

SECTION 2

THE SASJ NATIONAL SENIOR, YOUNG RIDER, JUNIOR, CHILDRENS AND PONY RIDERS OUTDOOR GRAND PRIX EVENTS

1. CLASSIFICATION

Only the five competitions approved and authorised by SASJ as such shall be the official National Grand Prix Titles for SA Show Jumping, all hereinafter referred to as to the Grand Prix unless referred to by the below names:

- * SASJ Senior National Outdoor Grand Prix
- * SASJ Young Rider /U25 National Outdoor Grand Prix
- * SASJ Junior National Outdoor Grand Prix
- * SASJ Children's National Outdoor Grand Prix
- * SASJ Pony Rider National Outdoor Grand Prix

and no other competition held in the area of jurisdiction of SASJ and called a "Grand Prix" may use the additional words "of South Africa" or any similar wording. These competitions must be staged outdoors and in daylight.

2. Allocation

- 2.1 Each Outdoor Grand Prix shall be staged only once in any one calendar year and shall only be staged at CSN Events.
- 2.2 All Outdoor Grand Prix's shall be allocated to Provinces by SASJ and no Outdoor Grand Prix shall be allocated unless SASJ is satisfied that the required standards will be upheld at the event.

3 Application to Host

- 3.1 A PEXCO having been allocated Outdoor Grand Prix shall as soon as possible thereafter notify the SASJ National Office of proposals. Timeously completed SLA's need to be received by the 1st September each year.

The Name of the Event.
The Venue
The Address of the OC and Show Secretary.
The Dates and Length of the Event.
The Proposed prize money and/or other awards offered for the outdoor Grand prix classes.
The position that the outdoor Grand prix class/es would occupy on the programme.

- 3.2 SASJ in allocating each outdoor Grand prix must ensure that the following facilities are available:

Satisfactory stabling.
Adequate spectator and catering facilities.
Adequate facilities for Athletes and grooms.
Adequate equipment necessary to hold competitions of Outdoor Grand prix standard and to satisfy the Sponsors requirements regarding the venue, Arena Surface, choice of suitable dates, programme, presentation, organisation, production etc.
Adequate arenas and practice areas

- 3.3 A SA Outdoor Grand Prix shall not be advertised or staged until the OC of the event at which it is to be staged has received permission in writing from SASJ.

4 Requirements

- 4.1 Notification of date.

The SASJ Office shall notify Council the OC of Outdoor Grand Prix, of the date and duration of the Outdoor Grand prix at least three months prior to that date, and it must be published on the National Calendar, the OC concerned shall send copies of the approved schedule to the SASJ National Office at least two months before the closing date of entries.

- 4.2 The schedule and programme/catalogue must state clearly that the outdoor Grand prix is being staged under the authority of SASJ.

- 4.3 The Organising Committee is required to ensure that the following words appear in the schedule and in the programme for the Events beneath the description of all qualifying competitions.

"Recognised as a qualifying competition."

5 Eligibility of Athletes, Owners and Horses

5.1 Athletes and Owners and Horses

- 5.1.1 Eligibility of Athletes, Owners and horses as per Appendix B.
- 5.1.2 An Athlete and Horse/Pony combination are only eligible to compete in one Outdoor Grand Prix title in a calendar year.

5.2 Horses

- 5.2.1 Senior Outdoor Grand Prix's
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries
Horses must be older than 7 years.
- 5.2.2 Junior Outdoor Grand Prix's
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries
Horses must be older than 7 years.
- 5.2.3 Children's Outdoor Grand Prix's
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries
Horses must be older than 5 years.
- 5.2.4 Pony Outdoor Grand Prix's are restricted to Ponies as per Annexure A
Horses must be registered with SASJ at the closing date of Entries
SASJ Ponies heights apply and must be 6 years or older.

6 Floating Trophies

- 6.1 All outdoor Grand prix floating trophies remain the property of SASJ and shall not be handed over to the winners of an outdoor Grand prix.
- 6.2 The OC under whose auspice The Outdoor Grand Prix is staged shall be responsible for the collection from and safe return of floating trophies to SASJ, as soon as possible after the event.
- 6.3 The OC under whose auspice The Outdoor Grand Prix is staged is also responsible to make good any damage to any trophy and to replace any trophy not returned to SASJ.

7 Medals

Medals shall be provided by SASJ and shall be awarded to:

SASJ Outdoor Grand Prix Medals

Gold	First Placed Individual
Silver	Second Placed Individual
Bronze	Third Placed Individual

8 Prize Giving Protocol

The SASJ Floating Trophy, Medals and Mementos should where possible be awarded by:

Trophy

The Sponsor of the Class, or if not available,
The President of the Ground Jury

Medals

The President or Vice President of EXCO, or if not available;
The Chairman of the OC, or if not available;
The SASJ Representative/Technical Delegate/Member of SASJ Exco

Mementos

The sponsor of the class or if not available,
The Chairman or nominee of the Organising Committee

Entries

- 9.1 The Outdoor Grand Prix shall not be classified as official, nor the trophies and medals awarded, unless there are at least 10 starters in each of the qualifying competitions. Application may be made to SASJ Executive to waive this rule.
- 9.2 The OC may at their discretion allow buying and selling of entries for The Outdoor Grand Prix up to 12H00 the day before the start of the show.
- 9.3 Substitutions of horses will not be allowed after the Veterinary Inspection has taken place.
- 9.4 An entry shall be one horse and rider combination.

10 Order and Conditions of Classes.

- 10.1 It is compulsory for all qualifying competitions preceding outdoor Grand prix to be held in the order stated in the rules or schedule.
- 10.2 All Outdoor Grand Prix's shall be held in daylight, unless the night lighting provided at the venue is approved by the **SASJ REP** in conjunction with the President of the Ground Jury, the OC and the Course Designer, as being of a sufficiently high standard to permit one or more of the qualifying competitions to be staged at night.

11 Order of Starting

- 11.1 In the qualifying competitions, the order of starting shall be determined in accordance with FEI Art 252.
- 11.2 In the Outdoor Grand Prix competition the order of starting shall be in ascending order of points gained in the qualifying competitions. (Reverse order of merit).
- 11.3 Where possible a gap of at least **10** horses shall be allowed between horses ridden by the same Athlete. This shall be achieved by moving that Athlete's first horse upwards in the order of riding.
- 11.4 Where there is equality of points among the horses qualified, the horses will compete in the same order relative to each other as they did in the last qualifying competition.

12. THE QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

The qualification for the Outdoor Grand Prix shall be as follows.

- 12.1. There will be **2** classes.
 - a. Welcome A 2 Competition FEI Article 238 2.1 – qualifying class
 - b. Competition FEI Article 238 2.2 – qualifying class.
- 12.2. To compete in the championship horse and athlete combinations must complete at least one of the qualifying classes.
- 12.3. The qualifying for the top **30** ranked combinations per class.
 - 12.3.1 In all qualifying competitions irrespective of the number of starters, the competitor placed first receives 50 points, the second receives 47 points, the third receives 45 points, and the fourth received 44 points and so on reducing by one point per place.
 - 12.3.2 In the case of ties for any place in any of the qualifying competitions, the competitors that tie shall each receive the full point's entitlement or that place that they would have received had there been no tie.
 - 12.3.3 There will be two qualifying competitions preceding the S A Outdoor Grand prix, both scores will be counted towards the S A OUTDOOR GRAND PRIX qualifications.
 - 12.3.4 Competitors who retired or are eliminated receive no points.
 - 12.3.5 The Organising Committee is required to ensure that no more than one qualifying competition take place each day.
 - 12.3.6 No Athlete is permitted to ride more than two horses in the S A outdoor Prix class. In the event of an Athlete qualifying more than two horses, the Organising Committee shall, immediately the final list of qualifiers is known, obtain the Athlete's decision as to which two horses that Athlete intends to ride in the S A OUTDOOR GRAND PRIX Class.

- 12.3.7 In the event of a withdrawal of any of the qualified horses, additional horses may, at the discretion of the PGJ and the SASJ Representative, be introduced in order of merit into the S A OUTDOOR GRAND PRIX Class to maintain the number qualified.
- 12.3.8 No Wild cards for SA OUTDOOR GRAND RPIX will be permitted.
- 12.3.9 The Previous year's horse /rider combinations winners automatically qualify for the S A OUTDOOR GRAND RPIX Should this combination fall within the top 30 qualified there will not be an additional starter. The horse/rider combination still need to have completed one of the qualifying competitions.
- 12.4 In the Grand Prix the order of starting shall be in ascending order of points gained in the qualifying competitions in reverse order of merit.
- 12.5 The Organising Committee is required to ensure that the following words appear in the schedule and in the programme for the Events beneath the description of all qualifying competitions.

"Recognised as a qualifying competition.".
- 12.6 In the event of it not being possible to determine exactly the best 30 qualified horses, due to a points total producing a tie or a late withdrawal of an Athlete, it shall be the responsibility of the PGJ and the SASJ Technical Delegate at the Event, to authorise either an increase or a decrease in the number of Athletes that may take part in the Championship Class. Under no circumstances, however, shall one Athlete be permitted to ride more than two horses.
- 12.7 The Organising Committee shall ensure that a list of qualifying points of all horses, together with the order of riding for the qualified horses, is posted up or made available within one hour of the completion of the last qualifying competition.
- 12.8 No entry, fee may be charged for the Championship Class itself. Organising Committees may however charge a starting fee. For purposes of determining of Entry Fee Levies, such starting fee shall be deemed to be an entry fee. Starting fee shall include the SASJ Levy.
- 12.9 Once the first qualifying competition of the Championship has started no substitution of Horse, is permitted for the Championship Class itself. However, in the qualifying competitions themselves, as individual competitions, substitutions of rider will be permitted.
- 12.10 SASJ Electronic Timing, approved by EXCO, incorporating a displayed countdown facility, is obligatory for all qualifying classes and the Championship Class.

13 THE GRAND PRIX CLASS

- 13.1 This class shall be conducted over two rounds and only those competitors eliminated or retired in the first round shall not compete in the second round. The order of riding in the second round shall be in reverse order of merit of the first round.
- 13.2 The first round shall be over a Grand Prix type course consisting of between ten and twelve numbered obstacles and shall include two double and one treble combination, and, if possible, include a water jump.
- 13.3 The second round shall be over a course consisting of **8 obstacles and shall include (one) double combination.**
- 13.4 The first round and the second round shall both be judged according to 273.1, 273.3.4.1 and 273.4.4
- 13.5 Those competitors with equal penalties for first place after the completion of both rounds shall jump-off over a shortened course based on the course for the first round.
- 13.6 Athletes will be placed according to Aggregate penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round

14 SPEED

The speed for the qualifying classes and for both rounds of the Senior National Grand Prix Class, and Young Rider National Grand Prix and Junior National Grand Prix including the jump-off shall be 375mpm and for the Children's and Pony Rider National Grand Prix's shall be 350mpm.