

A painting of a jockey on a horse, rendered in a style that is somewhat abstract and textured. The jockey is wearing a dark cap and a light-colored jacket, and is riding a dark horse. The background is a mix of warm and cool tones, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text "Grow Grand Prix" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a blue outline.

**Grow  
Grand Prix**

# Mission Statement

- To firstly uplift the level and standard of Dressage in South Africa in competition, with the ultimate goal being to produce an internationally qualified team locally.

# Objective

- Give the South African judges exposure to higher level riding and judging
- Improvement of test riding and competition skills
- Support for progression from a lower to a higher level
- Encouragement of young riders

# Processes

- Bimonthly camps
- Local Qualification
- Overseas campaign

# Bimonthly Camps

## Structure of bimonthly camps over and above local shows and local qualifications

### Day one (24 riders)

- Riding the test and videoing. In the case of a judge the test will be marked in the case of an instructor the tests will be evaluated
- Shadow judging when applicable
- Video discussion in the evening

### Day two (12 riders)

- Lessons: 40 min sessions on ring craft and improving the test

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# Local Qualification

- To hold two (preferably 3) qualification shows for Olympics/ World Equestrian Games in South Africa with the relevant dispensations.

# Steps Forward

Create a data base of interested participants

- Rider name and age
- Horse name and age
- Level
- Mobile number and email
- Province

# Responsibilities of Provincial Leaders

- Assist in the creation of a data base.
- Monitor and maintain the ranking of the riders from the data base for allocation purposes on the camps
- Maintain communication to riders on the data base or any relevant participants in their province.
- Assist in any events held in their province

# Rider Categories

- Group A- Grand Prix
- Group B- Inter 2
- Group C- Inter 1 and Prix St George
- Group D- Young riders (16-25 with a horse doing a change left and right and half passes)

# Ranking system

## THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE TOP 24 RANKED RIDER/HORSE COMBINATIONS (with a maximum of two horse)

- Highest to lowest level
- Grand prix -20 points
- Inter 2 - 15 points
- Inter 1 - 10 points
- Prix St George - 5 points
  
- Attendance and participation
- Points allocated event attended (ridden or spectator) -2 point  
or
- For any assistance in the organisation of a point allocated event -2 point
  
- Placings in competition
- ????

# Delegates Brief

- To assist the competitor in developing their test riding skills and the opportunity of improving their marks in that test. Also to give the riders a chance to test their horses at a higher level. This is not a forum created to disturb any training systems.

# Format of Local Qualification

1. Warm up
2. Qualification
3. Seminar

# European Concept

- Any qualified horses and riders would depart South Africa approximately 6 months before the event for exposure purposes
- These riders would ultimately travel, stable and show as a team possibly in cooperation with South African riders participating in Europe at present
- Any unqualified riders and horses have the opportunity to depart with the qualified horses and participate as an extended team
- Any unqualified or interested parties could participate in the tour as a groom/work rider/ spectator for experience purposes.
- **The reality is shared costs and team work result in saved costs for all!!!**