

SADDLE SEAT SOUTH AFRICA

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. PREABLE

- 1.1 Saddle Seat South Africa (hereafter referred to as SSSA) is the governing body regulating saddle seat equestrian disciplines in South Africa. It is a registered and compliant member of the South African Sports Confederation & Olympic Committee (SASCOC) and of the South African Equestrian Federation (SAEF).
- 1.2 The main business of SSSA is to promote and develop a strategic framework for High Performance Sport, Development and Transformation.
- 1.3 SSSA is also a progressive sporting organization that pursuit's excellence by providing riders with equal opportunities of quality participation while adhering to the core values of the discipline with respect and integrity.
- 1.4 SSSA is dedicated to delivering a fair and transparent platform for participants to compete at the National Saddle Seat Championships, Provincial and Regional Championship as well as in International competitions
- 1.5 SSSA undertakes, (in accordance with its mission at national level to inform, empower and stimulate athletes aspiring to be recognized and acknowledged on provincial or national levels), to selected TEAMS at the **HIGHEST LEVEL** as stipulated by the specific National and International EQUESTRIAN Federation.
- 1.6 Riders will be required to compete on a full rail, either in groups or individually or on a mini-rail. Individual tests of various levels may be included to assess and determine rider aptitude and proficiency.

- 1.7** The format and Selection Criteria of the National Saddle Seat Trials and Inter-provincial competitions will be decided annually by the SSSA Council and published timeously.

2. DRESS CODE

Informal riding attire is worn at all times in both Three and Five Gaited equitation divisions

SUIT

- ❖ Kentucky styled riding suit with matching coat and flared jodhpur pants. Suit colour must be conservative.
- ❖ Patterns in the material such as pin stripe, herringbone and moderate plaids are allowed.
- ❖ The lining may be of matching colour or slight contrast.

WAISTCOAT

- ❖ Matching colour to the suit or of complimentary contrast.

SHIRT & TIE

- ❖ Collared shirt, may be of contrasting colour and pattern.

HAT

- ❖ Derby bowler (female riders), homburg (unisex), or snap-brim (male riders).
- ❖ Matching or of contrast colour to suit are allowed.
- ❖ No riders will be discriminated against for riding with protective headgear (a three-point basic hard hat).

GLOVES

- ❖ Gloves must be worn.

BOOTS

- ❖ Leather or patent leather boots with a low heel.

ACCESSORIES

- ❖ Optional. Small and conservative flowers/boutonniere.

3. TURNOUT

It is mandatory that the turnout of a horse must be as per their respective breed specifications.

Cleanliness and neatness are the foremost requirements regarding the turnout of a horse.

It is imperative that all horses competing are in good physical condition, of good general health and soundness.

The following guidelines can be followed:

3.1 HEAD

- ❖ **Ears:** Clean & Shaven. The wiring or fastening of a horse's ears in any way is prohibited and will result in a disqualification by the Judge(s) or Ringmaster.
- ❖ **Lower jaw:** Excessive long hair removed/shaven

3.2 LEGS

- ❖ May be shaved with excessive hair from the coronet, fetlock and rest of the leg removed.
- ❖ Feathers are allowed, but must be clean and well groomed.

3.3 MANE & TAIL

- ❖ Mane & tails should be clean, neat and tidy at all times.
- ❖ Mane – acceptable options include:
 - a) A trimmed (roached) (ribboned) mane, in the Three-Gaited Division;
 - b) A full (ribboned) mane with a trimmed bridle path at the poll (forelock optional), in the Five-Gaited Division;
 - c) Natural mane & forelock (allowed) with natural tail;
 - d) Ribbons on the forelock or attached to the bridle are optional.

4. TAILS

Permitted, acceptable options include:

- a) Natural Tail (combined with “natural mane”);
- b) Humane braces / top tail;
- c) Short / long braces;
- d) Switches / extensions;
- e) Humane tails;
- f) Top Tails

5. **HOOVES, SHOES & PADS**

- 5.1 Length of hooves, padding included, shall not exceed 15cm, measured from the coronet line, including the pads, but excluding the shoe.
- 5.2 Leather pads and wedges are allowed.
- 5.3 Shoeing of hind hooves are optional, but BOTH hind hooves must be shod or BOTH must be unshod.

6. **TACK**

6.1 **BRIDLES**

Definitions:

Curb bit- a mouth piece which is supported by shanks on either side. Curbs may be jointed or solid.

Snaffle bit- a mouth piece which is supported by cheek/rein rings on either side. Snaffles may be jointed or solid.

Bridle

Full Weymouth Double bridle, consisting of:

Curb and snaffle headstalls

Browband

Nose cavesson (either matching the browband or plain leather)

Throat latch

Two sets of reins (the snaffle rein may be laced)

Two independently functioning bit pieces identified individually as a snaffle bit and a curb bit. The curb bit to be supported by curb chain hooks, curb chain and optional chin strap.

ALTERNATIVELY, to the aforementioned, the use of a Combination bit, whether solid or jointed, with two rein rings attached onto each shank is allowed.

6.2 SADDLES, GIRTHS AND STIRRUP IRONS

English type saddle with a cut back head/gullet, with either a deep or flat seat.

Forward seat, Western type and Australian saddles are prohibited.

A white leather or canvas girth.

Fillis/English stirrup irons, fitted with rubber or plastic stirrup pads.

Slanted or wedged stirrup irons or stirrup pads are not allowed.

Sure-grip Fillis stirrup pads or ridged stirrup pads are allowed.

Saddle pads may be used if they don't exceed saddle size.

Riser pad, cutback gel pad, foam wedge cushion, foam flat cushion and a foam reverse wedge pads are allowed.

Saddle blankets, clothes and numnahs are prohibited

Saddle seat cushions are prohibited

6.3 QUARTER BOOTS

Matching Quarter boots are used only in the Five-Gaited equitation divisions.

Rubber grab boots, high or low scalpers, hinged, trotting, pacing and bell boots are allowed.

Taping hooves as a quarter boot replacement is prohibited.

6.4 ARTIFICIAL AIDS

Showing cane/riding crops/whips are permitted and optional.

Unrowelled, blunt spurs are permitted and optional.

Offset/side unrowelled, blunt spurs are permitted and optional.

Children under the age of twelve are prohibited to use spurs.

Rowelled spurs are prohibited.

7. AGE DIVISIONS, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL PARTICIPATION AND INDIVIDUAL RIDERS

7.1 REGIONAL COMPETITIONS & PROVINCIAL TEAM SELECTION

Riders must be eleven years or older on 1 January to participate in any provincial trials during that particular year to qualify for provincial selection.

7.2 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

1. Riders must be a minimum of twelve years of age on the first day of January to qualify for Junior Protea team status.
2. Riders must be a minimum of twelve years of age on the first day of January to qualify for President team status.
3. Riders must be a minimum of fourteen years of age on the first day of January to qualify for Senior Protea team status.
4. Riders must be a maximum of eighteen years of age on the first day of January to qualify for Junior Protea team status.

5. Riders aged nineteen AND OLDER on the first day of January may only contend for a position in the Senior Protea team or President team.
6. The aforementioned 1 January date refers to the year in which the Competitions for which the teams are selected are to be held, and not the date of the National Trials if the two do not occur in the same year.
7. Riders previously representing the Senior Protea Team/s may not revert back to a President or Junior Protea team in the division/s for which he/she obtained Senior status.
8. A rider MAY qualify for Senior Protea Team status in the Three-gaited division and for Junior Protea Team OR President Team status in the Five-gaited division or vice-verse IN THE SAME YEAR.
9. Riders are eligible to represent the Protea teams in both the Three and Five-gaited divisions.

7.3 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

- Riders must be South African citizens.
- Riders must be in possession of an RSA ID card or an RSA birth certificate if under the age of 16.
- Riders must have an RSA Passport
- RSA Passport must be valid for a minimum of 30 days after the date of the International Competition.
- Riders under the age of 18 must provide SSSA with an “Unabridged Birth Certificate”

7.4 PARTICIPATION

1. Any South African citizen may participate on provincial or national level, providing they meet the age limitations and are members of a club and provincial sub-union.
2. Non-South African citizens may participate in the National Championships, but may not be selected for any Teams.
3. Riders competing for a position in their respective provincial teams must comply with the provincial selection criteria and qualification procedures to be awarded provincial colors.
4. (**Under construction, see at the end*) Riders not selected for any provincial team for the 3 or 5 gaited divisions, may participate in the National Championship Trials as Individual Riders, provided that
 - a) they participated in a minimum of ONE Provincial Trial IN THE SPECIFIC DIVISION they want to participate in, or
 - b) ONE TRIAL in any other Selection Criteria as published from time to time by the Council.
 - c) Participation must be during the applicable period as specified by the National Trial Criteria of that year.
5. Cross Entry refers to a scenario where any rider qualifies in one division during the applicable period, and participates in the other division at National Championship Trials. This is prohibited.
6. Riders may qualify for the National Protea teams on their first year of participation.

7. Council may exclude any rider on disciplinary grounds from representing South Africa in any team.
8. Riders competing for a position in their respective provincial teams must comply with their provincial selection criteria and qualification procedures to be awarded provincial colors.

8. CLASS DIVISIONS & CLASS ROUTINE

3 and 5 Gaited Divisions:

As specified by the Saddlebred Society of South Africa

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Mini-Rail/ Extended Mini-Rial

Order of gaits: Riders individually enter the arena at a trot moving in a counter clockwise direction. They then walk, canter, walk and turn around, repeating the order of gaits in the clockwise direction at their own discretion. It is generally accepted that riders present no more than one revolution in each direction.

Without exiting the arena, riders proceed straight into the prescribed test, if applicable.

Alternatively, as specified by the National Trial Criteria.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 LAST PASS

After the call for a line-up, Riders may continue to the line up in a gait of choice so as to enter the line-up from the back, facing the pavilion,

thereby giving a “last pass”. Any “last pass” that a Rider wishes to make at the end of a class before the line-up, must be made in the direction the horses are moving when the line-up is called.

Any Rider who changes direction will be disqualified. This is an important safety measure to prevent collisions as the horses proceed to the line-up. Riders will remain standing until requested to retire and await results.

9.2 WORK-OUT

While individual testing is the norm in Equitation Classes the Judge may ask for a work-out between two or three riders. This may be done on any or all of the gaits, one or both ways of the arena and need not necessarily include the first-place rider.

9.3 END OF RAILWORK

The railwork is deemed to be finished when the Riders are asked to relax after the Judges have completed their judging in the Line-up. Once the Judges have completed their placing cards, the ringmaster will indicate that riders may relax. The announcer will inform the participants whether to remain in the line-up or the arena or will be excused to the collecting arena awaiting completion of their individual test patterns or may retire.

10. ARENA OFFICIALS

The following officials are appointed by the SSSA Council in accordance with their own procedures for such appointments as adopted from time to time.

Junior Judges may be appointed in the role of any steward, including Judges stewards, and Judges.

1. Judges

Provincial : As per Provincial Criteria
National Trials : 3 or 5 JUDGES (status to be determined by the Specific National Selection Criteria)

International Competitions/World Cup
: 3 SENIOR JUDGES

2. Ring master
3. Judges' stewards
4. Announcer
5. Collecting arena officials
6. Tabulators
7. Auditors

11. GENERAL RULES - ARENA

COLLECTING ARENA

Horses and riders are to report to the collecting arena official for inspection.

Horses and riders must be in the collecting arena three minutes prior to the scheduled time for the gate to be opened.

Collecting arena officials may inspect all or any horse/s in the collecting arena.

Riders experiencing breakage through an accident or other unforeseen circumstances will be given the benefit of exercising the five-minute time-out rule while the gate remains closed.

Horses losing a shoe in the collecting arena will be given the benefit of exercising the five-minute time-out rule while the gate remains closed.

Riders are allowed one time-out for breakages.

Riders are allowed two time-outs for the fastening of quarter boots.

Warm-ups on own horses: Riders may warm up as preferred and within a reasonable time frame when showing on their own horses. Riders may execute any gaits during warm up.

Warm-ups on switch horses: Riders may warm up for a maximum period of ten minutes. Riders may execute any gaits during the warm up time limit. Horses must be ready and saddled in the collecting arena fifteen minutes before the class is scheduled to start.

Riders may not leave the collecting arena after their inspection or the time between the rail work and test. Riders may dismount between rail work and test with the consent of the collecting arena official.

Any other information listed in the National Selection Criteria is applicable.

COMPETITION ARENA

Riders have two minutes to enter the arena from the time the gate has been declared open.

Riders are judged from the moment they enter the arena, regardless if the gate is still open.

Riders experiencing breakage through an accident or other unforeseen circumstances will be given the benefit of exercising the five-minute time-out rule, the class will be relaxed.

Horses losing a shoe in the competition arena will be allowed to exercise the five-minute time-out rule to re-nail the shoe and the class will be relaxed. The clock for the time out will start when the farrier is handed the shoe. If the shoe is lost in the arena, three minutes will be allowed to search for same.

Furthermore, the farrier will be allowed a maximum of two minutes to enter the arena, with the aforementioned additional times running concurrently. Should that horse lose a shoe for a second time during the class, that rider must proceed to use the back- up horse. The rider might however agree to continue on the same horse without the shoe.

During the timeout, the farrier if applicable, one representative for the horse and one representative for the rider may enter the arena to assist with the timeout.

Horses losing a shoe while executing the test will be excused to the collecting arena where they will be allowed to exercise the five-minute time-out rule to re-nail the shoe. The rider will re-execute their test last in their group. The Rider will only be scored by the Judges for those segments of the test which have not been completed before the shoe has been lost.

It is however the discretion of the Rider to repeat the full test from the beginning thereof, whilst only being scored for the segments not yet completed before losing the shoe.

It is furthermore the discretion of the Rider to complete the test without the shoe. The Judges will continue scoring such Rider in all segments until stopped by the Ringmaster, where after the Rider must exercise his/her decision to continue the test without the shoe, or re-nail.

The farrier is the sole adjudicator whether it is possible to re-nail a shoe, or not.

In the event of the aforementioned impossibility, the back-up horse must be used.

Riders are allowed one time-out for breakages.

Riders are allowed two time-outs for the fastening of quarter boots.

No adjustments will be allowed, except a fall is imminent due to a loose girth, in which case fastening or re-adjusting the girth will be allowed.

Quarter boots may be removed or replaced in the event of a continuous unbuckling or dislodging.

Riders falling from a horse for whatever reason will not be disqualified, but is penalized at the Judge's discretion.

Riders are required not to change direction by riding upstream when called for the line-up. Directional flow remains clockwise.

Should any evidence of blood be visible on a horse during a class, the class will be relaxed. The Rider will be given one minute to stop the bleeding. The Rider is allowed to request the assistance of one handler. Once the bleeding has stopped, the Rider may rejoin the class. Should the bleeding continue or be beyond reasonable measure, the Rider will be given a five-minute time-

out to mount their back-up horse and proceed with the class.

For the duration of the National Protea team trials and Inter-provincial competition, horses may not “cross-enter” between the Three and Five gaited divisions. Should a horse/rider have fallen out at the cut-off point after day two, such horses may cross enter for the purpose of back-up horses only.

Unruly horses continuously disrupting the class or the flow of traffic will be called into the center and excused. The Rider will be given a five-minute time-out to mount their back-up horse and proceed with the class. The majority Judges need to be in consensus to declare a horse unruly.

Should a horse loose a tail, top tail or brace will, the Rider will be given a maximum of one five-minute time-out to remove or replace the tail, top tail or brace. The class will be relaxed. Should the Rider decide to remove the top tail and brace and proceed with the class, Judges are allowed to request the Rider to continue on their back-up horse if the tail is unsightly. The majority of Judges need to be in consensus to declare the horse’s tail unsightly.

Any other information listed in the National Selection Criteria is applicable.

12. GENERAL SHOW RULES

Stallions are ALLOWED

No communication is allowed between Riders and Judges for the duration of the championships.

No communication is allowed between trainers and Judges for the duration of the championships.

No communication is allowed between Rider’s family or supporters and Judges for the duration of the championships.

The SSSA board maintains the right to place a single rider per division in order to provide for development.

A withdrawal after teams have been announced will be permanent.

Any parent, trainer or supporter interfering with the management, coaches or daily operations of any Protea teams during either International competition, practice sessions and official training camps will lead to the associated rider's immediate discharge from the team.

Leg bandages are not allowed unless application has been made to the SSSA council because of wet conditions.

International competitions will be governed by ISSEA rules.

Should any horse be found to be neglected, injured or in any condition that would reflect badly on SSSA, the council may refuse participation of such a horse.

Rules pertaining to prohibited substances based on the FEI banned substances will be implemented as revised from time to time in Section D1/Prohibited Substance Rules by the Saddlebred Society of South Africa.

SSSA will appoint a veterinarian for the duration of the championships. This is the only veterinarian that may be used to treat horses and administer any medicinal drugs to the horse for the duration of the competition. The rules pertaining to prohibited substances remains applicable.

Any person intervening and/or interfering with the riding, judging and selection process will lead to the disqualification of their rider.

Hearing aids are allowed for impaired riders. The SSSA board will require a

medical certificate at registration of the event.

It is the responsibility of any Rider or his/hers representative to ensure that the position of the Judges do not encroach on their space when executing a test. When a Rider enters the arena to execute a test, without beforehand complaining about the position of the Judges in the arena, it is accepted that the Rider agrees thereto, and no Rider will be allowed to re-execute such test.

Any other information listed in the National Selection Criteria is applicable.

13. OTHER FACTORS LEADING TO DISQUALIFICATION

Interference with the prescribed format of judging and ring routine by any parent, trainer or supporter in any form will lead to rider disqualification.

Any parent, trainer or supporter offering the rider verbal help during the test phases of the competition will lead to disqualification.

The use of any form of voice operated microphones connected to audio ear pieces for communication purposes will lead to disqualification.

The excessive, extreme and cruel use of hands, bits whips and spurs will lead to disqualification.

The use of a nerve cord is prohibited

Any other information listed in the National Selection Criteria is applicable.

14. INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saddle Seat South Africa annually hosts an Inter-Provincial Saddle Seat competition in conjunction with the National trials.

Each province may enter six riders for the Three-gaited division and six riders for the Five-gaited division. Riders may compete in both the Three and Five-gaited divisions.

The six riders selected per province qualify for provincial colors.

Provinces that are unable to fill their team with six members from their own province may use riders from other provinces provided they are not selected for their provincial teams. These riders may not be awarded with provincial colors.

The Inter-provincial competition will take place over the first and second days of the competition.

Riders will use their own horses for the duration of the Inter-provincial competition.

Points per rider ranking are awarded pro-rata to the number of riders entered. Should there be twenty-eight riders entered, the first ranked rider will be appointed with 28 points and the last ranked rider with one point.

The provincial team with the highest points wins.

The Inter-provincial championship results will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Any other information listed in the National Selection Criteria is applicable.

15. JUDGING METHOD AND TABULATION FORMAT

The High/Low scoring system will be used and scoring will be numeric throughout.

The specific National Selection Criteria or any other relevant document(s) published from time to time by the council will list the relevant information for this section.

16. TIE BREAK METHOD

The specific National Selection Criteria or any other relevant document(s) published from time to time by the council will list the relevant information for this section.

17. TEAM SELECTION, TEAM NAMES AND COMPOSITION

The following teams, but not limited to, are electable during a competition year:

1. **SA SENIOR PROTEA TEAM:** Green and Gold BLAZER, with Protea badge.

(Consent may be given to a JUNIOR athlete for SENIOR colours, provided the correct qualifications and criteria of SSSA Council have been acknowledged.)

2. **SA PRESIDENT TEAM:** BLUE BLAZER, with SAEF GOLD COLOUR badge (as per SAEF Colour policy).
3. **SA JUNIOR PROTEA TEAM:** Green and Gold BLAZER, with Protea badge.
4. **SSSA DEVELOPMENT TEAM:** As per Selection Criteria.

Team sizes: To be determined by the specific National Selection Criteria.

The specific National Selection Criteria or any other relevant document(s) published from time to time by the council will also list additional and/or alternative DRESS CODES and information for this section.

18. ORDER OF GO

The specific National Selection Criteria or any other relevant document(s) published from time to time by the council will list the relevant information for this section.

19. DRAWING OF HORSES

The specific National Selection Criteria or any other relevant document(s) published from time to time by the council will list the relevant information for this section.

20. RIDER NUMBER ALLOCATION

Provincial riders and individual entrant's numbers will be allocated per province before the competition starts. Riders will use the same number for the duration of the competition.

Riders participating in both divisions will be allocated with two separate numbers, one for each division.

21. DAILY TEST SELECTION & DISTRIBUTION

The Judges select five suitable tests for the competition and submit to SSSA. SSSA will screen the five given tests and allocate a test for each day of competition.

The chosen tests will be distributed to provincial managers at 1pm the day preceding each day of competition. Managers may circulate tests immediately on receipt.

22. BACK-UP HORSES

Back-up horses are necessary to prevent non-participation in the event that a horse falls ill or becomes injured to an extent that they need replacement.

Any province or individual rider failing to supply a back-up horse when needed will be disqualified from further participation.

Each RIDER is responsible for the supply of a back-up horse/s. Individual entrants are responsible for the supply of their own back-up horse/s.

NO HORSE MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE COMPETITION OR BACK-UP POOL AT THE RIDERS OWN DIESCRETION.

Horses that turn up unsound, sick or lame need to be reported to the SSSA Council. The Council will release the information for the veterinarian on duty that will be required to make an assessment of the horse.

The veterinary diagnosis, in consultation with the President of SSSA after advice from the Trainers and welfare Representative son the Council of SSSA, will determine whether or not the horse is fit to compete or in need of replacement. The veterinary cost will be for the Rider.

In the event of replacement becoming necessary during day one and two of the competition, riders will need to continue participation on their own or provincial back-up horse. The replacement horse will be used for the rest of the duration of the competition.

Any other information listed in the National Selection Criteria is applicable

23. UNRULY OR UNSUITABLE HORSES

DEFINITION

An unruly horse will be defined by the following behavioral patterns

- Horses that continuously disrupt the flow of the class
- Horses acting in an uncontrolled manner
- Horses that continuously quit
- Horses that run into the centre of the arena
- Horses that buck
- Horses that rear
- Horses that kick due to a brace or ill manners
- Horses continually refusing a gait/s

An unsuitable horse will be determined by the following factors

- Horses that appear difficult to control
- Horses with hard, unresponsive mouths
- Horses that present difficulty in halting
- Horses that generally tend to refuse rider command

EVALUATION PROCEDURES

The Council after receiving a complaint, or the Judges by majority opinion, may declare a horse unsuitable or unruly for the competition and eliminate such horse from further participation.

Should this decision need to be taken during a class, the class will be relaxed, until a final decision has been reached by the majority of Judges. If the horse is found unfit to proceed, the rider's back up horse may be used. The five-minute time out will apply

REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES

When riders are competing in a phase of the competition on their own supplied horse, which is declared unsuitable or unruly and eliminated from further participation for the duration of the competition, riders will be given a five-minute time-out to mount their back-up horse.

Should a back-up horse not be available or not in the competition arena in the allocated time, the rider will be dis-qualified.

Any other information listed in the National Selection Criteria is applicable

24. FEES & DOCUMENTATION

The Council will from time to time publish Fees, number deposits and costs to be paid by each Rider for participation at the National Championships.

Council will also require all Riders to sign the necessary Undertakings, Indemnity/ Waivers and Code of Conduct as presented to them for the National Championships or International Competitions.

25. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS & AWARDS CEREMONY

On completion of the National Championships and Inter-provincial competition, SSSA will host an awards ceremony to announce the Senior, President or Junior Protea teams as well as announce the results of the Inter-provincial competition.

26. WALKING ALLOCATED TESTS

The riders may measure and walk the tests in the arena. The appropriate times will be issued on the rider program at least one week before commencement of the competition.

A separate time will be allocated for the Judges to walk the arena. During this time the arena will be closed.

27. COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES DURING COMPETITION

Any representative of a Provincial Team or Individual Rider may lodge a complaint or grievance to the SSSA Council and request emergency resolution thereof.

The SSSA Council will adopt their own procedures based on the complaint/grievance in investigating and hearing such matter, provided that the procedural rules of fairness and Audi Alteram Partem be adhered to at all times. Full record of these procedures will be kept and the decision by the SSSA Council will be final.

Any disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with the Constitution of SSSA.

Any dispute or uncertainty over Rules and Regulations applying to the National Championship or Inter-provincial competition will be adjudicated by the SSSA Council, whose decision will be final.

28. LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND INTERPRETATION

- 28.1 SSSA may publish a National Selection Criteria yearly, applicable to that year. This Criteria will conform in substance to these SSSA Rules and Regulations. The National Selection Criteria (published yearly) may vary or amend the selection Criteria as set out in these Rules and Regulations, as it may be required for a specific year, depending on the circumstances of that year. If no such Criteria is Published, then these Rules and Regulations will still apply.
- 28.2 The Provincial Selection Criteria's (as published from time to time by the respective Province) must conform in substance to the SSSA Rules and Regulations, the National Selection Criteria, as published yearly (if any) as well as the SSSA Constitution.
- 28.3 If there is a dispute about the interpretation of this Rules and Regulations or the National Selection Criteria, as may be published yearly or the Provincial or whether a Provincial Selection Criteria conforms in substance to the SSSA Rules, the Executive Committee of SSSA will determine such a dispute. Their decision will be final and binding. In interpreting this Rules and Regulations they will consider, in the following order of importance and applied to the dispute:
1. The SSSA Constitution,
 2. SSSA Rules and Regulations
 3. National Selection Criteria published for that year (if any)
 4. The relevant Provincial Selection Criteria, as published for that year.
 5. The Dispute referral will be procedure as set out in the SSSA Constitution will be followed.

*** Par 4 under 7.4 in the participation section is accepted with the condition that more detail and specifics regarding the definition and participation of an individual rider should be added for clarity and understanding.*

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