



RULE DIRECTIVE No 9.2008.SJ

SHOWJUMPING

GRADING/QUALIFICATION RULES

At a Special Meeting of the National Showjumping Committee, held in July it was agreed that Section 13 of the Rules for Showjumping should be revised. Following this meeting the revised rules were drafted and submitted to all members of the National Showjumping Committee for approval by ballot. As previously advised the revised rules have now been approved and will come into force on 1 January 2009

Please remove the current Section 13 of the Rules for Showjumping and replace it with the attached new Section 13 – GRADING AND QUALIFICATION OF HORSES AND RIDERS

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SECTION 13

CLASSIFICATION/GRADING OF HORSES AND RIDERS

13.1. GENERAL

1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLASSIFICATION/GRADING

Provincial Bodies shall classify all horses registered with them in accordance with these rules.

2 NEW REGISTRATION

When a horse is newly registered, it shall be classified in accordance with a certificate obtained from the Provincial Body with which it was previously registered or, if it had not previously been registered, at the lowest classification within its age group.

3 FOREIGN HORSES

Horses from other National Federations becoming registered in the Republic of South Africa, after the three months residential period, shall be registered in the classification or equivalent classification, in which they were registered with their last Federation. All such registrations shall be without qualifying rounds.

4 LAPSED REGISTRATION

When a horse is re-registered after its registration has lapsed it shall be registered, without qualifying rounds, in such classification as is advised, provided that the classification is not higher than that at which it was previously registered at the time that registration lapsed.

5 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CLASSIFICATION/GRADING

All entries are accepted based on the horse's classification as at the closing date of entries for that Event.

6 REGISTERED CLASSIFICATION/GRADING

Horses may only compete in the Classification in which they are registered.

7 CHANGES FROM ONE AGE GROUP TO ANOTHER.

- 1 On first registration as a Pony in the Pony Rider Age Group, all ponies shall be registered as Grade 0.70 ponies.
- 2 On re-registration of a pony from Adult/Junior Age Classification, a pony shall revert to its previous grade in the

Pony Rider Classification or if not previously registered as a pony, to Grade 0.70m

- 3 On first registration as a horse in the Adult/Junior Age Group all horses shall be registered Novice.
- 4 On re-registration of a horse from the Pony Rider Age Group to the Adult/Junior Age Group, a horse shall revert to its previous classification Adult/Junior Age Group or if not previously registered as a horse to Novice Classification.

8 OFFICIALS

Officials officiating at CSN Events must be in accordance with Appendix SJ/B. Officials officiating at events below CSN status shall be approved by the Provincial Showjumping Committee concerned.

9 HANDICAP EVENTS

Where the entries for any one class are less than 10, that class may be combined with another class and run on a handicap basis

10 HORS CONCOUR ENTRIES

Horse may compete Hors Concour in any class other than that in which the horse was originally entered, provided that the horse is authorized to compete at that level and that it complies with the conditions or restrictions, if any, laid down in of the schedule.

11 COMBINATION OF CLASSES

At Recognised Shows where there are 15 or fewer horses entered in either of the grades involved. If there are more than 15 horses entered in one of the two grades two separate competitions must be run irrespective of the wording of the schedule.

12 RESULTS IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

Results in Adult or Junior competitions shall only score points for Horse classification ; and results in Pony Rider competitions shall only score points for Pony Rider grading.

13 ADVANCEMENT TO A HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

Option to re-classify

Once a horse/pony has attained the qualification rounds / grading points necessary for re-classification to the next higher level, the owner may then, in writing, at any time thereafter advise the Provincial Body with whom the horse/pony is registered, that he wishes the horse/pony to be reclassified to the next higher classification with effect from the date of the written advice.

13.2 ADULT AND JUNIOR

13.2.1. METHOD OF CLASSIFICATION

- 1 Qualifying rounds are awarded to horses who complete the first round of a Table A competition without incurring any penalties, provided the course consist of a minimum of 10 numbered fences including a combination. As far as Precision and Speed and Two Phase competitions are concerned, clear means clear in all phases.
- 2 Division of competitions
Provided there are no fewer than forty competitive entries in a competition, that competition may be divided into two or more separate competitions of equal or near equal size. The minimum competitive entries in any one of these competitions shall be twenty. Qualification Rounds and prize money shall be awarded separately per competition.
- 3 A horse that has attained the required number of Qualification Rounds to advance to the next higher classification may remain in its current classification.

13.2.2 AGE GROUPS (see General Regulations 01.9.0)

13.2.3 HORSE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Horse Classifications shall be known as:

Novice Horses authorised to compete in classes below 1,10m.

Medium Horses authorised to compete in 1,10m, 1,20m and 1,25 m classes.

Open Horses authorised to compete in 1,25m classes and

above

13.2.4 RECLASSIFICATION DOWN

- 1 Any horse, on written advice from the registered owner to the owner's Provincial Body, may be reclassified down to such classification as the owner advises.
- 2 Qualification Rounds achieved in each classification shall be retained.

13.2.5 OPEN CLASSES

- 1 There may be up to four levels of open classes at an event.
- 2 The levels (heights) of the first round of these classes shall be stipulated in the schedule.
- 3 All levels will be linked and those classes that are linked shall be stated in the schedule. Horses may move between the linked classes provided that they do not compete in more than one of the linked classes.
- 4 Competitors must notify the Organising Committee which level they intend to compete in at such time as is stipulated in the schedule. Competitors failing to do so will be placed in the lowest level.
- 5 Competitors wishing to move to a different level must notify the Organising Committee not later than half an hour after the completion of the last linked class or such other time as is stipulated in the schedule.
- 6 The classes shall be so scheduled so as to allow for the above.

13.2.6 CONVERSION

On 1 January 2009, horses will convert from their existing grades and will be qualified to compete in the level indicated in the following table or in any lower level.

| GRADE ON 31 DECEMBER 2008 | LEVEL IN WHICH QUALIFIED TO COMPETE |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Open Horse | Open |
| 1.20m Horse (JB & C) | Medium |
| 1.10m Horse (JC & D) | Medium |
| 1,00m Horse (JD & E) | Novice |
| 0.90m Horse (JE & F) | Novice |
| 0.80m Horse (JF & G) | Novice |
| 0.70m Horse (JG) | Novice |

Horses may compete in any level up to, and including, that for which they have qualified, unless otherwise stated in the schedule (See Rule 13.3.2).

13.2.7 QUALIFICATION ROUNDS REQUIRED FOR RECLASSIFICATION - HORSES AND RIDERS

In order to progress to the next level above that for which they are qualified, horses and riders, not necessarily as a combination, are required to achieve the prescribed number of Qualifying Results (QRs). These requirements are set out in the following table:

| To be eligible to compete in | Horses must have achieved a minimum of: | Junior riders only must have achieved a minimum of: |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Novice Category | None | None |
| Medium Category 1,10m | None (on nomination) | 10 QRs at 1.00m |
| Medium Category 1,20m | None (on nomination) | 15 QRs at 1,10m |
| Open Category | 10 QRs at 1,20 and/or 1,25m | 20 QRs at 1,20m or 1,25m |

13.2.8 OPTIONAL RESTRICTIONS

With the approval of the Showjumping Technical Committee in the case of National Status classes, or the Provincial Showjumping Committee in the case of other classes, the Organising Committee of an Event may impose additional qualifications for horses and/or riders. Such qualifications must be clearly stated in the schedule.

13.2.9 RECORD KEEPING

1 Events

Provincial Bodies shall ensure that suitable records are maintained in respect of each Events falling under their jurisdiction.. A file should be kept in respect of each of these Events and should contain at least the following documents:

Approved Schedule
Official Programme
Updated starting list for each class with results recorded
Score sheets for each class

All qualifying classes must be identified in the Official Programme and the courses must be certified by the Ground Jury as being at the level stipulated for that class.

Should an event be declared by the President of the Ground Jury in consultation with the Course Designer to be unsuitable for qualifying, an announcement to this effect should be made over the public address system.

2 Horse and Riders

SANEF or Provincial Bodies shall maintain a record in respect of each horse registered. Such record shall in respect of each horse contain details of:

- 1 Passport number
- 2 UELN Number
- 3 Original (Birth) name
- 4 Current name
- 5 Any Sponsor prefix
- 6 Provincial Body where horse was first registered
- 7 Provincial Body where horse is currently registered
- 8 Date of birth
- 9 Colour
- 10 Sex
- 11 Country of birth
- 12 Breed
- 13 Sire
- 14 Dam
- 15 Sire of Dam
- 16 Name of owner
- 17 Discipline(s) in which horse competes
- 18 In respect of each and every showjumping event in which the horse has participated
 - 18.1 Date
 - 18.1 Name of Event
 - 18.3 Rider
 - 18.4 Level of competition
 - 18.5 Class Number
 - 18.6 Table under which the competition was judged
 - 18.7 Score of each competitor shown as follows

| | |
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| | First Round Penalties / Jump off penalties / Jump off Time |
| 18.8 | Place achieved in the class |
| 18.9 | Qualifying Round was awarded |

13.1.10 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1 A National championship shall be held each year between September and December in respect of such levels as are determined annually by the Showjumping Technical Committee.
- 2 Entries to these national championships shall be limited to the top thirty qualified horses in each level based on the number of qualified rounds achieved during the period from 1 August each year to 31 July in the following year.
- 3 Any horse that has competed in a higher level during this period shall not be eligible for any championship held for a level below that level
- 4 Each Provincial Body shall be entitled to enter a maximum of three horses in the championship notwithstanding that these horses were not among the top thirty ranked Horses.
- 5 The Championship classes will be run in accordance with SANEF Rules for Showjumping, Section 21

13.3 PONY RIDERS

13.3.1 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this section only, a pony is defined as a horse which measures 1,50m or below and is registered to compete in Pony Rider Classes. See General Regulations Section 5 for details of measurement.

13.3.2 ELIGIBLE GRADES

Horses may only compete in the Grade in which they are registered.

13.3.3 PONY RIDER COMPETITOR QUALIFICATION

Notwithstanding Rule 13.1.6

- 1 No Pony Rider Competitor may compete in any 1,00m class until he (the rider) has accumulated 15 points in 0,90m classes
- 2 No Pony Rider Competitor may compete in any 1,10m class until he (the rider) has accumulated 20 points in

1,00m classes.

See General Regulations 01.9.1 and 09.9.2 for the definition of Pony Riders

13.3.4 UP-GRADING

- 1 Effective date
A pony shall be up-graded as from the end of the Recognised Event at which it attains the required number of grading points, on written advice from the owner (see rule 13.6.5).
- 2 Points
Grading points shall not be carried from one grade to another nor from one age group to another.

13.3.5. METHOD OF GRADING

- 1 Points are awarded according to the number of starters and the place of the pony in the competition. Only ponies that have completed the competition will be awarded points.
- 2 Grading Points Table
See Appendix SJ/C
- 3 Division of competitions
Provided there are no fewer than forty competitive entries in a competition, that competition may be divided into two or more separate competitions of equal or near equal size. The minimum competitive entries in any one of these competitions shall not be less than twenty. Grading points and prize money shall be awarded separately per competition.
- 4 Hors Concour entries
Hors Concour (HC) entries shall not be included in any total of starters or entries used to establish the number of prizes or grading points.
- 5 A pony that has attained the required number of points for upgrading shall cease to score points, but may remain in its grade. For grading purposes these horses/ponies will not be included in the total of starters to establish the number of grading points, but will be included for the issue of prizes.
- 6 Ties
If there is a tie for any place, each pony in the tie shall be

awarded full grading points for that place.

13.3.6. AGE GROUPS (see General Regulations 01.9.0)

13.3.7 GRADES

1 The Grades shall be known as:

- 1.10m
- 1.00m
- 0.90m
- 0.80m
- 0.70m

2 Grades:

- 1 A 0.70m pony shall be a pony that has not been graded.
2. A 0.80m pony shall be a pony that:
 - i) has not attained 10 points in any higher level competition, or
 - ii) has attained 10 points in Grade 0.80 classes and has not been upgraded to Grade 0.90m, or
 - iii) has been downgraded to a 0.80m pony, or
 - v) has been upgraded in terms of rule 13.7.3.
3. A 0.90m pony shall be a pony that:
 - i) has attained 10 points in Grade 0.80m classes and has been upgraded to 0.90m, or
 - ii) has attained 15 points in Grade 0.90m classes and has not been upgraded to 1.00m, or
 - iii) has been downgraded to a 0.90m pony.
- 4 A 1.00m pony shall be a pony that:
 - i) has attained 15 points in 0.90m classes and has been upgraded to 1.00m, or
 - ii) has attained 20 points in Grade 1.00m classes and has not been upgraded to 1.10m, or
 - iii) has been downgraded to a 1.00m pony.
5. A 1.10m pony shall be a pony that has attained 20 points in 1.00m classes and has been upgraded to Grade 1.10m.

13.3.8 OPTION TO UPGRADE

Once a pony has attained the grading points necessary for upgrading to the next grade, the owner may then at any time thereafter exercise

the right (in writing) to advise the Provincial Body that he wishes the pony to be upgraded to the next grade with effect from the date of the advice.

13.3.9 POINTS FOR UPGRADING

- 1 A pony may only be upgraded when it has attained the following grading points:

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| From 0.70m to 0.80m | : | 10 points in 0.70m classes |
| From 0.80m to 0.90m | : | 10 points in 0.80m classes |
| From 0.90m to 1.00m | : | 15 points in 0.90m classes |
| From 1.00m to 1.10m | : | 20 points in 1.00m classes |

- 2 In addition any pony other than 1.10m pony, which has achieved a clear round in all sections (including all jump offs) of a competition eligible and approved for grading in terms of Rule 13.9.2, with the exception of A2 Competitions (13.9.2.v), shall be awarded two grading points, notwithstanding that the points laid down in Appendix SJ/C are less.

Should there only be one clear round, that pony, who will not be required to jump the jump off course, will receive two points as if for a double clear round.

- 3 Notwithstanding the above points basis, a Provincial Body shall, on advice in writing from the registered owner of a 0.70m pony, grade that pony 0.80m.

13.3.10. DOWNGRADING

- 1 Any pony, on written advice from the registered owner to the owner's Provincial Body, may be downgraded, within its age group, if applicable, to such grade as the owner advises. Grading points shall not be carried from one grade to another, nor from one age group to another.

13.3.11 PERFORMANCES AT RECOGNISED EVENTS

- 1 Officials responsible for grading
 - 1 Performances at Recognised Events below CSN status shall count for grading points, providing the officiating Judge and Course Designer (Responsible Officials) have collectively agreed that the competition concerned is of

the standard required for grading purposes.

- 2 All competitions carrying CSN status, except those set out under rule 13.9.3, shall automatically be graded.

- 2 Competitions eligible for grading
 - AM3 Competitions (17.10.4.1.2)
 - AM4 Competitions (17.10.4.1.3)
 - AM5 Competitions (17.10.4.2.2)
 - AM6 Competitions (17.10.4.2.3)
 - A2 Competitions (17.10.4.2.1)
 - Accumulators
 - Precision and Speed Competitions
 - Speed and Precision Competitions
 - Competitions over two rounds
 - Table A-C Competitions
 - Two Phase Competitions
 - Table C (Open and 1,30m horses and 1,10m ponies only)
 - All individual competitions holding CSN Status

- 3 Events and competitions not eligible for grading
 - Under no circumstances shall the following Events or Competitions be considered for grading purposes:
 - 1 Informal Events
 2. Competitions restricted to the lower section of any grade (e.g. restricted to 1.20m horses with say four or fewer grading points). However competitions which restrict entries to the upper section of any grade shall be considered for grading purposes.
 3. Handicap competitions involving more than three separate grades.

- 4 Announcement of grading
 - Should any class not be graded an announcement to this effect shall be made by the President of the Ground Jury without delay after the completion of that class.

- 5 Handicap competitions
 - Handicap competitions may only be resorted to at Recognised Events when there are fifteen or fewer ponies entered in either of the grades involved. If there are more than fifteen ponies entered in both grades, separate competitions in respect of those grades with more than ten

ponies must be run, irrespective of the wording in the schedule.

- 6 In competitions held under Rules 13.9.2 only ponies which are clear in:
 - a the first phase of competitions held over 2 phases, or
 - b the precision section of a Speed/Precision type of competition, or
 - c the first round of all other competitions eligible for grading

may be awarded grading points

If only one pony in the class goes clear, that horse/pony receives 2 grading points.