



## **SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL COLOURS POLICY FOR SAEF**



**EQUESTRIAN  
DISCIPLINE NAME**



**EQUESTRIAN  
DISCIPLINE NAME  
JUNIOR**



**EQUESTRIAN  
DISCIPLINE NAME  
MANAGER OR  
ASSISTANT MANAGER**



**EQUESTRIAN  
DISCIPLINE NAME  
COACH OR  
ASSISTANT COACH**

### **NON-FEI DISCIPLINES:**

#### **Junior Colours (Protea)**

- For JUNIOR colours there are no age categories e.g. U/14 or U/16 etc.
- When application is being made, reference should be to JUNIORS and not to any particular age group.
- International bodies of some of the Disciplines categorise JUNIORS up to the age of u/21. The SAEF JUNIOR classification is u/18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year concerned.

However, if a Discipline's International Federation allows for JUNIOR competitions up to and for u/21, these athletes will be selected as JUNIORS.

## **Senior Colours (Protea)**

- SENIOR athletes will be all athletes 18 years and older on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. Consent may be given by the Discipline concerned, to a JUNIOR athlete, who has motivated in his/her written application, to their National Discipline Council for SENIOR colours, and provided the correct qualifications and criteria of that Discipline have been acknowledged.

Teams are to be selected at the **HIGHEST LEVEL** as stipulated by the specific International Federations.

**Please note that only the best of the best athletes should be selected for Protea Colours**

## **FEI DISCIPLINES:**

### **Junior Colours (Protea)**

- In view of the different FEI categories stipulating that all under 18 athletes should be referred to as JUNIOR in their application.
- This will be subject to them being under the age of 18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the year that they wish to compete.
- Therefore, when application is being made, reference should be to JUNIORS and not to any particular age group.

However, if a Discipline's International Federation allows for JUNIOR competitions for Athletes who are under the age of 21, then these athletes will be selected as JUNIORS (Endurance has a Junior / Young Rider category -14 to 21 years).

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Teams are to be selected at the **HIGHEST LEVEL** as stipulated by the FEI.

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### **THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ALLOW FOR NATIONAL COLOURS:**

- An INDIVIDUAL who through a selection process represents South Africa at an event where other nations have undergone a similar selection process
- A TEAM who through a selection process represents South Africa at an event where other nations have undergone a similar selection process
- The following competitions where teams have been selected at the HIGHEST level:
  - A test match against another country (Team disciplines e.g. Polo & Polo Crosse)
  - A triangular or multiple team events (Team competition as well as Individual competition)
  - A World Cup
  - A World Championship

### **COLOURS WILL NOT BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- The supporting or non-competing and managerial component of a national team or individual athletes will not be awarded national colours, **except for managers and coaches.**
- In the case of large team or in the case of multi-faceted codes of sport and sport for the disabled, a motivated request may be submitted to the Board for the award of colours also to assistant managers and/or assistant coaches.

### **Specific exclusion**

Other members of the support/management team such as medical staff, physiotherapists, trainers, heads of delegation, media representatives, skippers, etc. do not qualify for national colours.

AND athletes competing at the following games:

- Olympic Games
- Commonwealth Games
- All Africa Games
- Individuals competing Overseas, but have not gone through a selection process

**The following members of international teams may apply for National colours.**

1. Team manager and assistant team manager
2. Coach and assistant coach
3. All athletes selected

The following embroidery will appear on the blazer pocket below the Protea badge.

**FOR SENIOR ATHLETES**

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE NAME

**FOR JUNIOR ATHLETES**

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE NAME

JUNIOR

**FOR MANAGERS**

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE NAME

MANAGER OR ASSISTANT MANAGER

**FOR COACHES**

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE NAME

COACH OR ASSISTANT COACH

## **PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION OF NATIONAL COLOURS (FOR ALL DISCIPLINES):**

### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED WHEN APPLYING FOR NATIONAL COLOURS.**

1. Completed NC 1 and NC 2 application forms.
2. Copies of all applicants' passports
3. Letter of approval and endorsement for international event from INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
4. Letter of approval to attend international event from the SAEF
5. Invitation from hosting country.
6. Letter from hosting country's National body confirming that the Hosting team has been selected at the HIGHEST level and that this team will receive their country's National Colours.
7. Letter of acceptance to hosting country from discipline applying for Colours
8. List of selectors clearly identifying convener of selectors. (Convener of selectors does not have any say in the selection process he/she has a casting vote should a deadlock occur during the selection of a specific athlete.
9. List of selection dates
10. Selection criteria of the applicable discipline
11. Proof that all athletes have received the selection criteria
12. Minutes of all selection meetings
13. Resolution from DA National body approving the athletes selected by the selectors panel
14. All athletes, managers and coaches must be SAEF and Discipline registered and in good standing
15. Signed SAEF Code of Conduct for Athletes
16. Signed SAEF Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches
17. All athletes must participate in the foregoing National championships of the discipline before the international event.

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18. *Exception to para. 17*: permission is granted by SASCOC to Athletes living and competing in Europe, giving them exemption from clause 1.6 of the Agreement on the selection of Athletes for the Olympic Games or WEG.

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE BELOW MENTIONED DOCUMENTS IS NOT PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR COLOURS, BUT IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE SAEF SUBMISSION TO SASCOC FOR THE APPROVAL OF PROTEA COLOURS**

**IF A DISCIPLINE WISHES TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT IN SOUTH AFRICA THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY THE ABOVE APPLICATION:**

1. Letter of application from a Discipline to SAEF to Host an International Event
2. Letter from International Federation whether they will contribute financial support or not
3. Endorsement letter from the Host Province (SAEF Provincial Federation)
4. Endorsement letter from the Host City (Local Municipality)
5. Endorsement letter from the Provincial Sport Confederation
6. Endorsement letter from the Provincial Department of Sport Arts and Recreation of the Province where an Event is hosted.
7. Budget for the Event indicating that the necessary funds are available for the successful completion of the event
8. Supporting documents from Sponsors supporting the event
9. Project plan / Business Plan

**SOUTH AFRICAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION COLOURS BLAZER WILL BE A NAVY BLAZER**



**SAEF colours to be awarded as per below:**

1. For athletes who do not qualify for Protea Colours, but who participate at the highest level of competition they will be participating in. In other words, B teams or teams participating in Africa Games, Continental games etc., etc.

**GOLD SAEF COLOURS 1<sup>ST</sup> LEVEL BEFORE PROTEA COLOURS**

- Will be awarded to athletes participating in the highest level of the competition

**SILVER SAEF COLOURS**

- Will be awarded to athletes participating in 1- or 2-star events

**BRONZE SAEF COLOURS**

- Will be awarded at entry level competitions

**PROVINCIAL COLOURS APPLICATION:**

Discipline specific criteria to be used which must be in line with the criteria of the National Discipline Association.

These requirements are also applicable to SANESA when applying for Provincial Schools colours.

**When applying to the SAEF Provincial Federation for Provincial colours the following documentation must accompany the application. The SAEF Provincial Federation will endorse the application and forward it to the Provincial Sports Confederation of the applicable Province for approval.**

1. Completed application form as supplied by the applicable Provincial Sports Confederation.
2. Name and ID numbers of athletes for whom colours are requested. This is also applicable for the managers and coaches.
3. Letter of approval and endorsement from National Discipline Association
4. Letter of confirmation from National DA of date and Province where Provincial Championships will take place.
5. List of selectors clearly identifying convener of selectors. Convener of selectors does not have any say in the selection process he/she has a casting vote should a deadlock occur during the selection of a specific athlete.
6. List of selection dates
7. **Selection criteria of the applicable discipline**
8. Proof that all athletes have received the selection criteria
9. Minutes of all selection meetings
10. Resolution from DA Provincial body approving the athletes selected by the selector's panel
11. All athletes, managers and coaches must be SAEF and discipline registered and in good standing (Fully paid up)
12. Signed SAEF Code of Conduct for athletes
13. Signed SAEF Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches

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