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**SANEF NATIONAL DRESSAGE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
CIRCULAR TO NATIONAL JUDGES, AND SHOW HOLDING BODIES  
USE OF WHIPS IN FEI TESTS**

Please be reminded of the rule regarding the use of whips in FEI tests. The use of a whip is allowed in an FEI test providing that the event is below CN status. Please see the applicable rule below, which can be found in Section 33.3.0 of the SANEF Dressage Rule book.

**33.3.0. WHIP/SPURS**

**33.3.1. Adults, Juniors and Pony Riders.** In the Individual South African Championship, whips are not permitted, no matter what the level of test or classification of rider. In this instance the whip is to be dropped outside of the arena enclosure and horse and rider may not circle the arena carrying a whip before commencement of the test.

Failure to do so will result in 2 penalty points being deducted. At Events below CN Status, FEI Dressage Tests may be ridden with a whip unless otherwise stated. Whip length may not exceed a total maximum length of 120cm (including the tassel) and for Pony Riders total maximum length is 100cm (including the tassel). The use of one whip, as above, in the practice area is allowed at all events. Only the rider when riding, walking, leading or lungeing a horse (standard length lunge whip allowed), is allowed to carry a whip (maximum 1.20 cm) anywhere on the showground. The groom may also walk, lead and lunge a horse as above. Other parties are allowed to carry a whip, provided it is not in connection with the training of the horse.

Kind Regards,  
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