time a horses' number appears it is crossed out; the second time it appears it is circled; the third time it appears it is again crossed out. All the numbers on the set of three (3) cards will therefore be crossed out or bear a circle. Then, once again, the reading is taken from the top left-hand side of the cards, in this case reading only the circled numbers, and these are in order of placement. Should two (2) or three (3) circled numbers appear on one (1) line, thus indicating a tie, various methods of breaking the tie are employed. At the conclusion of the class the results are announced by the Announcer from lowest to highest.

All horses taking part in the competition must be placed in order of preference by all judges. In the event of a judge eliminating a horse during the judging of the competition he will place that horse last on his card and indicate this with an "E". Should the judge eliminate more than one (1) horse during the judging of a competition he will place those horses joint last on his card indicating this with a bracket as well as an "E".

HI-LOW TABULATION

Method

- a) Cards are placed in this order: Call Judge, Second Judge and Third Judge.
- b) Work always from left to right and from top to bottom, starting with unconsidered numbers.
- c) Final placing can only be done on completion of tabulation.

Tabulation Example

	A	B	C	
Position	Call Judge	Second Judge	Third Judge	Final Placing
1	3	3	4	3
2	8	5	3	4
3	4	7	6	7
4	7	8	7	8
5	10	4	10	10
6	1	1	1	1
7	9	6	5	5
8	5	10	8	6
9	6	2	9	9
10	2	9	2	2

Ties	
7	8
4	2
3	4
4	8
11	14
6	5
9	8
7	2
3	7
19	17

Figure 1

Tabulation Workings for Figure 1

- a) Cross 3(A). Circle 3(B). Cross 3(C).
- b) Cross 4(C). Circle 4(A). Cross 4(B).
- c) Cross 8(A). Circle 8(B). Cross 8(C).

- d) Cross 5(B). Circle 5(C). Cross 5(A).
- e) Cross 7(B). Circle 7(A). Cross 7(C).
- f) Cross 6(C). Circle 6(B). Cross 6(A).
- g) Cross 10(A). Circle 10(C). Cross 10(B).
- h) Cross 1(A). Circle 1(B). Cross 1(C).
- i) Cross 9(A). Circle 9(C). Cross 9(B).
- j) Cross 2(B). Circle 2(A). Cross 2(C).
- k) Place the circled numbers only, from left to right along the lines and progress from top to bottom.
- l) NOTE: Tie between seven (7) and eight (8), where seven (7) incurs the least penalty points.
- m) NOTE: Tie between six (6) and five (5), where five (5) incurs the least penalty points.
- n) NOTE: The above example covers the situation where five (5) Regions compete each with two (2) horses. In the Interprovincial Showing Team championship all horses will be placed.

HI-LOW TIE SITUATIONS

(a) TWO-WAY FALSE TIE

Two (2) numbers are circled on the same line. Penalty points are counted and the number with the least penalty points wins.

(b) THREE-WAY FALSE TIE

Three (3) numbers are circled on the same line. Penalty points are counted and the number with the least penalty points wins.

(c) TWO-WAY TRUE TIE

Two (2) numbers are circled on the same line. Penalty points are equal. This is resolved by determining which number was placed higher than the other number by two (2) of the three (3) judges officiating. Score this way by awarding checkpoints () to the higher number in relation to the other.

(d) COMBINATION TIE (TRUE AND FALSE)

Three (3) numbers are circled on one (1) line. Two (2) numbers are True-tied and one (1) number is False-tied. This is easily resolved by penalty points and checkpoints () combined.

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(e) THREE-WAY TRUE TIE

Three (3) numbers are circled on the same line. Two (2) of the numbers can be resolved by either penalty points or checkpoints (✓) but there is a failure to resolve the third number. The cards are returned to the Chief Steward who will ask the Call Judge for that competition to give his order of preference.

DIAGRAMS OF THE TIE SITUATIONS IN HI-LOW TABULATION

COMBINATION TIE (FALSE & TRUE) (d)									
Position	Call Judge	Second Judge	Third Judge	Final Placing	Penalty Points			Check Points	
1	7	1	10	7	1	10	7	1	7
2	(1)	(10)	(7)	1	2	4	1	✓	✓
3	9	7	1	10	1	2	3		✓
4	10	(9)	9	9	3	1	2		
5	4	8	2	8	6	7	6	1	2
6	(8)	(2)	8	2					
7	2	(4)	4	4					
8	5	(5)	5	5					
9	6	3	(6)	6					
10	(3)	6	3	3					

No 1 and No 7 have equal penalty points creating a true tie. As they both have fewer penalty points than No 10 they will be placed above No 10. No 7 is favoured by two of the judges and is therefore placed above No 1.

THREE-WAY TRUE TIE (e)											
Position	Call Judge	Second Judge	Third Judge	Final Placing	Penalty Points			2/9 2/3 3/9	Check Points		
1	5	(5)	7	5	2	9	3		2	9	3
2	8	(7)	5	7	7	6	8		✓	✓✓	
3	4	(4)	(8)	8	8	7	6		✓✓		✓
4	7	8	6	4	6	8	7			✓	✓✓
5	(6)	6	4	6	21	21	21		3	3	3
6	9	3	2	?	Neither Penalty points nor Check points separate these equally favoured horses. In this rare occurrence the Final Placing will be resolved by the Chief Steward asking the Call Judge for that competition to give his order of preference.						
7	(2)	(9)	(3)	?							
8	3	2	9	?							
9	10	(10)	1	10							
10	(1)	1	10	1							

APPENDIX “D”**WORKING RIDING SCORE SHEET**

SHOW:	DATE:	JUDGE:
CLASS NO:	CLASS:	
<u>PHASE 1</u> 8 Tests Each out of 10 Style & Manners out of 10		<u>PHASE 2</u> Ride by judge (Omit Ponies) out of 10 Conformation & Soundness out of 10

PHASE 1**COMPETITORS NUMBERS**

TESTS (Each out of 10)										
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
Style & Manners										
TOTAL PHASE 1										

PHASE 2

Ride by judge out of 10										
Conf & Sound out of 10										
TOTAL PHASE 2										
GRAND TOTAL										

PLACING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SIGNATURE: Judge:	Secretary:									

APPENDIX "E"

WORKING HUNTER SCORE SHEET

SHOW:		DATE:		JUDGE:	
SHOW DIRECTOR:				JUDGE:	
CLASS:			CLASS NO.:		
PHASE 1 Clear Knock Down 1 st Refusal 2 nd Refusal 3 rd Refusal Fall - Horse/Competitor		✓ - 5 - 10 - 15 Elimination Elimination		PHASE 2 Ride by Judge (Omit for Ponies and Novice Horses) Conformation, Movement & Soundness Gallop Hunter Pace Style Manners	
				Out of 10 Out of 10 Out of 10 Out of 10 Out of 10 Out of 10	

PHASE 1

Competitors No.										
Fence 1										
Fence 2										
Fence 3										
Fence 4										
Fence 5										
Fence 6										
Fence 7										
Fence 8										
Fence 9										
Fence 10										
Fence 11										
Fence 12										
TOTAL Jump. Score										
Gallop										
Hunter Pace										
Style										
Manners										
TOTAL PHASE 1										

PHASE 2

Ride by judge										
Conformation										
TOTAL PHASE 2										
TOTAL POINTS										
PLACING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SIGNATURE: Judge:	Secretary:									

APPENDIX "E1"

WORKING HUNTER SCORE SHEET

LEAD REIN WORKING HUNTER SCORE SHEET																			
SHOW: _____					DATE: _____														
CLASS: _____					CLASS NO: _____														
<u>PHASE 1</u> Clear✓ Knock Down 1st Refusal -2nd Refusal -3rd Refusal Fall - Horse/Rider Consistent Pace: Style Manners					✓ -5 -10 -15 Elimination Elimination Out of 10 Out of 10 Out of 10					<u>PHASE 2</u> Conformation, Movement & Soundness					Out of 10				
PHASE 1																			
Competitor No:																			
Fence 1																			
Fence 2																			
Fence 3																			
Fence 4																			
Fence 5																			
Fence 6																			
Fence 7																			
Fence 8																			
Total Jump Pen.																			
Total Jump Score (50 less jump.pen.)																			
Consistent Pace Out of 10																			
Style Out of 10																			
Manners Out of 10																			
TOTAL PHASE 1																			
PHASE 2																			
Conformation Out of 10																			
TOTAL POINTS																			
PLACING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10									
JUDGES NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____																			

APPENDIX “F”

POINTS AWARDED TO COMPETITIONS FOR RIDER RANKING SCORING:

RULE 52.2.4

Points shall be awarded as follows for Open classes

- 4 points for 1st place (1 to 8 competitors)
- 3 points for 2nd place (2 to 8 competitors)
- 2 points for 3rd place (9 to 12 competitors)
- 1 point for 4th place (13 to 16 competitors)

20 points are awarded to all Provincial team Combinations

10 points are awarded to all Challenge team Combinations

No Points are awarded for Championship Classes.

Place and prize money must be awarded for one (1) in every four (4) horses or part thereof in a competition.

If there are not more than four (4) horses entered in a competition, two (2) places with points, must be awarded, although only the first horse will receive prize money. This will allow two (2) horses from each competition to qualify for the category championship, where applicable.

Novice Points shall be awarded as follows

- f. 2 points for 1st place (1 to 8 competitors)
- g. 1 point for 2nd place (2 to 8 competitors)
- h. 1 point for 3rd place (9 to 12 competitors)
- i. 1 point for 4th place (13 to 16 competitors)
- j. SANESA Level 5 placings will receive points according to above, providing the competitor has applied and paid for grading points.

APPENDIX “G”

BITLESS BRIDLES

Bitless Bridle will be permitted in the following classes, for Mares and Geldings ridden by Adult Competitors only:

- a) Training Showing and Working Classes.
- b) Newcomers Showing and Working Classes.
- c) SASA Riding Horse Showing and Working Classes.

The use of a Bitless Bridle will not be permitted in the following classes, and may not be used by the following age categories:

- a) All Graded Adult Showing and Working Classes
- b) All Pony Rider Showing, Working, Training, Newcomers or Riding Horse Classes.
- c) All Junior Rider Showing, Working, Training, Newcomers or Riding Horse Classes.
- d) No Stallion or Colt over the age of two (2) years may be shown in a Bitless Bridle.
- e) No class where the judge may ride the horses.
- f) All rules regarding In Hand Showing must be adhered to.



APPENDIX “H”

BOOTS

CORRECTLY FITTED PROTECTIVE HORSE BOOTS

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

If a Steward notices at any time that a boot is improperly positioned on the horse's leg (e.g. a fetlock boot that is positioned entirely on the cannon bone between the fetlock joint and the hock) or if a Steward is of the opinion that a boot is excessively tight, the Steward is to instruct the athlete/groom to remove the boot and reposition it so that it fits properly and comfortably on the horse's leg.

If the athlete/groom refuses to reposition the boot, a SASA warning card will be issued.

Correct positioning: the rounded part placed inside of the fetlock joint.



Incorrect positioning: the boot is placed between the fetlock joint and the hock.

If a boot strap causes bleeding on the horse's leg a SASA warning card will be issued to the athlete. It is not allowed to place Velcro on the sides of boot straps that are in direct contact with the horse's legs.

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn for Horses competitions:

1. The inside of the protection must be smooth and should be interpreted that the inside must be 'flat' with no pressure points of any kind.
2. The rounded rigid part of the protection must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.
3. No additional elements may be used in conjunction with the protection.
4. Hind boots for Young Horses that have an extra flap for protection should be allowed providing the flap is soft and is clearly intended for protection only.