

GAUTENG HORSE SOCIETY



INTER-REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules and Regulations

To be read in conjunction with the GHS and SANEF Regulations as well as the relevant schedules.

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0.0 General

- 0.1 This competition is open to the Regions of GHS as determined by the recognised boundaries.
- 0.2 Other Provinces or Regions may compete by invitation of the GHS Executive Committee and by approval of the GHS Management Committee.
- 0.3 Any grading or membership requirements for this event must be adhered to by all participants.

1.0 Membership Requirements

- 1.1 Competitors must be either entry level or full members of GHS or SANEF, as per the requirements for the particular grade or discipline.
- 1.2 No temporary membership will apply for this event.
- 1.3 Rider and horse combinations must be selected according to a combined performance history of at least six months immediately prior to selection.
- 1.4 Ponies must not exceed 1.50m in height.
- 1.5 Membership renewals must be up to date by closing date of entry for the following year should the event take place in August.
- 1.6 Competitors must ride in their registered grade/height, except for Vaulting and Higher Grade Dressage. The grade will be that as at closing date of entry.
- 1.7 Competitors must represent the region in which they are registered unless permission has been granted by the GHS Executive committee for two teams to combine.

2.0 Entries

- 2.1 Entries from regions outside of GHS (where applicable) must be stamped by their Regional Body.
- 2.2 Entries must be correct as at closing date of entry. Ponies/ Horses and riders must compete in the grade in which they are registered as at closing date of entry.
- 2.3 Entries which are not accompanied by proof of payment, or which are not done on the correct entry form will not be accepted.
- 2.4 Telephone entries will not be accepted.
- 2.5 Team entries may only be done by the regional committees.

3.0 Restriction of Entries

- 3.1 Lower Grade entries will be restricted to combinations of horse and competitor who have not been selected for or competed in a Higher Grade Inter Regional Competition or Regional Championship within a twelve month period immediately preceding the competition, except for Showing.
- 3.2 There will be no restrictions on riders competing in Higher Grade insofar as whether or not they have competed in Lower Grade in the twelve month period immediately preceding the competition.
- 3.3 No horse and rider combination may compete in more than three disciplines.

4.0 Stabling

- 4.1 All GHS stabling regulations will apply
- 4.2 Stabling will be allocated on a first come first accepted basis, with preference given to teams from furthest away from KEP.
- 4.3 Once allocated no changes to stabling may be made without permission from the Show Organiser.

5.0 Team entries

- 5.1 Cross entries between disciplines may be allowed.
- 5.2 Each region may only enter one team per grade.
- 5.3 No rider may compete on more than one horse/pony in any team class.
- 5.4 Each team will have a minimum of three riders and a maximum of four riders, except for showing, which will have 5 riders.
- 5.5 Neither prize money nor grading points will be given to team classes other than Dressage, who will receive grading points. Where the team class forms part of an individual class, normal grading points and prize money will be allocated.
- 5.6 Team events must have a minimum of two teams competing in order for the competition to be held.
- 5.7 No reserves will be allowed.

6.0 Team scores

- 6.1 Team points will be allocated per class. Dependent on the discipline overall team scores will either be given per age category or per grade. Overall points will be awarded per age category, per discipline and on the event.
- 6.2 The allocation of points will be defined under each discipline.
- 6.3 In the event of a tie, points will be shared between the tying teams.

7.0 Team nominations, order of riding and points

- 7.1 Each region is to submit the team entries by closing date of entry. A long list of up to 8 (10 for Showing) riders may be submitted. Representatives of each region (e.g. Chairperson) should sit with relevant GHS Discipline Secretary to capture the team members' names. Sufficient time needs to be

allocated to this task and necessary arrangements made with the Discipline Secretaries in good time.

- 7.2 By 4p.m. on the day prior to the competition the final nomination short list of team members to be provided to the GHS Office – this list of 5 (6 for Showing) must be drawn from the original list of 8 (10 for Showing).
- 7.3 Teams have up until 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the class to do final substitution. In the case of substitution the original rider to hand his/her colours over to his/her replacement. Substitutions may only be made with the 5th (6th for Showing) rider on the list (horse or rider or both).
- 7.4 The substituted rider or owner of the substituted horse must fulfil the requirements for competing in that class.
- 7.5 No substitutions may be made after the commencement of the class.
- 7.6 Riders who do not compete are obliged to forfeit any colours, which will be given to substituted riders, or, if no substitution is available, will be returned to GHS. Non compliance of this rule may result in disciplinary action.
- 7.7 Any team rider who has accepted their team position and fails to attend and compete at the inter Regionals without a valid medical or veterinary certificate, or an affidavit attesting to inability to compete, or adequate prior notice could face disciplinary action.
- 7.8 The order of riding for the teams will be drawn by the GHS Office prior to the event. No changes may be made to this order unless done by the Show Director.
- 7.9 Team points will be allocated firstly per class, then for the winners of the Pony Rider, Junior and Adult categories, which will determine the overall team winners
- 7.10 Teams with only 2 competitors will be allowed to compete in all disciplines except for Showing. Both scores will count. This must be requested in writing.

8.0 Dress

- 8.1 At the discretion of the Organizer, and when stated in the schedule, GHS registered shirts or Regional shirts may be worn for showjumping. Shirts may carry sponsor's name or logo. Normal SANEF dress code will apply to other disciplines.

9.0 Saddlery

- 9.1 Normal SANEF rules apply.
- 9.2 Regional numnuhs may be used for team events.

DISCIPLINES

10.0 Dressage.

- 10.1 Lower Grade Dressage will comprise team events only.
- 10.2 Teams will consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 riders per age category and grade. 4 will compete in the Prelim classes, and 4 will compete in the Novice classes. For example, the Pony Rider Dressage Team will comprise 4 Pony Rider Preliminary and 4 Pony Rider Novice horses/ponies.
- 10.3 The scores for the top 3 horses/ponies per age category and grade will count towards the final team result in each age category.
- 10.4 There will be points given for Pony Rider, Junior and Adult Teams, as well as an overall score – i.e. the overall Dressage winner.
- 10.5 No Prizemoney will be allocated; however, grading points will be awarded as normal.
- 10.6 Prize giving and team parades for Dressage will be done unmounted.
- 10.7 Preliminary horses should have **no** Novice points.

- 10.8 Higher Grade Dressage will comprise individual competitions with individual results, prizemoney and points.
- 10.9 In Addition. Team riders as nominated must enter and compete as individuals while concurrently scoring points towards their team score.
- 10.10 Teams will comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 riders per age category, for example, 3 Pony Riders, 3 Juniors and 4 Adults.
- 10.11 Team ponies/horses may compete in one grade higher than their registered grade as at closing date of entries. Any points achieved will be allocated to their registered grade.
- 10.12 Team ponies/horses may be selected from any grade within their age category. For Example, the Adult team may consist of 1 Adult Elementary, 2 Adult Medium and 1 Adult Advanced rider.
- 10.13 The scores for the top 3 horses/ponies will count towards the final team result in each age category.
- 10.14 In the event of classes having more than one pool, all team horses must compete in the same pool.
- 10.15 Prize giving and team parades for Dressage will be done unmounted.

11.0 Equitation

- 11.1 Lower Grade Equitation will comprise team events only.
- 11.2 Teams will consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 riders per grade
- 11.3 Only Part 1 and 2 will be ridden. Accumulative scores for Part 1 and 2 will count to determine the final team score.
- 11.4 The scores for the top 3 horses/ponies will count towards the final team result in each age category.
- 11.5 Neither Prizemoney nor grading points will be allocated.
- 11.6 Higher Grade Equitation will comprise individual competitions with individual results, prizemoney and points.

- 11.7 In Addition team riders as nominated must enter and compete as individuals while concurrently scoring points towards their team score.
- 11.8 Teams will comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 riders per grade, for example, 4 Intermediate Pony Riders, 4 Open Juniors and 4 Intermediate Adults.
- 11.9 The scores for the top 3 horses/ponies after Part 2 will count towards the final team result in each class.
- 11.10 Scores for Part 3 and where applicable Part 4 will only count towards individual scores.
- 11.11 If there is a tie for team 1st place, the highest scores for Part 3 for that team will determine the winner.

12.0 Showing

- 12.1 Lower and Higher Grade Showing will comprise of team events only and no individual entries are allowed.
- 12.2 Each team will comprise of 5 riders per age classification i.e. 5 pony riders, 5 juniors and 5 adults. All 5 scores will count.
- 12.3 Neither Prizemoney nor grading points will be allocated.
- 12.4 There will be ride by the judge for junior and adult classes.
- 12.5 Each horse/pony/rider may only compete in 1 class.
- 12.6 Points will be allocated to horses/ponies in the order in which they are placed, with the points equalling the number of teams e.g. 7 points if 7 teams for 1st down to 1 point for last.
- 12.7 In the event of a tie for 1st place, the team with the most 1st places will win. If there is still a tie then the team with the most 2nd places will count and so on until there is a result.
- 12.8 Lower Inter Regionals open to Non Open Horses/Ponies, or Horses/Ponies which have competed in Open classes but have not been awarded Champion or Reserve Champion. Higher Inter Regionals open to Open Horses/Ponies only.

12.9 Lower Grade Inter Regionals are open to riders who are at least entry level. Horses need not be registered.

12.10 Note: The same horse/pony/rider combination may compete in the Lower Inter Regionals as a novice working horse/pony and in the Higher Inter Regionals as an open Showing horse/pony and or vice versa. This is in accordance with the GHS Showing rules as per normal showing class categories: Working classes (Working Riding, Working Hunter) Showing classes (Show Hack/Pony, Show Riding, Show Hunter) This is dependant on the number of points that a Horse/pony/rider combination have. Less than 20 points classifies you as a Novice in that category.

13.0 Showjumping

13.1 Lower Grade Showjumping will include individual classes separate to the team event.

13.2 Each team will comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 riders per grade. i.e. 4 CG, 4 0.90cm etc. Best 3 scores to count.

13.3 Neither Prizemoney nor grading points will be allocated.

13.4 Classes will be run over 2 rounds.

1st round:

Will be a normal competition with one combination.

2nd round:

Will be run over a shortened course (against the clock) with a minimum of 6 jumps and a maximum of 8 jumps.

The height will be raised by one hole.

At the discretion of the Course Designer, it will either be a different course, or the same course as the first round, shortened.

The combined scores of the best 3 rounds, per team, will count.

If there is equality, one rider from each team will jump off, over the 2nd round course.

Elimination will be counted as 40 penalties.

13.5 Higher Grade Showjumping will comprise individual competitions with individual results, prizemoney and points.

- 13.6 In Addition team riders as nominated must enter and compete as individuals while concurrently scoring points towards their team score.
- 13.7 Each team will comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 riders per grade. i.e. 4 CC, 4 1.10m etc. Best 3 scores to count.
- 13.8 The Championship will be run over two rounds. The second round will be over a shortened course.
- In the event of an elimination, the actual penalties incurred by the competitor that was eliminated or retired do not count. They are replaced by adding 20 penalties to those of the competitor which had the worst round.
 - All riders go through to the second round.
 - The winning team will be the team with the lowest aggregate number of penalties when adding the best three scores from the first round to those of the second round.
 - In the event of equality of penalties the times of the riders in the second round will be added together.
 - The winning team will be the team with the lowest aggregate number of penalties and time.

14.0 Vaulting

- 14.1 Vaulting will either take place at Lower or Higher Grade Inter-Regionals, and will comprise individual competitions with individual results, prizemoney and points.
- 14.2 Team riders as nominated must enter and compete as individuals while concurrently scoring points towards their team score.
- 14.3 Teams will comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 riders per age and grade, for example, 3 Children's E grade, 4 Junior D grades, 4 Adult B grade, etc.
- 14.4 Vaulters may compete in their registered grade plus 1 grade higher, but may only be a member of the team in which they are registered.
- 14.5 The combined scores for the top 3 vaulters will count towards the final team result in each age and grade category.

15.0 Eventing

15.1 Eventing will take place initially at a Lower Grade level only, ie Welcome and Pre Novice.

15.2 It will comprise of a team event only.

15.3 Nominated team riders will enter and compete as individuals while concurrently scoring points towards their team score.

15.4 Teams will consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 riders per age category.

15.5 The scores for the top 3 ponies/horses will count towards the final team result in each age category, i.e. lowest total of penalties wins. Refer to SANEF rules for team event scoring system.

15.6 In the event of classes having more than pool, all team horses must compete in the same pool.

15.7 Prize money will not be allocated.

15.8 There will be 4 selection shows and a Final Show held at a separate venue and time from the Inter-Regional Finals.

16.0 Driving

16.1 Driving will comprise individual competitions with individual results.

16.2 Team riders, as nominated, must enter and compete as individuals while concurrently scoring points towards their team score.

16.3 Each team will comprise a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 drivers of any grade. A weighting will be applied to the marathon score in each grade so that no grade will be given advantage.

16.4 The best two scores in each phase will count towards team points. However a competitor must complete all three phases in order to have any of their scores count.

17.0 Reining

- 17.1. Horse/rider combination need to have competed in at least one show before closing date of entries.
- 17.2. A total team to consist of a minimum of three horse/rider combinations, with a maximum of eight horse/rider combinations from all rider age groups over all the disciplines.
- 17.3. In each Discipline a minimum of one rider and a maximum of four, i.e. Pleasure may have one rider or four riders, etc; the same rider may compete in all four disciplines if qualified for these disciplines.
- 17.4. A rider may ride one horse in the team.
- 17.5. All riders will compete in western tack and dress in a snaffle or curb 1 or 2 handed.
- 17.6. GHS and SANEF rules will apply.
- 17.7. All riders must be registered for at least Entry Level with GHS, and all horses must be registered.
- 17.8. Reining patterns can be found on the GHS Reining Website.
- 17.9. No martingales, whips, nosebands or tie downs will be allowed.
- 17.10. Youth riders must compete in a helmet.
- 17.11. Youth will be allowed to ride in a snaffle or curb bit 1 or 2 hands.
- 17.12. All riders must start the class with the same hand or hands they started the class with. No change of hands during the class will be allowed.
- 17.13. Youth is defined as any rider 18 years old and younger.