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CODE OF CONDUCT

1. In all equestrian sports the interests of the horse shall be considered paramount!
2. The well-being of the horse shall be above the demands of athletes, breeders, trainers, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors or officials.
3. All handling and veterinary treatment shall ensure the health and welfare of the horse.
4. The highest standards of nutrition, health, sanitation and safety shall be encouraged and maintained at all times.
5. Adequate provision must be made for ventilation, feeding, watering and maintaining a healthy environment during transportation.
6. Emphasis shall be placed on increasing education in training and equestrian practices, and on promoting scientific studies in equine health.
7. In the interest of the horse the fitness and competence of the athlete shall be regarded as essential.
8. All riding and training methods must take cognisance of the horse as a living entity and must not include any technique considered abusive by the FEI .
9. National Federations shall establish adequate controls to ensure that all persons and bodies under their jurisdiction respect the welfare of the horse.
10. The national and international Rules and Regulations in equestrian sport regarding the health and welfare of the horse shall be adhered to, not only during national and international events, but also in training. Competition Rules and Regulations shall be continually reviewed to ensure such welfare.

PREAMBLE

The Rules, Regulations and annexures contained in this document contain regulations with regard to the execution of events and competitions, as well as additions and modifications to some FEI Regulations, and are effective as of 1 January 2017.

As from this date all other texts covering the same matter (other editions and all other official documents) issued previously are superseded by these NAMEF Regulations.

Although this document sets out many details of equestrian events, it must be read in conjunction with the various governing publications by FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale) (e.g. Rules for Jumping events, Rules for Dressage events, Rules for Eventing, Rules for Vaulting, Statutes, General Regulations, Veterinary Regulations and the Manual for Stewarding), as well as the NAMEF Constitution.

"It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these Rules.

*If there is no rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the nearest interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in an obvious injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common-sense and fair play, thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of these Rules and of the General Regulations." **

* Extracted from the latest FEI "Rules" www.fei.org

DEFINITIONS

In these NAMEF Regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates:

- AGM:** Annual General Meeting.
- Athlete:** Any person taking part in a NAMEF event as a rider.
- Club:** Any equestrian club or stables or riding school registered as such with NAMEF.
- Competition:** Each individual class in which athletes compete at an event.
- Competitor:** Any Horse/Athlete combination.
- Discipline:** The type of equestrian competition, including but not limited to Dressage, Endurance, Equitation, Eventing, Jumping and Vaulting.
- DSA:** Dressage South Africa.
- Entrance control:** The area in which officials control the entrance to the arena at an event.
- Entry box:** The area in which event officials accept changes with regard to the starting order of athletes or horses. (German translation = Melde Stelle).
- Entry:** The written confirmation of participation in one or more competitions at an event.
- Entry level:** The lowest registered level of either the athlete or the horse and determines the level at which the combination may enter a competition without a handicap.
- Entry closing date:** The last day on which entries in respect of an event may be submitted to the Organising Committee of such event.
- Event:** A complete show, tournament or championships.
- Event Season:** The calendar year starting 1 January and ending 31 December. If an event starts in the prior calendar year and ends in the new calendar year, then the event will be counted into the new event season.
- FEI:** The FEDERATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE.
- GJ:** The Ground Jury.
- NAMEF:** The NAMIBIAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION.
- NAMEF Committee:** The persons elected at the AGM and serving as the Executive of NAMEF.
- NAMEF Sports Committee:** The committee constituted of the Vice President and delegates for Jumping, Dressage, Equitation, Eventing and Vaulting.
- Official event:** An event held under the patronage of NAMEF.
- Organising Committee:** Any group of persons which is recognised by NAMEF and held to be responsible for the management of an event.
- President of the Ground Jury (GJ):** The chief judge of a competition at an event.
- Registration:** The registration of any horse and/or athlete with NAMEF on an annual basis, against payment of a fee as per the prescribed form.
- Schedule:** An official form approved by NAMEF outlining the relevant information of an event.
- Steward:** A person appointed by the organising committee of an event to supervise the warm-up arena.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

These National Rules for the Equestrian disciplines are produced specifically to allow Organising Committees affiliated to NAMEF, as much freedom as possible in the management of their events and in the preparation of their schedules. If there is any doubt about the meaning of any of these rules they should be interpreted in the sense of providing fair conditions for all competitors. However complete the rules may be, they can never cover every eventuality. If the matter cannot be resolved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution to be adopted should lie in the principle which follows as closely as possible the spirit of the official text. In all equestrian sports the interests of the horse must be considered paramount.

1.1. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO EQUESTRIAN EVENTS IN NAMIBIA

All equestrian events organised by NAMEF, or the riding clubs affiliated to NAMEF, shall be executed in accordance with the following:

- 1.1.1. FEI Regulations as published internationally from time to time on www.fei.org;
- 1.1.2. NAMEF Regulations as contained herein;
- 1.1.3. Subsequent and additional resolutions published by NAMEF;
- 1.1.4. If NAMEF rules do not cover a particular situation, then FEI rules automatically apply;
- 1.1.5. All graded events shall be approved as such by NAMEF.

1.2. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.2.1. NAMEF Financial Year

The NAMEF financial year will commence on 1 April of each year and will cover the period until 31 March of the following year.

1.2.2. Contributions due to/from NAMEF and/or other Related Parties

All fees and/or financial contributions due to NAMEF and/or other related parties in respect of the activities and/or topics listed below, shall be considered and confirmed annually at the AGM of NAMEF, and shall be effective from the start of the new financial year on 1 April.

- 1.2.2.1. Registration of horses and athletes;
- 1.2.2.2. Penalties;
- 1.2.2.3. Lodging complaints and/or appeals;
- 1.2.2.4. Annual club registration;
- 1.2.2.5. School horse support;
- 1.2.2.6. NAMEF passports;
- 1.2.2.7. NAMEF show permits;
- 1.2.2.8. Any other recurring fees.

1.2.3. Contributions by NAMEF

Contributions by NAMEF in respect of the activities and/or topics listed below shall be considered and decided upon by the NAMEF committee, and presented to the AGM of NAMEF in its financial report:

- 1.2.3.1 Supporting Namibian athlete/s and/or teams competing abroad, provided that such participation was approved by the NAMEF committee beforehand;
- 1.2.3.2 Supporting the development of show officials;
- 1.2.3.3 Any other support that the NAMEF committee sees fit to agree to.

1.3. ALL REGISTRATIONS

1.3.1. Club Registrations

- 1.3.1.1. Affiliated clubs who wish to remain members of the National Federation shall submit **form C (annex C)**, completed in full and with the prescribed payment as approved at the AGM, during the months of April to May of each calendar year.
- 1.3.1.2. Any committee changes that occur in an affiliated Club after their AGM shall immediately be communicated to the Secretary General of NAMEF.

1.3.2. Annual Registration of Athletes

- 1.3.2.1 All registrations shall be facilitated by the NAMEF affiliated club.
- 1.3.2.2 The athlete registration **form A (annex D)** shall be completed in full and submitted to the athlete's club, together with the prescribed registration fee valid for 1 year (refer article 1.3.2.4).
- 1.3.2.3 The full athlete registration fee, as approved at the Namef AGM, is payable annually and is valid for one year (1 April to 31 March).
- 1.3.2.4 50% of the athlete registration fee, as approved at the Namef AGM, is payable if registration is received after 31 October of the current year (1 November to 31 March).
- 1.3.2.5 The NAMEF affiliated clubs shall ensure that the NAMEF secretariat receives the athlete registrations by completing **form D - Athlete summary (annex F)** in full and ensure that all details are correct, together with the prescribed registration fees.
- 1.3.2.6 New athlete registrations shall start at the lowest possible level for registration, unless a written application for a higher level is approved by NAMEF.

1.3.3 Annual Registration of Horses

- 1.3.3.1 All registrations shall be facilitated by the NAMEF affiliated club.
- 1.3.3.2 The horse registration **form A (annex D)** shall be completed in full and submitted to the owner's/athlete's club, together with the prescribed registration fee valid for 1 year (see article 1.3.3.4).
- 1.3.3.3 The full horse registration fee, as approved at the Namef AGM, is payable annually and is valid for one year (1 April to 31 March).
- 1.3.3.4 50% of the horse registration fee, as approved at the Namef AGM, is payable if registration is received after 31 October of the current year (1 November to 31 March).
- 1.3.3.5 The NAMEF affiliated clubs shall ensure that the NAMEF secretariat receives the horse registrations by completing **form E - Horse summary (annex G)** in full and ensure that all details are correct, together with the prescribed registration fees.
- 1.3.3.6 Once registration is approved, the NAMEF grading secretary shall allocate a national membership number to each registered horse. This number shall remain with the horse until it is deceased or sold out of Namibia, and is not transferable.
- 1.3.3.7 NO horse shall be allowed to compete at a national event in a graded competition if a national membership number has not been allocated.
- 1.3.3.8 On first registration (not re-registration) a horse may be graded at any level and start with 0 (zero) grading points.
- 1.3.3.9 For imported horses see article 1.12.

- 1.3.4** All horses and athletes participating at official equestrian events in graded competitions shall be registered with a NAMEF affiliated club, as well as with NAMEF itself.
- 1.3.5** All first registrations and re-registrations shall be received and approved by the NAMEF secretariat, together with the prescribed payment, on or before the official entry closing date of an event, failing which the athlete and/or horse shall not be allowed to enter the event.
- 1.3.6** Athletes from foreign National Federations shall be registered in the grade or equivalent grade in which they were registered with their last Federation. All such registrations shall be with 0 (zero) grading points.

1.4 PARTICIPATION

- 1.4.1** The "entry level" of an athlete/horse combination is the lowest registered level of either the athlete or the horse, and determines the level in which the combination may enter competitions without a handicap.
- 1.4.2** Participation in competitions other than that allowed by the current grading list OR specifically stated in a schedule, shall lead to disqualification from that competition.
- 1.4.3** A horse shall **not** start in **more than 4 (four) graded competitions** in one day. If a horse starts in more than 4 (four) competitions in one day, the horse shall be disqualified from all events participated in on that day.
- 1.4.4** During an event horses may be ridden in **different** levels with **different** athletes according to the rules, as long as the horse does not compete in more than 4 (four) competitions on one day.

1.4.5 Sport Competitor (S)

Any athlete competing in a competition one level lower than the entry-level shall be considered a "sport competitor". The athlete is responsible for marking the entry on the entry form with an '**(S)**'.

- 1.4.5.1 The entry shall also be marked with an "(S)" in the program of the event.
- 1.4.5.2 Sport competitors shall receive a handicap as follows:

1.4.5.2.1 Dressage:

- 2.5% handicap in dressage competitions.

1.4.5.2.2 Show jumping:

- 4 (four) seconds added to the final time where the competition is ridden against the clock e.g. Jump-off or speed competitions;
- 4 (four) seconds deducted from the allowed time where the competition is ridden in a time frame e.g. 'Joker Top Score' OR 'Hit and Hurry';
- 4 (four) seconds deducted from the ideal time in the final round for competitions AM7 and AM8.

1.4.5.2.3 Eventing:

- Dressage: 2,5% deducted from total dressage percentage;
- Cross Country: 3% of the optimum time added to cross country time;
- Show jumping: 4 seconds added to show jumping time.

1.4.5.3 Sport competitors shall be taken into account for the following:

- 1.4.5.3.1 Competition prizes
- 1.4.5.3.2 NAMEF awards
- 1.4.5.3.3 Namibian Championship prizes and trophies

1.4.6 Responsibility of Horse Owners/Athletes

1.4.6.1 Event entries:

- 1.4.6.1.1 The horse owners and/or athletes shall be responsible for submitting the correctly completed event entry form.
- 1.4.6.1.2 The NAMEF grading list published on or before the event closing date shall be applicable for registered levels.
- 1.4.6.1.3 The onus shall rest with the athlete/owner to check each new published grading list and to inform the Grading Secretary of any errors.

1.4.6.2 Horse passports:

- 1.4.6.2.1 It is compulsory for all competitors to hand in the horse passport(s) at the designated drop-off zone at a club BEFORE the start of the first competition of an event.
- 1.4.6.2.2 Failure to hand in a horse passport(s) OR an incomplete passport(s) shall result in 1 (one) written warning, and thereafter immediate expulsion from the entire event (Refer to FEI article 137).
- 1.4.6.2.3 **A passport must contain the following information:**
 - Horse passport number
 - Name of horse
 - Owner of horse
 - Sex and breed of horse
 - Year and country of birth of horse
 - Horse's original name (birth name)
 - Sire, Dam and Sire of Dam
 - Completed identification page of horse by veterinarian
 - Up to date vaccinations as per NAMEF article 1.16

1.4.6.3 Children and Junior supervision:

- 1.4.6.3.1 All children and junior athletes shall be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times during an event.
- 1.4.6.3.2 A child riding a stallion shall be under responsible adult supervision at all times during an event. The safety and responsibility shall remain with the responsible adult.
- 1.4.6.3.3 **The responsible adult's name shall be submitted on the event entry form.**

1.5 EVENT REGULATIONS

1.5.1 Only jumping competitions with a height of 90cm or higher shall be called a "championship".

1.5.2 It is the responsibility of the Organising Committee to ensure that the athlete/horse combinations have entered correctly, according to their grading, for all competitions at an event.

1.5.3 Drafting of the Schedule

- 1.5.3.1 The schedule shall include a separate competition for every graded level and for each type of competition. Only after the event closing date may the Organising Committee combine different levels into one competition.
- 1.5.3.2 A draft schedule in respect of a graded event shall be presented to the NAMEF Sports Committee for approval at the address of the NAMEF secretariat.
- 1.5.3.3 The schedule shall be submitted to NAMEF **at least 8 (eight) weeks** prior to the entry closing date of the event, failing which the event will not be endorsed by NAMEF.
- 1.5.3.4 **The draft schedule shall include the following:**
- Name of club organising the event
 - Dates of the event
 - Entry closing date
 - Types, and where applicable, names of competitions
 - Rules according to which each competition will be judged
 - Handicaps, where applicable, must be clearly stated
 - Special regulations and/or conditions
 - The relevant entry fees, stabling fees and first aid contribution
 - Email address to which the completed entry forms shall be forwarded
 - Designated area and time for passport control/checks
 - Preliminary time table clearly indicating which competitions will be held on each day. No times required.

1.5.4 Approval by NAMEF Sports Committee

- 1.5.4.1 Any schedule submitted to the NAMEF Secretariat, which does not comply with Article 1.5.3 shall result in loss of grading status of the event.
- 1.5.4.2 Any mistakes in the draft schedule shall be corrected by the NAMEF Sports Committee, and further advice by this committee shall be taken into consideration by the Organising Committee.
- 1.5.4.3 The final schedule shall only be published once it has been approved by the NAMEF Sports Committee.
- 1.5.4.4 An official NAMEF entry form shall be attached to the schedule for completion by competitors.
- 1.5.4.5 Once the schedule has been approved a show permit shall be issued by NAMEF secretariat. It is the responsibility of the Organising Committee to ensure that the show permit has been received.
- 1.5.4.6 A NAMEF show permit invoice shall be issued at the start of the calendar year to all affiliated clubs for payment. Refunds may be granted at the sole discretion of NAMEF for cancelled events.

1.5.5 Invitations to Show Officials

The Organising Committee shall inform NAMEF of their intention to invite foreign officials for officiating purposes at their graded event.

1.5.6 Time Schedule for Event Program

The Organising Committee shall ensure that the time table in respect of the programme of competitions is available to the public as soon as possible after the entry closing date, but no later than 1 (one) day prior to the starting date of the event.

1.5.7 Refunds

- 1.5.7.1 The entry fees, stabling fees and first aid contribution shall be refunded by the Organising Committee if the entry is cancelled or withdrawn before or on the entry closing date.
- 1.5.7.2 If an athlete cancels their entry or entries within 14 (fourteen) days prior to the starting date of the event, but after the event entry closing date, the Organising Committee may, but are not compelled to, refund the entry fee and first aid contribution. It is compulsory to refund the stabling fee.
- 1.5.7.3 If an athlete cancels their entry or entries on the starting date of the event or during the event, they shall forfeit all fees paid in advance.
- 1.5.7.4 **If a competition does not take place on the specific DAY as stated in the provisional timetable in the schedule, and an athlete cannot compete as a result of this, they shall be refunded in full for that competition.**

1.5.8 Overlapping of Competitions

- 1.5.8.1 In the event of the overlapping of competitions the Organising Committee shall arrange the starting position of an athlete (possibly with several horses) in such a manner that an impediment to participate is avoided when preparing the program of competitions.
- 1.5.8.2 The onus is on the athlete to inform him/herself and approach the Organising Committee should the scheduled starting order in different competitions overlap.
- 1.5.8.3 If a competition is started before the scheduled time and an athlete is still competing in another competition, the Ground Jury shall allocate a different starting position to the athlete, or wait until the athlete is ready.

1.5.9 Combining of Competitions

- 1.5.9.1 A dressage competition may take place with only 1 (one) athlete.
- 1.5.9.2 A jumping competition shall **not** take place with less than 3 (three) athletes, excluding Para-jumping competitions.
- 1.5.9.3 The Organising Committee may combine a maximum of 3 consecutive jumping levels from the schedule into one competition with successive handicaps.
- 1.5.9.4 In the case of articles 1.5.9.2 and 1.5.9.3 the Organising Committee shall contact all athletes who entered in the affected competitions and each athlete shall be given the option to:
 - i) Participate in either of the other 2 (two) levels, and
 - ii) Should a athlete choose the lower level the sport horse rules will apply.

1.5.10 Starting Order

- 1.5.10.1 A horse shall not be given preferential treatment by means of advantageous starting positions throughout the various competitions at an event.
- 1.5.10.2 Should an athlete have more than one horse in a competition then the athlete, at the time of entry, shall nominate in which order he/she wishes to ride his/her horses. Failing which the athlete will have to ride the competition in the starting order as in the program.

1.5.11 Prize Money

- 1.5.11.1 The number of prizes in every competition shall be calculated on the basis of one prize per 4 (four) athletes entered in the show programme, as a minimum requirement.
- 1.5.11.2 The prize money for a competition, as indicated in the Event programme, shall be allocated to the winner and runners-up of that competition, unless there are fewer athletes who completed the competition than the number of indicated prizes. In this case, the prizes not handed over shall remain with the Organising Committee .
- 1.5.11.3 The offered prizes shall not be handed over as long as there are any appeals/protests still being investigated with regard to that specific competition.

1.5.12 Absence from the Prize-giving Ceremony

- 1.5.12.1 Should an athlete fail to participate mounted at a prize-giving ceremony or final parade, which was announced in time, without having apologised officially beforehand, he/she shall not be entitled to claim the prize.
- 1.5.12.2 Where possible, this prize shall be given to the athlete who would be placed next in line. The next-placed athlete shall be determined immediately and the Organising Committee shall be informed accordingly.

1.5.13 FIRST AID during an Event

- 1.5.13.1 It is compulsory for the Organising Committee of an event to arrange for a registered, professional Para-Medic with an ECT (Emergency Care Technician) qualification, to be present at the event with personnel.
- 1.5.13.2 If there is the intention to charge the athletes a fee for the medical service, it shall be clearly stated in the schedule of an event.
- 1.5.13.3 If the Para-Medic in charge leaves the premises of an event with the ambulance/emergency vehicle, all further competitions shall be suspended until the Para-medic and vehicle have returned to the event premises.
- 1.5.13.4 In cases where an ambulance is not available the Para-Medic shall have an emergency vehicle on stand-by at the event, should it be necessary to transport a patient in a supine position to the nearest medical facility.
- 1.5.13.5 It is the responsibility of the Organising Committee to ensure that the following equipment is on hand in the emergency vehicle :
- a) Trauma board,
 - b) Neck brace
 - c) Oxygen cylinder with mask
- 1.5.13.6 The contact details of the medical service provider "on call" shall be made available in every jury box before the start of an event.
- 1.5.13.7 All Eventing events shall have a fully equipped ambulance on the premises of the event.

1.5.14 Programme of an Event

Every program of an event shall contain at least the following information:

- A list of officials
- A time table
- A list of horses participating
- The calculation method, including the competitions for consideration, for all trophies and special prizes.

1.6 GENERAL RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

- 1.6.1** Athletes shall be present on the premises of an event at least 1 (one) hour prior to commencement of a competition as published in the event programme. If an athlete wishes to scratch from a competition he/she shall inform the entrance control at least 1 (one) hour prior to commencement of that competition, failing which the Organising Committee has the right to disqualify the athlete from that competition, and/or charge a penalty fee.
- 1.6.2** The Organising Committee shall be entitled to commence with jumping competitions 1 (one) hour prior to the official time published in the event program, provided that the sequence of competitions remains unchanged.
- 1.6.3** The briefing of athletes at Eventing events is **compulsory**.
- 1.6.4** Any amendments to the official program shall be posted at the entrance control and shall be announced several times by way of the public address system at an event. The onus remains with the athletes to inform themselves accordingly.

1.7 AGE RESTRICTIONS

- 1.7.1** The relevant age restriction of athletes is based on the type of competition and the calendar year of the birthday, and not on the actual date of birth of an athlete.
- 1.7.1.1 When an athlete turns 12 (twelve) years of age, they may, as from 1st January of that year, participate in the junior classes. Likewise, when an athlete turns 14 (fourteen) years of age, they may continue to participate in the children classes until the end of the respective calendar year
- 1.7.1.2 When an athlete turns 16 (sixteen) years of age, they may, as from 1st January of that year participate in the adult classes. Likewise, when an athlete turns 18 (eighteen) years of age, they may continue to participate in the junior classes until the end of the respective calendar year.
- 1.7.2** In general the following minimum age restrictions apply to athletes wishing to participate in competitions at an event:
- Riding Ability Tests: 6 years
 - Jumping, Dressage and Equitation competitions: 8 years
 - Eventing, Arena Eventing, and Derby: 11 years
- 1.7.3 Age Groups Relative to the Type of Competitions are as follows:**
- 1.7.3.1 **Children**
 Minimum age: NAMEF article 1.7.2
 Maximum age: 14 years
- 1.7.3.2 **Junior Classes**
 Minimum age: 12 years
 Maximum age: 18 years
- 1.7.3.3 **Adult Classes**
 Minimum age: 16 years
 Maximum age: retired
- 1.7.4** An athlete shall NOT change between age groups in a specific discipline for the entire duration of an event.
- 1.7.5** Athletes may change between age groups between the different disciplines at an event, e.g. junior classes in dressage and children classes in equitation.

1.8 RIDING "HORS CONCOURS" (Out of competition)

- 1.8.1** Riding "out of competition" shall be allowed at all events, provided that the conditions listed in NAMEF article 1.8 are adhered to.
- 1.8.2** An athlete wishing to participate "out of competition" in a level not applicable to the grading rules, may, until entry closing date, enter officially. The athlete shall remain in that specific level and shall continue to participate "out of competition" for the entire duration of the event. This must be clearly indicated on the entry form.
- 1.8.2.1 The horse shall not be ridden by other athletes "in competition".
- 1.8.2.2 The athlete may ride other horses "in competition", as long as the participation is according to the rules.
- 1.8.3** The entry forms shall be duly submitted to the Organising Committee as with all other entries.
- 1.8.4** "Out of competition" entries shall not be taken into consideration with regard to grading points and prize money.
- 1.8.5** "Out of competition" athletes shall start after the last "in competition" athlete in a competition.
- 1.8.6** During an event a horse may, subject to approval by the Organising Committee and/or ground jury (GJ), participate in a lower level "out of competition", provided the horse is **withdrawn** from other competitions entered on that **same day**.

1.9 SCHOOL HORSE MODULE

- 1.9.1** In order to promote competitive horse riding, the school horse module is financially supported by NAMEF at official events.
- 1.9.2 Definition of School Horse Module**
- 1.9.2.1 The horse shall be ridden by a beginner athlete in the lowest graded competition.
- 1.9.2.2 The horse shall be utilised for riding lessons by at least two athletes per week. NAMEF may request proof of lesson plans.
- 1.9.2.3 Stallions are not defined as school horses.
- 1.9.3 Participation in Competitions**
- 1.9.3.1 Level-P dressage and level-70cm jumping competitions are designated for beginners. Athletes and horses must be registered with NAMEF.
- 1.9.3.2 Only in these competitions are horses allowed to be ridden by more than one athlete. Each start counts as one competition and the horse may not start in more than **4 competitions during** one day.
If a horse is ridden by more than 1 (one) athlete, grading points will be allocated to the horse for the first participation only. All athletes will be graded according to the general grading rules.
- 1.9.3.3 If a horse is graded level-P and/or level-70cm and is ridden in such a competition by only 1 (one) athlete, the horse will be graded according to the rules.
- 1.9.3.4 In Eventing, only **one entry** per horse is permitted

1.9.4 Financial Assistance in Respect of School Horse Module

- 1.9.4.1 NAMEF will grant financial assistance, subject to the following conditions.
- 1.9.4.2 Financial support is granted only in respect of official equestrian events, provided that:
- 1.9.4.2.1 the horse is ridden at least once by a second athlete during the event;
 - 1.9.4.2.2 the horse is ridden by a beginner athlete in the lowest graded competition level;
 - 1.9.4.2.3 in jumping competitions the athlete must complete the course;
 - 1.9.4.2.4 in dressage tests the athlete must achieve at least 50% of the total points;
 - 1.9.4.2.5 in Eventing the competition must be completed;
 - 1.9.4.2.6 in Equitation, the flatwork and jumping sections must be completed.

1.9.5 Financial support shall only be payable to clubs or instructors who are registered with NAMEF as the users of such school horses.

1.9.6 The application for financial support, endorsed by a committee member of the club, or in the case of an application by an instructor, by said instructor, shall be forwarded by the applicant to the NAMEF treasurer within 2 (two) weeks after the event. Late applications shall not be considered for financial assistance.

1.9.7 A signed **declaration by judges** or the Organising Committee of the respective event shall accompany the application for financial support, thereby confirming events participated in and the results thereof, either in respect of a specific competition or in respect of an entire event.

1.9.8 Financial support in respect of a school horse as determined by NAMEF beforehand is payable every time said school horse completes a competition, even if ridden by more than 1 (one) athlete, provided the conditions as set out in article 1.9.4 hereof are complied with.

1.9.9 No additional registration for school horses is applicable. These horses are registered under the general rules for registration.

1.10 DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

Refer to these rules:

- FEI 256 (Show jumping)
- FEI 427 (Dressage)
- FEI 538 (Eventing)

1.10.1 Alternative Clothing

The Organising Committee and/or the ground jury (GJ) may allow athletes to compete in NAMEF accepted and approved club polo shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

1.11 NAMIBIAN ATHLETES PARTICIPATING ABROAD

1.11.1 Namibian athletes intending to participate at International events outside the Namibian borders have to inform the NAMEF Secretariat accordingly, and the invitation in respect of their participation shall be endorsed by the NAMEF Secretariat.

- 1.11.2** The application for a sports visa has to be submitted to the Namibian Sport Commission at least 30 days prior to departure and is subject to an endorsement by NAMEF as per the Namibian Sport Commission Act Section 33(2) regulation 15.
- 1.11.3** Non compliance with articles 1.11.1 & 1.11.2 will result in disciplinary action by NAMEF.
- 1.11.4** The onus rests with the athlete to inform NAMEF, in writing, of the results of the relevant competitions in order to earn grading points. Proof of the results shall be submitted to the grading secretary of NAMEF.
- 1.11.5 Chef'd Equipe:** See FEI 120

1.12 GUEST ATHLETES & HORSES FROM ABROAD PARTICIPATING IN NAMIBIA

- 1.12.1** Guest athletes from other countries affiliated to the FEI may participate in Namibia subject to the following conditions:
- 1.12.2** They shall become a member of a NAMEF-registered equestrian club, as well as with NAMEF itself **after competing at 1 event, OR if on an invitational basis between National Federations the following will apply:-**
- 1.12.3** They shall present a certificate from their registered National Federation, certifying that the applicant is a fully subscribed member of that National Federation.
- 1.12.4** A letter from the last registered Federation has to be presented, confirming membership of the athlete, level of riding and the Federation's membership of FEI.
- 1.12.5** Proof of grading of the horse with the last Federation has to be submitted, together with the relevant registration documents. The horse must have a valid passport from an FEI affiliated National Federation.
- 1.12.6** These documents shall be submitted to the Organising Committee before or on entry closing date. The Organising Committee shall submit a copy of these documents to NAMEF within one week after entry closing date.
- 1.12.7** On receipt of the above mentioned documentation the NAMEF committee shall grant permission to the applicant to participate in Namibia.
- 1.12.8 NAMEF Contributions to Teams from Abroad**
Invited teams from abroad may receive a financial contribution as determined by the NAMEF committee, provided such teams intend to officially represent their country as a National Team. This intention must be confirmed by their respective National Federation in writing and approved by NAMEF. e.g. in order to organise a Nations Cup or similar, if appropriate.
- 1.12.9 Imported Horses**
Horses imported with the intention to participate in official events shall register with NAMEF at least on or before the entry closing date of an event. Such horses shall be registered in the grade or equivalent at which they were registered with their last Federation. Proof of grading from the last Federation has to be submitted together with the relevant registration documents.
- 1.12.10** Horses imported from Southern Africa shall be graded according to their grade attained in Namibia. For every imported horse a respective certificate (horse passport/ letter from respective grading secretary) shall be presented to the NAMEF grading secretary.

1.13 NAMIBIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

(To be read in conjunction with articles for Jumping, Dressage, Eventing and Equitation respectively)

- 1.13.1** The Namibian Championships shall be held annually and shall be hosted towards the end of the show season.
- 1.13.2** Any registered club may apply to NAMEF not later than 4 (four) weeks prior to the AGM to stage the championships the following year. The application shall be accompanied by a concept with regard to sponsorship, prize money and a general framework of the event.
- 1.13.3** At a meeting prior to the AGM the NAMEF executive will decide who will stage the Namibian Championships.
- 1.13.4** The Namibian Championships may be staged during a regular equestrian event or it may be a separate event. The show jumping and dressage championships may be hosted at one or separate events organised by either 1 (one) club or by 2 (two) different clubs.
- 1.13.5** The schedule for the Namibian Championships must be drawn up in close co-operation with NAMEF. Each category shall be held as stipulated by NAMEF. The championship shall only take place if there are a minimum of 2 (two) athletes participating in the first competition.
- 1.13.6** The arena shall be in an excellent condition and the warm-up arena shall be in a good condition.
- 1.13.7** There shall be a winner (Namibian champion) and a runner-up (Reserve champion) in each category. NAMEF shall annually supply championship medals or rosettes for the Namibian Championships in each category. Floating trophies are donated by NAMEF.
- 1.13.8** The Namibian Championship title shall only be awarded to athletes in possession of NAMIBIAN permanent residence or NAMIBIAN citizenship.
- 1.13.9** A Veterinary horse inspection is compulsory for all competing horses before the first competition of a championship. Refer to article 1.16. Following the veterinary inspection a list of horses shall be displayed at the entry box and jury box before the start of the competition, indicating whether the horses have passed or failed,.
- 1.13.10** The announcement of the Ground Jury members is compulsory before the start of an event and shall be published in the programme. Any changes shall be approved by NAMEF.
- 1.13.11** Any athlete taking part in the Namibian Championships under the "Sport" status ("S") is eligible for the Namibian Championship award.
- 1.13.12** Under no circumstances, and under penalty of disqualification, shall any horse take part in any class at a National Championship, which has been under saddle by anyone other than the entered athlete or athletes (in the event of more than one athlete or substitution), from the first competition of the event until completion of the last class in which that horse is entered.

1.14 NAMEF AWARDS

Any athlete participating under the "Sport" status ("S") will be eligible for the annual NAMEF awards.

1.14.1 General

1.14.1.1 Children

From level-N in dressage and level-80cm in jumping, athletes/horses are eligible for awards

1.14.1.2 Juniors

From level-N in dressage and level-1.00m in jumping, athletes/horses are eligible for awards

1.14.1.3 Adults

From level-N in dressage and Level-1.10m in jumping, athletes/horses are eligible for awards

1.14.1.4 From level-N **Dressage** competitions and higher, the athlete/horse shall be scored according to the table under article 1.14.6

1.14.1.5 In **Jumping competitions** the athlete/horse shall be scored according to the table under article 1.14.6

1.14.1.6 In **Equitation Competitions** the athlete shall have completed part 3 (change of horse) and be placed.

1.14.2 Most Successful Athlete of the Event Season

For the assessment of this prize, all events and competitions participated in by a athlete for one event season is taken into account, subject to the limitations of article 1.14.1. For "Event Season" see definitions.

1.14.3 Qualification Requirements for Top-Ten Competitions

For the assessment of the qualification for such a discipline, all events and competitions participated in by an athlete during the event season, is taken into account.

1.14.4 Trophies for an Event

It shall be specified in the event program which competitions count for the respective trophies.

1.14.5 Returning of NAMEF Floating Trophies

1.14.5.1 On acceptance of a floating trophy the winner is obliged to return same undamaged, cleaned, engraved and unbidden to the Organising Committee, prior to the commencement of the next event at which this trophy is awarded. The Organising Committee is obliged to ensure that the floating trophy is available at the next event.

1.14.5.2 If a floating trophy is not returned as stipulated in article 1.14.5.1, the holder shall be obliged to pay a fine as determined by the owner of the trophy. Thereafter, the floating trophy shall be presented to the new winner as soon as possible after the event.

1.14.5.3 If an athlete has successfully won a Namibian Championship trophy or a NAMEF award trophy for 4 (four) consecutive years, the Federation will award such a competitor with a replacement trophy to keep.

1.14.5.4 All trophies must be handed over by the assigned jury in charge of the discipline or sponsor of the trophy.

1.14.6 Table for Rating "Most Successful Athlete"– refer to rules in scoring table

Number of participants	Placing					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
2	7	5				
3	7	5	4			
4	7	5	4	3		
5	7	5	4	3	2	
6	7	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	6	5	4	3	2
8	8	6	5	4	3	2
9	8	6	5	4	3	2
10	8	6	5	4	3	2
11	8	6	5	4	3	2
12	8	6	5	4	3	2
13	9	7	6	5	4	3
14	9	7	6	5	4	3
15	9	7	6	5	4	3
16	9	7	6	5	4	3
17	9	7	6	5	4	3
18	9	7	6	5	4	3
19 and more	10	8	7	6	5	4

Bonus points in respect of increased level of standard:

- **Jumping:**
 - 1(one) point: children – 90cm, juniors – 110cm, adults – 120cm
 - 2(two) points: children – 100cm, juniors – 120cm, adults – 130cm or higher
- **Dressage:**
 - 1(one) point: E and E/M tests
 - 2(two) points: M tests and higher

1.15 LEGAL SYSTEM

1.15.1 Preamble

The legal system provides a mechanism through which a protest may be lodged or an appeal may be noted, inter alia:

- 1.15.1.1 The legal powers and responsibilities of officials and bodies appointed under the National Rules & Regulations.
- 1.15.1.2 A scale of penalties.
- 1.15.1.3 A procedure for lodging protests against actions or behavior of individuals or bodies under the jurisdiction of NAMEF.
- 1.15.1.4 The Constitution of the Namibian Equestrian Federation (NAMEF) shall not be affected by the under mentioned rules.
- 1.15.1.5 The disciplinary rules shall be read in conjunction with the FEI framework rules.

1.15.2 Ground Jury (GJ): Duties

The Ground Jury shall consist of a President of the GJ and a number of Judges from the relevant categories of judges. The GJ is responsible for the technical judging of all competitions.

- 1.15.2.1 Members of the GJ shall immediately take action regarding matters pertaining to wrong decisions or witnessing offences by NAMEF members, by endeavouring to resolve the matter on the basis of the relevant NAMEF or FEI regulations. Formal protests shall not be resolved or settled by means of discussions and/or negotiations.
- 1.15.2.2 The Ground Jury (GJ) shall be available throughout the event
- 1.15.2.3 All protests involving Veterinarian matters shall be dealt with in the presence of the Veterinarian delegate at the event, together with the Ground Jury.
- 1.15.2.4 The GJ may impose the following penalties and sanctions:-
 - **A warning**
 - **A fine as determined by the National Federation**
 - **Elimination or disqualification of athlete/horse from a competition or from the event**
 - **A Yellow Card (ref article 1.15.10)**
- 1.15.2.5 Decisions may be delivered orally or in writing to the parties concerned. Cases involving penalties shall be recorded and forwarded to the Secretary General of the Federation.
- 1.15.2.6 There shall be no **appeal** against a decision taken by the Ground jury (GJ) **during** a competition. (ref FEI articles 159.6.1 – 159.7.4)
- 1.15.2.7 **Only after a competition is finalised shall an appeal be entertained. The appeal has to reach the GJ within 1 (one) hour after the completion of the competition.**

1.15.3 Appeal Committee: Duties

- 1.15.3.1 An Appeal Committee shall be appointed by a NAMEF representative, in conjunction with the Organising Committee, once an appeal has been lodged. Only competent and unbiased persons shall be nominated to investigate the appeal.
- 1.15.3.2 An Appeal Committee has the authority to decide on the following matters:
 - 1.15.3.2.1 Appeals against the decisions of the GJ;
 - 1.15.3.2.2 Protests addressed to the appeal committee or referred to it by the GJ;
 - 1.15.3.2.3 All matters which are beyond the jurisdiction of the GJ;
 - 1.15.3.2.4 Reports of Passport irregularities in accordance with NAMEF articles 1.4.6.2.1 - 1.4.6.2.2;
 - 1.15.3.2.5 The Appeal Committee may impose the fines referred to in article 1.15.2.4
 - 1.15.3.2.6 Decisions by the Appeal Committee on appeals pertaining to decisions by the GJ shall always be final and binding.

1.15.4 Protests

- 1.15.4.1 Officials shall immediately take action regarding matters pertaining to wrong decisions or witnessing offences by NAMEF members, by endeavouring to resolve the matter on the basis of the

relevant NAMEF or FEI regulations. Formal protests shall not be resolved or settled by means of discussions and/or negotiations.

- 1.15.4.2 A protest may be lodged against an individual or bodies for failure to observe the NAMEF and/or FEI Statutes, General Regulations or Sport Rules.
- 1.15.4.3 All protests shall be delivered in writing, signed by the President of the Ground Jury, within 1 (one) hour of the alleged incident, together with supporting evidence and proof of payment. (ref to article 1.15.8)
- 1.15.4.4 Protests regarding matters which have not occurred during or in direct connection with a NAMEF graded event and which were not known until after the end of the event, shall be lodged with the National Federation Secretary General within 14 (fourteen) days after the end of the relevant event, together with proof of payment. (ref to article 1.15.8)
- 1.15.4.5 Any person lodging a protest shall, if and where possible, secure witnesses to the incident and any other form of evidence, and submit it to the relevant body before the protest is lodged.
- 1.15.4.6 Protests to the Ground Jury or the Appeal Committee shall be presented within the applicable time limit to the President of the Ground Jury or the President of the Appeal Committee, together with the applicable/prescribed deposit. (ref to article 1.15.8)
- 1.15.4.7 Protests to the National Federation shall be sent to the Secretary General within the applicable time limit, together with proof of payment of the prescribed deposit.

1.15.5 Reports

The President (Chief Judge) of the Ground Jury of each discipline is required to send reports to the NAMEF Secretary General at the conclusion of an event. Matters giving rise to protests and appeals must be included in such reports.

1.15.6 Appeals

- 1.15.6.1 For international events the Appeal Committee shall be appointed by NAMEF in conjunction with the Organising Committee prior to the event.
- 1.15.6.2 An appeal regarding decisions taken/sanctions imposed during an event must be submitted to the Ground Jury in writing (no verbal objections will be accepted) within 1 (one) hour of the announcement of the sanction(s)/decisions, together with the prescribed deposit (ref article 1.15.8). The deposit shall be refundable if the appeal is successful.
- 1.15.6.3 The decisions taken by the appointed Ground Jury in respect of a violation under Article 1.15.6.2 hereof shall be final, except in cases where the participation of an owner, an athlete or a horse is being suspended for longer than the current event, in which case the matter shall be referred to the NAMEF Executive Committee.
- 1.15.6.4 An appeal against sanctions outside of events (e.g. failure to meet a deadline) shall be submitted in writing to the NAMEF Secretary General within 4 (four) weeks/30 (thirty) days after notification of said sanctions and accompanied by a deposit as determined by NAMEF. Thereafter the appeal shall be considered and deliberated by the NAMEF committee. The deposit shall be refundable if the appeal is successful.
- 1.15.6.5 An appeal against a decision in accordance with NAMEF articles 1.15.6.2 and 1.15.7.2 may be submitted in writing to the NAMEF Secretary General within 4 (four) weeks after notification of the decision, together with a deposit as determined by NAMEF. The deposit shall be refundable if the appeal is successful.

- 1.15.6.6 The appeal shall be heard and deliberated at an extraordinary meeting of the NAMEF Committee.

1.15.7 Suspension

- 1.15.7.1 Failure to pay any monies due to NAMEF, or to a club affiliated to NAMEF (e.g. **Entry fees**), will result in the imposition of a suspension to participate in respect of all events as follows:
- 1.15.7.1.1 In respect of a horse owner: against all of his/her horses;
- 1.15.7.1.2 In respect of an athlete, against all of his/her horses;
- 1.15.7.2 The decision by the NAMEF executive committee in respect of matters referred to it as provided under article 1.15.3 shall be final, except in matters where the owner, athlete or horse(s) are suspended from participation in equestrian competitions.

1.15.8 Deposits

- 1.15.8.1 Protests and appeals to the Ground Jury or the Appeal Committee shall be accompanied by a deposit, payable to the National Federation, for the amount determined annually by the National Federation at the AGM.
- 1.15.8.2 No deposit is required for reporting horse abuse of any nature.
- 1.15.8.3 The payment of the deposit is a pre-requisite to establishing the jurisdiction of the applicable body.

1.15.9 Penalties

Ref to FEI article 169

1.15.10 Yellow Card

Refer to FEI 169.7 (General),
 FEI 527 (Eventing)
 FEI 242 (Show jumping)
 FEI 169.7 (Dressage)

- 1.15.10.1 The yellow card is an essential tool in every sports organisation which facilitates a high standard of sportsmanship and the fluent flow of the organisation. In the first instance it should be accepted as a **warning**.
- 1.15.10.2 Yellow cards are supplied by NAMEF to officials, who shall acknowledge receipt of the yellow card. The cards may be presented by the officials during a NAMEF endorsed event.
- 1.15.10.2.1 The first yellow card serves as a warning.
- 1.15.10.2.2 The second yellow card served within twelve months shall result in a suspension for six consecutive NAMEF endorsed events.
- 1.15.10.2.3 The presentation of a yellow card is final and no disciplinary hearing may be demanded.
- 1.15.10.3 Duty of person presenting a yellow card:
- 1.15.10.4 Report the name, address and telephone no. of recipient, reason for presenting the card, and date and time, in writing to the grading secretary and the NAMEF sports committee.
- 1.15.10.5 The grading secretary shall keep the records updated and ensure that the correct entries appear on the published grading list.
- 1.15.10.6 A list of all persons who received a yellow card may be published on the NAMEF website. In this case the grading secretary shall be responsible for updating the list regularly.
- 1.15.10.7 **Appeal against yellow card**

- 1.15.10.7.1 The recipient of a yellow card has the right to appeal in writing to the Organising Committee within 1 hour after receipt of the yellow card, together with a deposit fee. (ref article 1.15.8.)
- 1.15.10.7.2 In such case the show organizer, together with all parties involved plus at least one NAMEF representative, must solve the issue.
- 1.15.10.7.3 The outcome of the appeal committee shall be final.

1.15.11 Abuse of horse

Refer to FEI 142 (General)
 FEI 243 (Jumping)
 FEI 526 (Eventing)
 FEI 440 (Dressage)

1.16 VETERINARY MATTERS

- 1.16.1** The Organising Committee shall appoint a Treating Veterinarian at all official events to be available for any emergency treatment during the event.
- 1.16.2** It is compulsory for all Organising Committees, when hosting FEI events, to give preference to Namibian FEI officials and veterinarians on invitation, before inviting officials or veterinarians from other Federations.
- 1.16.3** Any veterinary treatment or medication administered or applied to a horse within 10 (ten) days preceding an event shall be reported to the President of the GJ, in writing on the prescribed form (Annex B), before the commencement of the event.
- 1.16.4** The President of the GJ shall decide, in consultation with the Treating Veterinarian, whether the horse shall be allowed to compete at the event. The Ground Jury's decision shall be final and irrevocable.
- 1.16.5** The President of the GJ shall be informed in writing (Annex B) about the use of acupuncture or any other form of alternative therapy on a horse during the period of an event. Acupuncture that involves the administration of a local anaesthetic or other injectable substances is expressly forbidden.
- 1.16.6** Any horse that recovers from illness or injury immediately prior to, or during an event, shall be reported to the President of the GJ. The GJ shall decide, in consultation with the Treating Veterinarian, whether the horse may compete or continue to compete in the event.
- 1.16.7** The Veterinarian shall advise the GJ if there are any horse welfare or safety concerns about any aspect of the event which are unacceptable, and shall make appropriate recommendations.
- 1.16.8** The control of prohibited substances is ruled by the FEI Veterinary Regulations.
- 1.16.9 Veterinary Horse Inspection**
 Where a veterinary horse inspection is compulsory (e.g. Namibian Championships), or is prescribed in the schedule of events, the costs involved shall be borne by the Organising Committee. The costs may be included in the entry fee.

1.16.10 Doping Control

1.16.10.1 All costs involved in any doping control during an official event prescribed by the Federation, or agreed to by the organiser of an event and the Federation, will be borne by Federation.

1.16.10.2 Should a test prove positive, the person responsible for the horse is liable to refund the Federation for the costs of the doping test.

1.16.11 Prohibited Substances

1.16.11.1 The use of any substance or method which is (or which potentially is) harmful to the horse`s health or enhancing to its performance is forbidden. The precise rules concerning prohibited substances and medication control are laid down in the FEI Veterinary Regulations ref www.fei.org/fei/cleansport

1.16.11.2 Any horse found to have a prohibited substance in any of its tissues at an event as the result of a Medication test, is automatically disqualified from the event, together with the athlete, and the classification adjusted accordingly, unless the GJ has authorised, in writing, the horse to participate or continue to participate in the event under such circumstances.

1.16.12 Equine Influenza Vaccination

1.16.12.1 All vaccines shall be administered by a Veterinarian and shall be recorded in the horse passport, including vaccination date, vaccine name, batch number and veterinarian's signature.

1.16.12.2 In any NAMEF event all horses shall adhere to the manufacturer's recommendations of the Equine Influenza vaccination.

1.16.12.3 Equine Influenza vaccinations are to be administered as follows:

Table 1: Summary of **NAMEF** Equine Influenza vaccination **requirements:**

Vaccination	Protocol	Eligibility to compete
Primary Course	1st vaccination: day 0 (e.g. 1 January) 2nd vaccination: day 21-92 (e.g. 1 February)	May compete 7 days after the 1st vaccination.
First Booster	Within 7 months of the 2nd vaccination of the primary course (e.g. 1 August)	May compete for 6 months +21 days after the 2nd vaccination of the primary course. Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination.
Boosters	MINIMUM: within one year of previous booster vaccination. (Annual booster).	Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination.

Table 2: Summary of **FEI** Equine Influenza vaccination **requirements** for horses competing in FEI events:

Vaccination	Protocol	Eligibility to Compete
Primary Course	1st vaccination: day 0 (e.g. 1 January). 2nd vaccination: day 21-92 (e.g. 1 February).	May compete 7 days after the <u>2nd vaccination</u>.
First Booster	Within 7 months of the 2nd vaccination of the primary course (e.g. 1 August)	May compete for 6 months +21 days after the 2nd vaccination of the primary course. Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination.
Boosters	MINIMUM: within one year of previous booster vaccination. COMPETING: must be within 6 months +21 days before arrival at the event.	Must have been vaccinated within the 6 months +21 days before arriving at the event. Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination.

1.16.13 African HORSESICKNESS (AHS) Vaccination

- 1.16.13.1 Any horse competing at any official event shall be vaccinated against AHS annually.
- 1.16.13.2 All vaccines shall be administered by a Veterinarian and shall be recorded in the horse passport, including vaccination date, vaccine name, batch number and veterinarian's signature.
- 1.16.13.3 The recommendation of the Veterinary Association of Namibia pertaining to the best vaccination period for AHS shall be followed.

1.16.14 Prohibited Substances - Athletes

- 1.16.14.1 Athletes may not participate in any competition while under the influence of any prohibited substance.
- 1.16.14.2 The GJ, after consultation with a responsible medical officer, may at any time exclude from further participation in the competition and/or event any athlete who is unfit to continue by reason of serious or potentially serious injury or health condition.
- 1.16.14.3 Athletes are strongly cautioned against the use of Cannabis and / or alcohol prior to or for the duration of a competition. It is recognised that the use of such, and similar substances, may impair judgment and coordination with attendant risks to other athletes, officials and spectators.

1.17 PROTECTION OF ATHLETES AND HORSES

REF to FEI GR article **140** Protection of athlete

REF to FEI GR article **141** Protection of horse

REF to FEI GR article **142** Abuse of horse

2. RULES FOR SHOWJUMPING

2.1 GENERAL RULES FOR JUMPING COMPETITIONS

The Ground Jury for a graded event shall consist of:

- i) 2 (two) judges, of which one should be a NAMEF level 2 (or higher) judge from the NAMEF judges list, or higher qualified judges from elsewhere;
- ii) 1 (one) steward

2.2 ARENA REGULATIONS

Refer to FEI jumping rules, article 201.

- 2.2.1 In beginners and level-70cm jumping competitions the Organising Committee and/or ground jury may allow a mounted inspection of the course.
- 2.2.2 In respect of all other jumping competitions the athletes shall only enter the competition arena on foot for the purpose of official course inspection.
- 2.2.3 The GJ may permit an additional course inspection by the athletes (e.g. before a second round).

2.3. WARM-UP ARENA (SCHOOLING ARENA)

Refer to FEI jumping rules, articles 201 and 202

- 2.3.1 **Wherever possible** the warm-up arena shall consist of 2 (two) separate fenced off areas but not necessarily situated next to each other:
 - 2.3.1.1 An area where all horses and athletes can warm up, irrespective of starting order and competition, called the "Exercising Area". In this area no practice jumps shall be provided;
 - 2.3.1.2 An area where only the next 6 (six) participants in the starting order as indicated in the official event program of events may exercise and jump the practice jumps provided, called the "Warm-up jumping area".
The safety of athletes and horses and the prevention of accidents are the reasons behind this recommendation
 - 2.3.1.3 The area described under article 2.3.1.2 hereof shall be strictly controlled by the steward referred to in article 2.3.7 hereof.
- 2.3.2 **FEI article 256 1.4** is amended to read as follows in respect of all events staged in Namibia:
 - 2.3.2.1 **Wearing a hard hat is compulsory for anyone jumping a horse**, including members of the armed services, police, and gendarmerie, members of military and national studs.
 - 2.3.2.2 When mounted, protective headgear secured by a three point retention harness, is compulsory for juniors and children and is recommended for all athletes.
 - 2.3.2.3 When mounted only shoes or boots with heels are permitted.

2.3.2.4 The stirrup iron and the stirrup leather shall hang freely from the saddle bar. There may be no restrictions or attachments of any kind. (ref FEI article 257 2.1).

2.3.3 The Organising Committee or course designer shall make provision for one upright obstacle and one spread obstacle in the "Warm-up jumping area", from which the athletes shall enter the competition arena. The obstacles shall be orderly flagged and may only be jumped from one side, as indicated by the flags.

2.3.4 The construction of the jumps shall be in accordance with the standard prescribed to the respective class. The measurements (height and spread) may not exceed the prescribed standard of the competition in progress by more than 10 (ten) cm in height and width.

2.3.5 The construction of obstacles shall be in accordance with the Regulations in the FEI "Manual for Stewarding".

2.3.6 Offences in the Warm-Up Arena

At the discretion of the Organising Committee or the ground jury, an athlete may incur up to the maximum penalty if found guilty in respect of any of the following offences:

- 2.3.6.1 Rapping of any kind - no part of any jump may be held by any person;
- 2.3.6.2 Riding purposefully into an obstacle;
- 2.3.6.3 Jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction;
- 2.3.6.4 Intentionally overstraining a horse by jumping the practice obstacle(s) in the "Warming-up Jumping Area" excessively;
- 2.3.6.5 Utilization of inappropriately severe bits and painful or unnecessary "pulling in the mouth";
- 2.3.6.6 Utilisation of spurs that are inappropriately severe; whips exceeding the permitted length of 75 (seventy five) cm from top to end and any other equipment that is generally not permitted;
- 2.3.6.7 Punishing a horse excessively, e.g. using the spurs until the horse is bleeding; beating or hitting the horse with the whip on the neck or its head, etc;
- 2.3.6.8 Reckless behaviour of athletes or other persons towards athletes or other persons;
- 2.3.6.9 Jumping without a hard hat, riding boots or riding bootlets or proper footwear with heels;
- 2.3.6.10 Raising the measurements of the practice jumps to beyond the standard of the course to be jumped.(ref article 2.3.4)
- 2.3.6.11 Behaving in such a manner that a smooth execution of a competition is impeded.
- 2.3.6.12 Articles 2.3.6.1 to 2.3.6.11 are also applicable in the jumping arena.

2.3.7 Supervision in the Warm-Up Arena

- 2.3.7.1 For the purpose of supervision, the Organising Committee shall appoint a steward, at the entrance control, to control the "exercising and jumping areas" and the athletes within these areas. Stewards shall preferably be appointed from amongst the GJ candidates on the relevant NAMEF list.
- 2.3.7.2 The stewards supervising the entrance control shall enforce compliance with the rules as set out in articles 2.3.1. to 2.3.6. and 2.3.7.3. hereof.
- 2.3.7.3 Every athlete is obliged to report any offence, especially if the offender does not heed a warning for any infringement.

2.4 SADDLERY

Refer FEI jump rules, article 257

2.5 PARTICIPATION

2.5.1 Children, juniors and adults shall compete together in one competition.

2.5.2 Each athlete and each horse has a registered level. The lowest registered level of either the athlete or the horse determines the "entry level" in which the combination may enter.

2.5.3 For a graded event, unless otherwise stated in the schedule, athletes are allowed to enter as follows:

Option 1: the "entry level" of the athlete; OR

Option 2: **any** level higher than the "entry level" level; OR

Option 3: one grade lower than the "entry level" of the athlete

2.5.3.1 The athlete may **enter** in different levels on the schedule entry form before an event.

2.5.3.2 Changing levels **during** an event from one jumping level to another is generally allowed according to the following rules:

i) Another competition is cancelled on the same day.

ii) The change is allowed according to option 1, 2 or 3.

2.5.3.3 All changes in entry levels during an event must be confirmed with the officials at the entry box, 1 (one) hour prior to the starting time as per the event programme.

2.5.4 Sport Competitor

See NAMEF article 1.4.5

2.5.5 Derby Type Competitions

These types of competitions are NOT allowed for levels lower than 90cm. **70cm & 80cm** competitors wishing to compete in a derby type competition at an event shall compete in at least the 90 cm class for the **entire event**.

2.5.6 Open Class (1.20m / 1.30m / 1.40m):

- Athletes entered in the Open Class shall be listed in the programme according to their entry level. However, following the course inspection for each competition, athletes may select at which level they will compete.
- The starting order for each competition shall be taken into consideration.
- This is considered one class, therefore the 'sport competitor' rule is not applicable.
- Horses and athletes will only be awarded grading points if riding at their registered level or higher.

2.6 GRADING

2.6.1 Grading of Jumping Competitions

2.6.1.1 The following jumping competition, with courses built according to the standard of that competition, shall be graded:

2.6.1.2 Competitions with 1 (one) round only:

NAMEF 2.7.1.2	- AM8 (faults and ideal time)
NAMEF 2.7.5	- Combined competitions (Precision & Speed, Speed & Precision) The first 6 jumps AND the following 6 jumps are seen as one round.
NAMEF 2.7.15	- Drumming Competition
FEI 238 1.1.2.1	- Table A (AM 1, AM 2) (one round faults & fastest time)
FEI 239	- Table C (one round, faults into time)
FEI 263	- Hunting competition (Table C, faults into time)
FEI 271	- Take your own line (Faults & fastest time)
FEI 274	- Competition in two phases (Clear on first 8 continues to finish) The first 8 jumps AND the following jumps (jump-off) are seen as 1 round

2.6.1.3 Competitions with 1 (one) or more rounds:

NAMEF 2.7.1.1	- AM 7
NAMEF 2.7.12	- Accumulators
FEI 238 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3	- Table A – (AM3, 4, 5 and 6)
FEI 269	- Accumulators
FEI 273	- Competition over 2 rounds
FEI 275	- Competition in Group with winning round
FEI 276	- Competition with two rounds and winning round
FEI 277	- Derby
FEI 278	- Competition over Combinations

2.6.1.4 Subject to the provisions in articles **2.5.3.1. and 2.5.3.2** a maximum of **1 (one) grading point** per competition shall be awarded.

2.6.1.5 **Definitions:**

2.6.1.5.1 ROUND: The completion of a prescribed number of obstacles from start to finish.

2.6.1.5.2 PENALTIES: A knock down (FEI 217), disobedience (FEI 219) or time penalties are defined as penalties (FEI 216).

2.6.2 Athletes and horses are graded into level of performance.

2.6.3 When an **athlete** competes successfully in a competition scheduled in their level OR higher, then the athlete is awarded a grading point **in their registered level. Successful means a clear round.**

- 2.6.4** When a **horse** competes successfully in a competition scheduled in its level OR higher, then the horse is awarded a grading point **in its registered level**. **Successful means a clear round.**
- 2.6.5** Athletes and horses competing **in their registered level** during an event shall be awarded grading points achieved in the respective level. Any points achieved in the next higher level during the event shall only be awarded at that level once maximum points are reached (ref article 2.6.11) in the registered level.
- 2.6.6** Athletes and horses competing **in any levels higher than their registered level** during an event shall be awarded grading points achieved in their registered level. Any points achieved in the next higher level during the event shall only be awarded once maximum points are reached (ref article 2.6.11) in the registered level.
- 2.6.7** Athletes and horses competing in 1 **(one) level lower** than the registered level during an event shall receive no grading points in the registered level.
- 2.6.8** A competition shall be graded according to article 2.6.1, unless the ground jury of a competition have decided NOT to grade such a competition for whatsoever reason. The reason shall be clearly announced and written on the official score sheet.
- 2.6.9** From jumping level-70cm all competitions are graded, except competitions specified otherwise in the schedule.
- 2.6.10** No additional grading points are awarded for places.
- 2.6.11** Once the maximum points **(currently 20 points)** are reached in a level the athlete and/or horse shall advance to the next level.
- 2.6.12** No grading points shall be awarded for competitions held on qualification OR invitation only.
- 2.6.13 Change of Grading Level**
- 2.6.13.1 Upgrading**
- 2.6.13.1.1** Horses and athletes may, with the annual re-registration as from 1st April each year, register into the next higher level with zero points, irrespective of points accumulated in the current level.
- 2.6.13.1.2** No upgrading of levels shall be allowed during the year. This is applicable to athletes and horses.
- 2.6.14 Downgrading**
- 2.6.14.1 Downgrading horses by 1 (one) level**
- On written application and approval by the NAMEF committee, including:
- Proof, that the horse did not compete in any graded event during the past 12 (twelve) months OR
 - Motivation and proof that the horse was unsuccessful in the registered level for 3 (three) consecutive graded events.
 - Unsuccessful means:
The horse did not complete any jumping course e.g. was eliminated due to 3 (three) refusals'
 - **Presentation of a Veterinary certificate.**

2.6.14.2 **Downgrading by more than 1(one) level**

On written application and approval by the NAMEF committee, horses that have not competed at any official event of any FEI affiliated federation for more than 2 consecutive years may be re-registered at any desired level. The last registration details shall be included with the application of registration.

2.6.14.3 Athletes may be downgraded to the requested level on application, including motivation and proof that the athlete has not participated in any event for the last 3 (three) years.

2.7 **NAMIBIAN JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

To be read in conjunction with article 1.13

2.7.1 **Show Jumping Championship**

2.7.1.1 The Championship shall consist of 3 (three) individual competitions:

- One competition to be judged in accordance with FEI article 238 2.2.

AND

- One speed competition either FEI 238 2.1. or combined jumping competition (ref NAMEF article 2.8.5.)

AND

- One competition over 2 (two) rounds (FEI article 273 2.1 and 3.1).

Each competition shall be judged individually with individual prize-giving.

2.7.1.2 The Championships shall not be staged, nor the prizes awarded unless at least 2 (two) entries are received and 2 (two) athletes competed in the first competition.

2.7.1.3 **Score for Namibian Championships**

2.7.1.3.1 All penalties, without the jump-off penalties of competitions 1 (one) and 3 (three), if applicable, are added up and in the event of equality of penalties, the time of competition 2 (two) and the time of the first round of competition 3 (three) are added up.

2.7.1.3.2 Should there be further equality of penalties and time score, the time of round 1 (one) of competition 3 (three) shall determine the winner.

2.7.1.3.3 In the event of further equality, the time of competition 1(one), first round, not jump-off time, shall determine the winner.

2.7.1.3.4 The winner shall be the athlete with the lowest penalties and the fastest time.

2.7.1.3.5 Order of starting for the first round of competition 3 (three) is determined by the championship standing after competition 1 (one) and 2 (two) on the reverse order of penalties and the time from competition 2 (two).

2.7.1.4 The Championship shall only be awarded if the winner has completed all the rounds in all 3 (three) competitions.

2.7.2 **Team Show Jumping Championship**

The competition shall be judged under "Table A" per article FEI 238 2.2 and is subject to the following additional rulings:

- 2.7.2.1 Teams in a Team Championship shall consist of 3 (three) or 4 (four) athletes with 3 (three) or 4 (four) horses, the best three of which will constitute the result of the team;
- 2.7.2.2 Every club shall enter only one team;
- 2.7.2.3 Athletes may ride the first round only once;
- 2.7.2.4 If 3 (three) athletes of the same team have completed the first round without penalties, the team is considered to have qualified for the jump-off. In such an event the 4th athlete does not need to ride his first round, but may participate in the jump-off;
- 2.7.2.5 In case of equality of penalties of 2 (two) or more teams, there shall be 1 (one) jump-off. Each team shall nominate 1 (one) athlete to participate in the jump-off;
- 2.7.2.6 Standards for courses in Team Championships are to be determined by the NAMEF Executive at the time of drafting the schedule for an event;
- 2.7.2.7 All athletes in the club team championships representing an equestrian club must be registered with the club for at least 1 month prior to the start of the event. Proof of membership must accompany the entry.
- 2.7.2.8 The team show jumping championships shall ONLY be held if at least 2 (two) teams are entered in the competition.
- 2.7.2.9 If too few entries are received, the president of the ground jury, in conjunction with a NAMEF representative, may decide to alter the height of the competition in order to encourage teams to participate.

2.8 SPECIAL NAMEF RULES REGARDING JUMPING COMPETITIONS

In accordance with FEI article 260.2 Organising Committees may provide for new types of competitions.

Rules for judging "Sport" competitors please see Article 1.4.5

NAMEF has developed the following "Namibian" Regulations:

2.8.1 NAMEF Rules based on FEI Article 238 "Table A" and article 239 "Table C" These rules may only be applied in respect of beginner, lowest level and Equitation competitions:

2.8.1.1 AM 7

The first round shall not be ridden against the clock, however with a maximum time allowed. In the event of equality of penalties in the first round there will be a jump-off on ideal time at a speed of 350m/min. Winner shall be the athlete with the lowest score of penalties closest to the ideal time. In the event of less athletes participating in the jump-off than there are placing (as indicated in the schedule of an event), athletes who did not qualify to participate in the jump-off shall be placed according to their penalties in the first round and in the event of equality of penalties, shall receive the same placing.

2.8.1.1.1 When exceeding the time in competitions based on 'Ideal Time', the first few seconds in excess of the 'Ideal Time' shall not be penalised. These allowed seconds are based on the length of the course. For every 100 m or part thereof, of the first round course length the allowance is 1 (one) second, (e.g. for a course with a length of 260 (two hundred and sixty) meters the time allowance is 3 (three) seconds).

- 2.8.1.1.2 If the allowed time is exceeded, time penalties are applied at 1 (one) fault per second or part thereof for the time exceeding the allowance.
- 2.8.1.1.3 In the case of 2 (two) or more athletes exceeding (without incurring time penalties) or underscoring the ideal time, by the same number of seconds, the winner will be the athlete with the faster time.
- 2.8.1.1.4 Ideal time for sport horses in AM 7 shall have 4 seconds deducted from the ideal time.

2.8.1.2 **AM 8**

One round only. Winner shall be the athlete with the lowest score of penalties closest to the ideal time. (No jump-off.)

- 2.8.1.2.1 When exceeding the time in competitions based on 'Ideal Time', the first few seconds in excess of the 'Ideal Time' will not be penalised. These allowed seconds are based on the length of the course. For every 100 m or part thereof, of the course length the allowance is 1 (one) second, (e.g. for a course with a length of 260 (two hundred and sixty) meters the time allowance is 3 (three) seconds).
- 2.8.1.2.2 Ideal time for sport horses in AM 8 shall have 4 seconds deducted from the ideal time.

2.8.1.3 **Competitions judged under AM 7 and AM 8**

When competitions are judged under Rules AM 7 and AM 8, the Course Designer shall take note of the following when building the course:

- 2.8.1.3.1 Compulsory turning points shall be used, marked by a white flag on the left side and/or a red flag on the right;
- 2.8.1.3.2 The course plan shall indicate the measured track to be followed by competitors by way of a dotted line;
- 2.8.1.3.3 One-stride combinations are not allowed.

2.8.2 **Team Competitions**

In view thereof that the FEI Regulations in respect of Team Competitions are for higher grades than ridden in Namibia, the following ruling has been developed for team competitions in Namibia.

2.8.2.1 Team Competitions may take place in conjunction with:

2.8.2.1.1 FEI Article 268 – Relay Competitions

2.8.2.1.2 FEI Article 238.1.2

- **Starting order:** The starting order of the teams shall be drawn. The first athlete of each team starts in the order of the teams, thereafter the second athlete etc.
- **Penalties:** The penalties of the best three athletes of each team are added together.
- Winner is the team with the least penalties. In case of a tie for the first place a jump off will take place, and each team must nominate one athlete to ride in the jump off.
- **Jump off:** If the result of a team after the third athlete has competed is good enough to qualify for the jump off, the fourth athlete is not obliged to ride their round, but they may be chosen by the team to ride the jump off.
- Winner is the team whose representing athlete scored the least penalties in the best time.

2.8.2.1.3 **Baton Relay**

2.8.2.1.3.1 The team members enter the arena together. The first athlete jumps their round carrying the baton and having taken the last obstacle they hand over the baton to the next athlete and so on.

2.8.2.1.3.2 If, during the round or in handing over the baton to their team-mate, one of the athletes drops it, they must recover it themselves and remount without assistance in order to pass it on to the next, under penalty of elimination of the whole team. Dismounting is not penalised, but the clock is not stopped.

2.8.2.1.3.3 The time of the round is taken from the moment when the 1st athlete crosses the start line until the last member of the team passes the finish line.

2.8.2.1.3.4 These competitions are judged under "Table A" or "Table C", according to the conditions of the schedule.

2.8.2.1.3.5 The elimination of a team member results in the elimination of the whole team.

2.8.2.1.4 **Relays from an enclosure**

2.8.2.1.4.1 The team of athletes enter the arena and gather in an enclosure called the base.

2.8.2.1.4.2 Once the 1st athlete has left the base none of the others may leave it until the previous athlete is back in. The next athlete may only leave the enclosure when the preceding athlete is completely back inside having completed his round. A steward must be stationed at the enclosure and an athlete leaving the enclosure during a round will result in elimination of the whole team.

2.8.2.1.4.3 Articles 2.8.2.1.3.3 – 2.8.2.1.3.5 apply.

2.8.2.2 Teams shall consist of the number of athletes as indicated by the schedule of the respective event, but no less than two and not more than four athletes.

2.8.3 **Competition for 2 (two) Classes**

In all competitions in which 2 (two) levels participate (e.g.1.10m/1.20m etc.) a handicap may be applied to the higher level, except in the case where the schedule provides for entries of the higher level (e.g. 1.20m jumping, in which 1.10m horses/athletes participate). If applied, handicaps shall be clearly stated in the schedule of an event.

2.8.4 **Style Competitions**

It is recommended by NAMEF that these competitions, with special conditions, be executed by clubs from time to time. These events shall not be graded.

2.8.4.1 **Style Jumping Competitions (in general)**

2.8.4.1.1 Scores for the jumping style shall be given on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the highest score.

2.8.4.1.2 Penalties are scored as follows:

- Knock-down = 0.5 penalties
- First refusal = 1.0 penalties

- Second refusal = 2.0 penalties
- Third refusal = elimination
- Fall = elimination

2.8.4.1.3 The penalties shall be deducted from the score achieved from the jumping style of an athlete.

2.8.4.1.4 A "time allowed" may be prescribed, in which case 0.1 penalties will be deducted for every second or part thereof, exceeding the "time allowed". The time limit is equal to twice the time allowed. Athletes exceeding the time limit are eliminated.

2.8.5 Combined Jumping Competitions

2.8.5.1 Speed and Precision

The course consists of 12 (twelve) jumps; the first 6 (six) to be ridden against the clock; the second half of the course consists of 6 (six) more difficult jumps. The second half of the course shall include a double combination (optional for level-70cm) somewhere between jump 8 (eight) and jump 12 (twelve). **The first half of the course shall be judged under Table C (jumps 1 (one) to 6 (six)).** A knock-down shall incur a time penalty of 3 (three) seconds. **The second half of the course shall be judged under Table A.** Apart from the start and finish lines there shall be a further finishing line between jumps 6 (six) and 7 (seven) for time-keeping purposes. A refusal between jumps 1 (one) and 6 (six) will incur penalties in accordance with Table C (FEI Article 239.2), but a second refusal in the second half of the course shall result in 8 (eight) jumping penalties. Three refusals or a fall shall incur elimination. No circles may be ridden between jumps 6 (six) and 7 (seven) placing: The time needed for the first half shall determine the winner in the event of equality of penalties in the second half. In the event of equality of time for the first half as well as equality of penalties for the second half, a jump-off shall take place. In the precision phase time penalties are calculated at 1 penalty per second. The time allowed for speed phase is 120 seconds.

2.8.5.2 Precision and Speed

As in article 2.8.5.1., but the first half of the course shall represent the precision phase and the second half the speed phase. The precision phase shall also include a double combination (optional for level-70cm) somewhere between the 2nd and 6th obstacle. The faults of the precision phase and time required for the time phase shall determine the winner. In the event of equality of penalties (first phase) and time (second phase) a jump-off over the first half of the course shall take place.

2.8.6 Joker-Top-Score Competitions

2.8.6.1 As per article FEI 270, however article FEI 270.12 is amended as follows: 2 (two) obstacles are provided in the course duly marked by flags and titled 'Joker'. Each Joker shall only be jumped once; 200 (two hundred) points are awarded for each if jumped correctly. In the event of a refusal or run-out or with a knock-down at a Joker, 200 (two hundred) points shall be deducted. The Joker may not be attempted a second time.

2.8.6.2 The Jokers should be clearly indicated and marked as such.

2.8.7 Merry-Go-Round Competition

Athletes participate in pairs of two. The course consists of 9 (nine) to 12 (twelve) jumps. The competitors have 80 (eighty) seconds to jump the course until the bell is rung – the last jump is only taken into consideration for the score if the forelegs of the horse jumping have reached the ground at the ring of the bell. The first athlete takes jumps 1 (one), 2 (two) and 3 (three), the second athlete jumps 4 (four), 5 (five) and 6 (six), the first athlete jumps 7 (seven), 8 (eight) and 9 (nine), etc. until 80 (eighty) seconds have passed. Once the course has been completed the athletes shall continue to jump the course again without having to pass the starting line again. Should a horse jump before the other horse has reached the ground with its forelegs after his jump, then that pair shall be eliminated. Three refusals or a fall shall also incur elimination. Penalties shall however not be calculated. Should a jump be refused but not knocked down, the athlete must attempt to jump that jump again. Should a pole be knocked down during jumping or because of a refusal, that jump is considered to be knocked down and no points will be awarded and the next jump shall be attempted. The pair shall receive one point for each jump cleared without penalty during the time of 80 (eighty) seconds. In the event of equality of points a jump-off with a reduced time of 45 (forty five) seconds shall determine the winners. The first athlete must cross the starting line and after 45 (forty five) seconds the bell will be rung. After the bell has rung another jump must be taken in order for the time to be taken. The time shall be stopped when the horse touches the ground with its forelegs, but the jump taken after the bell has rung shall not be taken into consideration for the score. In the event of equality of points the shortest time shall determine the winning pair.

2.8.8 "Two-Horses" Competitions

An athlete is supposed to complete a course either with 2 (two) horses successively or the two parts of a course with one horse each. Changing from one horse to the other inside the arena (with or without the help of a person holding the horses), shall take place after completion of the course with the first horse, or between the two parts of the course, without having to cross the starting line again. The time shall be taken at crossing the starting line with the first horse and crossing the finishing line with the second horse.

This type of competition shall be judged according to the following FEI articles:

2.8.8.1 FEI article 238 "Table A", or

2.8.8.2 FEI article 239 "Table C".

The exact details and sub-articles of which shall be specified in the schedule of the respective event within the description of the relevant competition.

2.8.9 "Mini-Maxi" Jumping Competition for Two Horses

Pairs (two athletes) consisting of one adult and one junior or child athlete shall be drawn. The athletes in a pair shall jump one after another, respective parts of the course, subject to grade and as prescribed in the schedule of the event.

The time shall be taken when the first horse crosses the starting line and the clock will be stopped when the second horse crosses the finishing line.

This type of completion may be judged according to the following Articles:

2.8.9.1 FEI article 268 "Table A" or "Table C" or

2.8.9.2 NAMEF article 2.8.2.1.3. Baton Relay or

2.8.9.3 NAMEF article 2.8.2.1.4. Relay from an Enclosure

2.8.10 "Knock-Out" Competition

Depending on the number of athletes, either 16 (sixteen) or 8 (eight) athletes may qualify with one horse each, provided they complete a course under Table A, for the jump-off. The jump-off shall take place simultaneously on two equal courses

built next to each other consisting of at least 4 (four) jumps each. Combinations may be included. The 16 (sixteen) or 8 (eight) athletes shall be divided into 8 (eight) or 4 (four) pairs and the course which each athlete shall ride shall be determined at the discretion of the Judges. The relevant competitors in a pair shall execute a "start" from a standing position close to the starting line(s) simultaneously starting at the sign of the bell, or as recommended by NAMEF, at a manually operated starting sign by way of a person using a flag. Time shall not be taken. The athlete with the least penalties of the two athletes, and in the event of equality of penalties the athlete who crosses the finishing line first, shall qualify for the next jump-off.

Pairs shall again be made up and courses to be jumped determined at the discretion of the Judges, and so on, until the winner is determined. In the event of equality of penalties the jump-off shall be repeated to determine the winner.

Placing in this type of event:

- i) Winner - The winner of the last jump-off
- ii) Runner-up - The loser of the last jump-off
- iii) 2 (two) 3rd places - The athletes who were 'knocked-out' in the second-last jump-offs, immaterial of their scores
- iv) 4 (four) 4th places - The athletes who were "knocked-out" in the rounds against the participants sharing 3rd place.

In case this competition takes place under time pressure, athletes with penalties that would exclude them from the placing, may be stopped by the bell. This type of competition shall be judged according to FEI Articles 238 "Table A", but without a time allowed.

2.8.11 Grand Prix Derby with Exchange of Horses between Participants

The 3 (three) or 4 (four) most successful athletes / horses throughout at least two jumping competitions in the same class may qualify for this competition. Should one athlete qualify with more than one horse they may only participate on one horse of their choice and the next-best athlete / horse shall be eligible to participate. Every athlete shall ride every horse over a course consisting of not more than 6 (six) jumps, which should include one double combination. The winner shall be the athlete and horse with the least total of jumping penalties. In the event of equality of jumping penalties the athlete/horse with the lowest time-total shall be the winner.

2.8.12 21- or 36- or 55 Points Accumulator

Although this type of competition shall be judged according to FEI article 269, NAMEF has developed the following alternatives:

2.8.12.1 Accumulator Competition

As per FEI article 269, however, with 2 (two) jump-offs.

2.8.12.2 Accumulator Competition

As per FEI article 269.

FEI article 269.2 However, bonus points and possibility of Joker are replaced by the following:

FEI 269.2. Bonus points are awarded as follows:

2.8.12.2.1 21-Points Accumulator

An athlete commences with 21 (twenty one) points. A penalty at jump no 1 (one) shall incur a deduction of 6 (six) points, at jump no 2 (two) a deduction of 5 (five) points, etc., down to a deduction of 1 (one) point at jump no 6 (six).

2.8.12.2.2 **36-Points Accumulator**

An athlete commences with 36 (thirty six) points. A penalty at jump no 1 (one) shall incur a deduction of 8 (eight) points, at jump no 2 (two) a deduction of 7 (seven) points, etc., down to a deduction of 1 (one) point at jump no 8 (eight).

2.8.12.2.3 **55-Points Accumulator**

An athlete commences with 55 (fifty five) points. A penalty at jump no 1 (one) shall incur a deduction of 10 (ten) points, at jump no 2 (two) a deduction of 9 (nine) points, etc., down to a deduction of 1 (one) point at jump no 10 (ten).

2.8.12.3 **Accumulator Competition**

As per NAMEF article 2.8.12.2 above, however, with 2 (two) jump-offs.

2.8.12.4 **Alternative Accumulator Competition**

As per FEI article 269.

FEI article 269.3 and 269.5, however, are replaced by the following:

“Two full rounds over a course with 6 (six) jumps. A jump-off over a shortened course shall take place in the event of equality of points in the first and second rounds. The obstacles may be raised for the second round and/or for the jump-off. There shall be a joker-jump in the arena. During each round the athlete shall jump the 6 (six) jumps set up in the course in the sequence as indicated. If during the course one obstacle is knocked down, or in the event of 1 (one) refusal, the athlete has the choice to go through to the next round by clearing the joker-jump as an alternative for the jump knocked down immediately after having passed through the finish of the course. If more than one jump is knocked down during a round, the result obtained so far will be the final result for the athlete. The Joker does not count when knocked down. Time penalties cannot be cleared by the Joker. During jump-off the joker is not allowed”.

2.8.13 **High Jump and Long Jump Competitions**

2.8.13.1 The progression of heights or spreads is fixed by the Organising Committee.

2.8.13.2 An optional start should always be provided for, with the Organising Committee fixing the height or spread at which the competition will begin.

2.8.13.3 Faults are only scored from the moment the mounted horse has entered the penalty zone.

2.8.13.4 The penalty zone extends 15m in front of the obstacle and is limited on each side by red and white boundary flag.

2.8.13.5 Three attempts are allowed at each height or spread.

2.8.13.6 **Table of penalties:**

2.8.13.6.1	Obstacle knocked down	- 2 penalties
2.8.13.6.2	Marking lath of the water	- 2 penalties
2.8.13.6.3	Touched or feet in water	- 2 penalties
2.8.13.6.4	Refusal, run-out or resistance	- 3 penalties
2.8.13.6.5	Third attempt incurring faults	-competition ended
2.8.13.6.6	Fall of horse/athlete within penalty zone	-competition ended
2.8.13.6.7	Fall of horse/athlete outside penalty zone	-no penalty.

2.8.13.7 Placing

- 2.8.13.7.1 Winner is the athlete who clears the greatest height or spread with minimum penalties, disregarding the faults incurred at previous attempts.
- 2.8.13.7.2 If several horses jump the same height or spread, the prizes may be divided only if a jump-off has been tried at the next height or spread.
- 2.8.13.7.3 If the jump-off provides no result and no horse has cleared the new height or spread without penalties, they are then placed according to the number of penalties incurred in the jump-off.
- 2.8.13.7.4 If there is still equality, the classification is made by taking into account the penalties incurred at the previous height or spread.

2.8.13.8 Practical application:

	1.60m	1.70m	1.80m	1.90m	2.00	
A	0	0	2 2 0	2 3 2		3 rd
B	2 0	2 3 0	2 2 0	3 2 0	2 2 2	1 st
C	2 3 0	3 2 0	2 2 0	2 2 3		4 th
D	0	3 0	0	3 0	3 3 2	2 nd
E	3 2 0	2 3 2				5 th

- i) **B** and **D** have cleared 1.90m. **B** is placed 1st as at the height of 2.00m he/she has 6 penalties, whereas **D** has 8 penalties.
- ii) **A** and **C** have each 8 penalties at 1.90m. At 1.80 m they have each 4 penalties. They can only be placed on the result of the proceeding height of 1.70m. **A** is placed third, as he/she cleared the height without penalties, whereas **C** had 6 penalties.
- iii) **E** is placed 5th as he/she did not clear the height of 1.70m

2.8.14 Take Your Own Line Competition

2.8.14.1 Competition as per FEI article 271, except that the competition is run according to table A: faults and time.

2.8.15 Combined Drumping Competition

This competition consists of a dressage and a jumping phase. The different levels in dressage and jumping will compete against each other.

2.8.15.1 The dressage phase must be held before the jumping phase.

2.8.15.2 The jumping phase will consist of 1 (one) round of a course of 8 (eight) to 12 (twelve) obstacles, including at least one combination. Rule FEI 238.1.1 with a time allowed.

2.8.15.3 An athlete shall ride in their respective level in dressage as well as jumping.

2.8.15.4 The dressage phase shall start in level P, and the jumping phase in level 70cm.

2.8.15.5 Penalties for the dressage phase are as laid down in the dressage rules.

2.8.15.6 Penalties for the jumping phase are as laid down in the jumping rules.

2.8.15.7 Calculation of final score

2.8.15.7.1 The marks for the dressage phase are totalled in the normal manner. If there is more than one judge, the marks awarded by each judge are averaged. The final percentage is translated as the mark (i.e. 75% = 75 points).

2.7.15.7.2 Any penalties incurred in the jumping phase are deducted from the marks awarded for the dressage.

2.7.15.7.3 In case of equality of marks in the final score, the athlete with the highest marks in the dressage phase is placed higher.

2.7.15.7.4 If there is still equality, the fastest time in the jumping phase determines the result.

2.7.15.8 The dressage as well as the jumping phase shall be graded according to the grading rules laid down in the current NAMEF Rules and Regulations.

2.9 REFUSALS OR DISOBEDIENCES

Refer to FEI articles 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 236 and 239. They are, as far as penalties are concerned, amended to the following:

“In any jumping competition the

- 1st (first) refusal/disobedience shall incur 4 (four) faults; and the
- 2nd (second) refusal/disobedience shall incur 8 (eight) faults; and the
- 3rd (third) refusal/disobedience shall eliminate the participant”.

2.10 FALLS

Refer to FEI jumping rules, article 224

2.11 TABLES

2.11.1 Obstacle Measurements

The following obstacle measurements serve as guidelines for grading jumping competitions, whereby these measurements shall be applied to at least half of the obstacles in order for the competition to be taken into consideration for grading:

Level	Height	Spread
70cm	0.70m	0.90m
80cm	0.80m	1.00m
90cm	0.90m	1.10m
1.00m	1.00m	1.20m
1.10m	1.10m	1.30m
1.20m	1.20m	1.40m
1.30m	1.30m	1.50m
1.40m	1.40m	1.60m (national)
1.50m	1.50m	1.60m (international)

- 2.11.1.1 The recommended measurements in respect of spread obstacles refer to an ordinary spread obstacle (oxer). In respect of a "triple barre" or "Liverpool" the spread-measurements may be increased. The permitted tolerance is 5cm max in height and 10 cm in width (FEI 208.5)
- 2.11.1.2 At grades below 1.20m in height, it is strongly recommended that obstacles have clearly defined ground lines.

2.11.2 Jumping competitions are to be judged according to the following speed table:

Competition	-	Speed
70cm	-	300m/minute
80cm	-	325m/minute
90cm & higher	-	350m/minute

The president of the Ground Jury may, in conjunction with the chief course designer, decide to alter the speed of a competition, if special circumstances require an adjustment, e.g. unexpected weather or ground conditions.

2.12 DRESS CODE

Refer to NAMEF article 1.10 and FEI 256

3. RULES FOR DRESSAGE

3.1 NUMBER OF ENTRIES

If only one athlete has entered in a competition, the Organising Committee may allow the competition to take place, but the competitor has to achieve 60% to be eligible for any prizes.

3.2 STARTING ORDER

3.2.1 Should an athlete have more than one horse in a competition the starting order shall be adjusted to ensure that these horses will have a break of at least 6 (six) places between them. Should this not be possible the athlete is allowed a rest period of 20 (twenty) minutes between the 2 (two) rides. **Ref article 1.5.10**

3.2.2 This provision shall not apply in team competitions where the team horse must be ridden first.

3.2.3 The Organizing Committee of the event shall draw the order of starting for each competition.

3.2.4 Athletes may NOT ride out of order. Any request to ride out of order must be **permitted by the Organising Committee**. Organising Committees may run two competitions concurrently in such a manner that athletes may start the second competition immediately after completing the first one.

3.3 TESTS

3.3.1 For adult and junior competitions the same series of tests shall be used. The Organising Committee may decide if they want to separate the prize giving between juniors and adults.

3.3.2 To qualify for grading, tests shall be selected from the current DSA official test books or other tests that have been approved by NAMEF.

3.3.3 Calling of tests

3.3.3.1 In all competitions, the test may be called unless stipulated to the contrary in the schedule. Official FEI tests shall be ridden from memory;

3.3.3.2 **Where an FEI test is** used as warm up or qualifier it may be called, if the event schedule allows it.

3.3.3.3 Only the wording of the official test may be called;

3.3.3.4 Athletes shall provide their own callers;

3.3.3.5 Any error in riding the test, whether by reason of faulty calling or not, shall be penalised.

3.3.3.6 If the incorrect test is called the judge shall provide the caller with a correct test and allow the athlete to continue the test after deducting a mark for Error of Course.

3.4 ARENAS AND EXERCISE ARENAS

Refer FEI Chapter II article 429

3.5 JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

- 3.5.1** Judges shall be appointed by the Organising Committee and, where there is more than one judge, the Organising Committee shall nominate the President of the GJ.
- 3.5.2** Competitions at graded shows may only be judged by NAMEF, or equally qualified Judges from FEI affiliated countries.
- 3.5.3** NAMEF registered judges have to judge a minimum of six (6) competitions per year to remain on the NAMEF judges panel. If the judge did not judge for a time period of one (1) year, he/she will have to re-apply to NAMEF to rejoin the judge's panel.
- 3.5.4** Should the prescribed level of judges not be available, permission shall be obtained from NAMEF to use a judge on the next lower level.
- 3.5.5** If possible, at least two (2) qualified judges should be appointed in respect of every competition. Training tests and Preliminary tests may be judged by a panel of judges and an overall mark shall be given. A judge candidate should function as an additional judge whenever possible. His/her scores shall not be taken into consideration for the placement of competing athletes. His/her evaluation as noted in his/her score sheets shall be discussed with the two official judges at the end of the competition.
- 3.5.6** All dressage competitions staged at official events shall be conducted, judged and marked in accordance with FEI rules, except if there is an exception in the NAMEF rules.
- 3.5.7** A judge shall preferably NOT judge a competition where:
- 3.5.7.1 A horse participates of which he/she is the owner;
 - 3.5.7.2 An athlete participates to whom he/she is related;
 - 3.5.7.3 Athletes and/or horse participate that are permanently trained by him/her.

Refer to Dressage Annexure for more detail.

3.6 MARKING

Refer to FEI Chapter II article 432

(The mark '5' is no longer labelled 'sufficient', but altered to 'marginal')

3.7 EXECUTION OF TESTS

Refer to FEI Chapter II article 430

3.7.1 "ERROR OF COURSE"

Every error of course, whether or not the bell was sounded, must be penalised:

- The first time by 2 points.
- The second by 4 points.
- The third time eliminated

If the jury has not noticed an error, then the athlete will not be penalised.

Refer to Dressage annexure for more detail.

3.7.2 Rising& Sitting Trot

Errors made contrary to test instructions shall be penalised by the loss of two marks on that point (not error of course). However, when riding FEI tests these shall be counted as an error of course.

3.7.3 Salute

Athletes shall take the reins in one (1) hand at the salute. Athletes with top hat/bowler have the choice to take the hat off or just nod.

Refer to Dressage annexure for more detail.

3.8 JUDGES SCORE SHEETS

Refer to FEI Chapter II article 433

3.8.1 Judges' score sheets shall be available to competitors after the final result of the competition has been announced/as soon as the judges signed off the class.

3.8.2 In the event of an objection being lodged, the applicable score sheets shall be returned to the judges.

3.8.3 Judges' score sheets shall be completed, audited and signed off prior to being handed out to competitors.

3.8.4 It is the judge's responsibility to ensure that each score sheet has his/her name or identification symbol stated on the sheet, that every movement has a mark, that errors of course penalties have been correctly recorded and that each sheet bears his/her signature.

3.9 SADDLERY

Refer to FEI Chapter II article 428

3.9.1 Whips are allowed in all the national DSA tests except for the Namibian Championships.

3.10 DRESS

Refer to FEI Chapter II article 427

(* Prohibited saddlery in the arena: Nose nets - Only permitted to be used in competition on approval by the President of the Ground Jury. They must be made of transparent material and not cover the mouth or bit.

* Nasal strips are disallowed under penalty of elimination.)

3.11 CLASSIFICATION

Refer to FEI Chapter II article 434

3.12 PRIZE GIVING

Refer to FEI Chapter II article 436

3.13 GRADING

Grading of Dressage Competitions

3.13.1 Grades shall be known as:

- P - Preliminary
- N - Novice
- E - Elementary
- EM - Elementary Medium
- M - Medium
- A - Advanced

3.13.2 A horse/athlete shall be upgraded when the number of points has been accumulated as agreed and laid down as follows:-

Children:

- P up to 20 points, then N
- N up to 50 points, then E
- E up to 50 points, then EM

Juniors/Adults:

- P up to 10 points, then N
- N up to 50 points, then E
- E up to 50 points, then E/M
- E/M up to 50 points, then M
- M up to 50 points, then Advanced

3.13.3 Advancing from children to junior/adult classes:

- 3.13.3.1 When a child athlete turns 14 and advances to the junior/adult class, the athlete may, upon written request, be downgraded by one level.
- 3.13.3.2 On receipt of a written request, the athlete shall be downgraded by one level and shall start with 50% of the maximum points which can be achieved in that level.
- 3.13.3.3 The horse is not down-graded.

3.13.4 All tests currently recognised as DSA or FEI tests shall be graded, with the exception of Musical Freestyle, Young horses, Derby and Special tests.

3.14 GRADING

3.14.1 Points shall be awarded according to the final result expressed in percentages. (Ref NAMEF article 3.14.9)

3.14.2 Athletes and horses competing **in their registered level** during an event shall be awarded grading points achieved in the respective level. Any points achieved in the next higher level during the event shall only be awarded at that level once maximum points are reached (ref article 3.13.2) in the registered level.

3.14.3 Athletes competing in 1 (one) level lower than their registered level during an event shall receive a 2.5% handicap off their total score. No grading points shall be awarded.

3.14.4 A competition shall be graded according to the rules, unless the judges for a competition have decided NOT to grade such a competition. The reason shall be clearly announced and written on the official score sheet.

- 3.14.5** A competition judged by judges who are not qualified to do so shall not be graded.
- 3.14.6** All dressage competitions from level P are graded, except competitions specified otherwise in the event schedule.
- 3.14.7** No additional grading points are awarded for places.
- 3.14.8** When the maximum grading points are reached in a level then the athlete and/or horse shall advance to the next level.

3.14.9 Dressage Grading Table

Grading points are awarded to the horse and/or athlete, depending on the level of the horse and athlete. The competitor must have achieved 60% in the competition.

- **60%-64.99%** = **1 point**
- **65%-69.99%** = **2 points**
- **70%-74.99%** = **3 points**
- **75% and above** = **4 points**

3.14.10 Upgrading and Downgrading

- 3.14.10.1 Horses and athletes may, with the annual re-registration as from 1 April of each year, register into the next higher level with zero points, irrespective of points accumulated in the current level.
- 3.14.10.2 No upgrading of levels shall be allowed during the year. This is applicable to athletes and horses.
- 3.14.10.3 Downgrading horses by 1 (one) level may be approved by the NAMEF Sports committee if written application is received, including proof that the horse did not compete in any graded event during the past 12 (twelve) months. The last registration details shall be included with the application of registration.
- 3.14.10.4 Downgrading of athletes may be approved by the NAMEF Sport committee if written application is received, including proof that the athlete did not compete in any graded event during the past 2 years.
- 3.14.11 Until there are 3 (three) competitors competing **at** the highest level on the current grading list, no points shall be awarded to the horse and/or athlete registered at that level.
- 3.14.12 No grading points shall be awarded for competitions held on qualification OR invitation only, e.g. dressage derby
- 3.14.13 Grading points shall be awarded if there is only one competitor in the competition, except in the highest level as set out in article 3.14.10.6.

Unless otherwise stated in the schedule:

In dressage competitions, children compete in their own competition. Juniors and adults compete in the same competition.

3.14.14 Participation

For a graded event, unless otherwise stated in the schedule, competitors are allowed to enter dressage competitions according to the following options:

Option 1: Enter all competitions according to the "entry level" with one level lower than the "entry level" of the competitor;

OR

Option 2: Enter all competitions according to the "entry level" with **any** level higher than the "entry level" of the competitor

3.14.15 Changing dressage entries during an event is not allowed.

3.15 NAMIBIAN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 3.15.1** These rules shall be read in conjunction with, and are supplementary to the NAMEF article 1.13.
- 3.15.2** The Championships shall not be staged, nor the prizes awarded unless at least 2 (two) entries have been received and 2 (two) athletes competed in the first competition.
- 3.15.3** The Championships shall not be classed as official, nor the prizes awarded, unless the winner achieved at least 60% (sixty) or above of the total marks available.
- 3.15.4** The Championships shall consist of 3 (three) dressage competitions, of which the last test shall be a Musical freestyle. Athletes shall have to compete in all three tests. There shall be 1 (one) warm up competition, which does not count towards the championships, for each class.
- 3.15.5** No jumping competition may be held simultaneously whilst competition 3 (three) is being held.
- 3.15.6** In the children's category the 3rd (third) test does not need to be a Musical freestyle.
- 3.15.7** Each competition shall be judged individually with individual prize-giving.
- 3.15.8** The competition arena shall be as per NAMEF regulations and an adequate practice arena with a similar surface shall be provided (properly marked and laid out arena).
- 3.15.9** The jury shall consist of a minimum of 2 (two) judges, ideally 3(three) judges, of which one judge **MUST** be a foreign judge (non-Namibian resident).
- 3.15.10** The Organising Committee shall appoint a qualified steward to check the saddlery and bits, before the competitors enter the arena or on completion of the test.
- 3.15.11** The Organising Committee, in the presence of a NAMEF representative, shall draw the order of riding for the championships classes.
- 3.15.12** The order of riding for the 3rd test shall be determined by the reverse order of results of the qualifying test. The lowest mark starts first and the highest starts last.
- 3.15.13** The tests shall be ridden without a whip even though stated to the contrary on the test.
- 3.15.14** In the event of equality of points in the championships, the 3rd test mark will decide the higher placing.
- 3.15.15** A horse may only compete in one Championship level per event.

4. RULES FOR EQUITATION

These National rules for the Equitation discipline are produced specifically to allow Organising Committees affiliated to NAMEF, as much freedom as possible in the management of their events and in the preparation of their schedules. If there is any doubt about the meaning of any of these rules they should be interpreted in the sense of providing fair conditions for all athletes. However complete the rules may be they can never cover every eventuality. If the matter cannot be resolved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution to be adopted should lie in the principle which follows as closely as possible to the spirit of the official text.

These rules have to be read in conjunction with the NAMEF General Rules and Regulations, which are uniform for all disciplines falling under NAMEF jurisdiction. Although these rules may differ in several respects with those of the FEI, should any relevant point or matter not be covered in these rules, the relevant FEI rule will apply.

In all equestrian sports the interests of the horse must be considered paramount.

4.1 JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

- 4.1.1** All recognised competitions shall be judged under the National Rules for Equitation.
- 4.1.2** At each competition it is the judge's responsibility to:
 - 4.1.2.1 Make sure that all the score sheets have been prepared properly and completely by the Organising Committee;
 - 4.1.2.2 Be present 30 minutes before the time and at the place the Organising Committee has allocated for the flatwork phase.
- 4.1.3** It is recommended that equitation judges wishing to remain on the judges panel be required to judge at a minimum of 2 (two) shows per year.
- 4.1.4** Anyone may nominate a judge applicant to the NAMEF Committee.
- 4.1.5** The judge applicant shall work with a National or NAMEF Judge for a least 6 (six) shows. The activity sheet shall be signed by the judge and sent to the NAMEF Committee.
- 4.1.6** A National or NAMEF Judge shall nominate a judge applicant for writing the Judges examination. This shall be marked by one national judge, together with the judge who nominated the applicant. Passing the exam shall allow the applicant to advance to the judges' panel.
- 4.1.7** Promotion to the next judges' level shall be on recommendation by a National judge and must be approved by the NAMEF Committee.
- 4.1.8** 2 (two) judges are compulsory for the Equitation Championships, of which 1 (one) judge shall be a national judge.
- 4.1.9** Judges are required to attend seminars whenever possible.
- 4.1.10** The scribes for judges should wherever possible be judge applicants.
- 4.1.11** Should a judge who has come off the Judges Panel wish to be reinstated, he/she may be recommended by their Club, provided that he/she has attended seminars.

4.2 HORS CONCOURS (out of competition)

- 4.2.1** Any athlete may compete H/C.

4.2.2 H/C entries shall not be allowed to compete in the "change of horse" part.

4.3 DRESS CODE

The dress code is according to the NAMEF and FEI Jumping rules.

4.4 SADDLERY

4.4.1 If not otherwise stated in this section, NAMEF and FEI jumping rules and regulations shall apply at all times, including in the practice arena.

4.4.2 No sheepskin saddle covers shall be allowed.

4.5 PARTICIPATION AND ENTRIES

4.5.1 Athletes shall enter in the height equivalent to the entry level they entered for the show jumping competitions at the event, unless otherwise stated.

4.5.2 An athlete may compete with more than one horse in all Equitation competitions.

4.5.2.1 It is the athlete's responsibility to nominate the starting order of horses they shall be competing on, if they entered more than 1 (one) horse in 1 (one) jumping competition.

4.5.2.2 The first horse starting in the jumping competition shall be the qualifying horse for the change of horse part of the competition.

4.5.3 If an athlete participated in more than one jumping level, the qualifying horse for the change of horse part shall be the horse that achieved the highest points.

4.6 WARM UP AND SCHOOLING

4.6.1 Athletes are permitted to warm up horses mounted.

4.6.2 Any person may warm up the horse on the ground (not mounted).

4.7 COMPETITIONS

4.7.1 All athletes shall ride with a number vest during all phases of the competition.

4.7.2 Each competition consists of three phases (parts):

- i) The flatwork phase
- ii) The jumping phase
- iii) The change of horse phase (optional)

4.7.3 It is at the discretion of the Organising Committee to decide which jumping competition shall be used for the jumping phase of Equitation.

4.7.4 The flatwork phase may be ridden:

- In the jumping arena before or after the jumping phase

OR

- In another arena before or after the jumping phase.

The time and location shall be clearly stated in the event program.

4.7.5 All official tests are available on the NAMEF website.

4.7.6 The flatwork test may be called, but athletes must arrange their own caller.

- 4.7.7** The change of horse phase shall be executed as follows:
- 4.7.7.1 The change of horse phase may be held after any jumping competition.
 - 4.7.7.2 If the change of horse phase is to be ridden immediately after the final athlete has finished the jumping or flatwork phase, a minimum of at least 30 minutes shall be allowed for administrative purposes.
 - 4.7.7.3 The results of all the athletes of the equitation competition block (70cm to 1.20m) shall be separated into the three age categories (children, juniors and adults).
 - 4.7.7.4 A maximum of the best 6 athletes of each age class shall be selected to compete in the change of horse phase.
 - 4.7.7.5 All athletes participating in the change of horse phase are to dismount in the jumping arena, upon which the horses shall be reallocated by means of a draw per age group.
 - 4.7.7.6 The new athlete/horse combination shall complete the test at the entry level height of the new pair.

4.8 EVENTS OUTSIDE NAMIBIA

- 4.8.1** Subject to the approval of the NAMEF committee, an athlete may enter in events outside Namibia.
- 4.8.2** It is recommended that any athlete who wishes to participate in Equitation events outside Namibia shall inform themselves about the rules and regulations applicable in that country.

4.9 PENALTIES

The following penalties shall be deducted once only (not from every judge):

- 4.9.1** Any movement left out in the flatwork phase shall incur a penalty of -2 for the movement;
- 4.9.2** Should an athlete deviate from the required movement e.g. use both hands when one is required, use stirrups when none are required or turn left instead of right, -2 shall be deducted;
- 4.9.3** A stop or refusal shall incur a penalty of -4;
- 4.9.4** A knock shall incur a penalty of -2.

4.10 ELIMINATIONS

The following shall result in elimination:

- 4.10.1** Three refusals in the jumping phase;
- 4.10.2** Jumping the incorrect track;
- 4.10.3** Failure to re-present after a refusal;
- 4.10.4** Horse and/or athlete leaving the arena whilst being judged;
- 4.10.5** Unauthorised changing of tack or mount during the competition;
- 4.10.6** Unauthorised assistance at any stage during the athlete's entry;
- 4.10.7** Anyone other than the athlete warming up the nominated horse in the practice arena;
- 4.10.8** Fall of horse/athlete at any stage during the competition;

4.10.9 A second omission of a movement.

4.11 GRADING

4.11.1 After the Equitation Championship each year, all points achieved during the year shall revert back to 0 (zero).

4.11.2 Grading points are only awarded to athletes that completed an equitation competition with change of horse, according to the grading table below

4.11.3 Athletes competing successfully in equitation competitions with change of horse in and out of Namibia shall be awarded Equitation points according to the grading table in article 4.11.4.

4.11.4 Equitation Grading Table

No of competitors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
11 or more	3	3	2	2	1	1
9 – 10	3	2	2	1	1	1
7 – 8	2	2	1	1	1	1
5 – 6	2	1	1	1	1	1
3 – 4	1	1	1	1		
Less than 3	1	1				

4.12 NAMIBIAN EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.12.1 The Namibian Championship is held once a year.

4.12.2 Qualification Restrictions

The athlete shall have completed the third phase (change of horse part) in qualifying tests.

4.12.3 The Namibian Equitation Championship shall consist of 2 (two) tests which shall be announced in the event schedule.

4.12.4 Points shall be awarded to the athletes according to the championship table in article 4.12.6.

4.12.5 How the champion is determined:

4.12.5.1 The sum of the best 3 (three) points achieved during the year shall count towards the championship.

4.12.5.2 Points for the championship competitions shall be awarded to the athletes according to the table in article 4.12.6.

4.12.5.3 The sum of the championship points and the preliminary points determine the winner.

4.12.6 Grading Points Table for Championship

No of competitors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
11 or more	6	5	4	3	2	1
9 – 10	5	4	3	2	1	
7 – 8	4	3	2	1		
5 – 6	3	2	1			

3 – 4	2	1
Less than 3	2	

5.1 RULES FOR EVENTING

5.1 GENERAL EVENTING REGULATIONS

5.1.1 Introduction

5.1.1.1 Definition: As per FEI 500.1

5.1.1.2 Responsibility

5.1.1.2.1 Athletes

As per FEI 500.2.1

5.1.1.2.2 Registration

All athletes and horses participating in recognised events must register annually with NAMEF.

5.1.1.2.3 Horse passports

As per NAMEF article 1.4.6.2

5.2 STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS

5.2.1 Formats and Levels (FEI 502)

Competitions are defined by their formats and levels.

5.2.1.1 Formats definition

As per FEI 502.1 except the following:

502.1.2 read all CCI as CCN

502.1.3 read all CIC as CNC

5.2.1.2 Levels of difficulty

The levels indicate the degree of difficulty of the competition and are defined by a progressive grading system, ranging from the lowest level to the higher levels.

The levels of competition shall be known as:

- Eventing **Children** 70cm EVC70
- Eventing **Junior & Adult** 70cm EV70
- Eventing **Children** 80cm EVC80
- Eventing **Junior & Adult** 80cm EV80
- Eventing **Junior & Adult** 90cm EV90
- Eventing **Junior & Adult** 100cm EV100
- Eventing **Junior & Adult** 110cm EV110

The parameters and dimensions applicable to each of these standards are set out in Annexure EV/A.

5.2.2 Categories

5.2.2.1 Age of athletes

As per NAMEF article 1.7

5.2.2.2 Age of horses

AGE RESTRICTION FOR HORSES

Horses may compete in Eventing competitions from 1 August of the calendar year in which they reach the age listed below:

- EV70 Four years
- EV80 Four years
- EV90 Five years

- EV100 Five years
- EV110 Six years

5.2.3 Participation

5.2.3.1 Number of horses per athlete
As per FEI 504.1.3

5.2.3.2 Grading and qualifying

5.2.3.2.1 Horses and athletes shall only receive grading points if they participate in their graded level or one level higher, in which case the grading points shall be awarded for the registered level.

5.2.3.2.2 Downgrading horses and athletes by 1 (one) level shall be approved by the NAMEF sports committee, if a written application is received that includes proof that the horse or athlete did not compete in any graded event during the past 12 (twelve) months;

OR

Motivation and proof that the horse or athlete were unsuccessful in their registered level for 3 (three) consecutive graded events. Unsuccessful means not completing the cross country section of an event.

5.2.3.2.3 Horses and athletes may, with the annual re-registration on 1 April of each year, register in the next higher level with zero points, irrespective of points accumulated in the current grading level. No upgrading of levels shall be allowed during the year.

5.2.3.2.4 In order to progress to the next level, above that for which they are qualified, horses and athletes are required to achieve the prescribed number of qualifying results (QRs). These requirements are set out in the following table:

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO COMPETE AT THE NEXT HIGHER LEVEL

Horse & Athlete		
Level	Junior & Adult	Pony Rider
EV70	None	None
EV80	Achieve a minimum of three QRs at EV70 level	Achieve a minimum of three QRs at EV70 level
EV90	Achieve a minimum of three QRs at EV80 level	Not permitted
EV100	Achieve a minimum of three QRs at EV80 level	Not permitted
EV110	Achieve a minimum of three QRs at EV80 level	Not permitted

Qualifying results (QR)

EV70	Completing a graded event without: - incurring jumping penalties in the cross country test - incurring more than 36 time penalties in cross country
EV 80	Completing a graded event without: - incurring jumping penalties in the cross country test - incurring more than 36 time penalties in cross country
EV 90	Completing a graded event without: - incurring jumping penalties in the cross country test - incurring more than 36 time penalties in cross country
EV 100	Completing a graded event without: - incurring jumping penalties in the cross country test - incurring more than 36 time penalties in cross country - incurring more than 75 penalty points in the dressage test - incurring more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the show jumping test

5.3 ADMINISTRATION OF EVENTS

5.3.1 Prize-giving

As per FEI 505.3.4

5.3.2 Schedule

As per NAMEF article 1.5.3

5.3.3 Results

Full results of the event shall be forwarded to NAMEF by the Organising Committee at the close of the event **but not later than four (4) days after the completion of the event.**

5.3.4 Invitations

As per NAMEF article 1.5.5

5.4 OFFICIALS

5.4.1 Appointment of Officials

Officials shall be appointed by the Organising Committee for the different types and levels of competitions and in accordance with the following:

5.4.1.1 Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate shall be a member of the **NAMEF** panel of technical delegates. Neither the Cross Country nor the Show Jumping Course Designer may be the Technical Delegate. The Organising Committee shall appoint a Technical Delegate to officiate at every graded event.

5.4.1.2 Judges

The Judges officiating at events shall be as follows:

5.4.1.2.1 **Dressage Test**

At least 1 (one) judge selected from the NAMEF Dressage panel of judges. 2 (two) judges may be selected.

5.4.1.2.2 **Cross Country Test**

The President of the Ground Jury shall be a member of the NAMEF Show Jumping panel of chief judges. The chief judge shall be the President of the Ground Jury for the entire event.

5.4.1.2.3 **Show Jumping Test**

- i) At least 2 (two) judges selected from the NAMEF National panel of judges or 2 (two) higher qualified judges from elsewhere.
- ii) 1 (one) secretary taking minutes.
- iii) 1 (one) timekeeper.

The course for the show jumping test shall be designed and built by a course designer registered with NAMEF.

5.4.1.3 **Veterinarians**

As per NAMEF article 1.16

5.4.1.4 **Stewards**

The Organising Committee shall appoint a sufficient number of Stewards, appropriate to the overall number of competitors at the event and the type of event.

5.4.2 Conflict of Interest

As per NAMEF article 3.5.7

5.4.3 Duties of Officials

As per FEI 515 except for the following:

- 515.3.6 N/A
- 515.3.7 read all "FEI" as "NAMEF"
- 515.4 read all "FEI" as "NAMEF"
- 515.4.2 N/A

Jumping: the jumping course designer is ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction of the jumping course and he shall ensure that the course complies with all current Eventing rules.

- 515.5 as per NAMEF article 1.16
- 515.6 N/A
- 515.7 read all "FEI" as "NAMEF"

5.5 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

5.5.1 Horse and athlete combinations may compete one level below, one level above and at the level at which they are graded. If a horse and athlete combination has different grading levels, the effective grading level will be determined by the lower grading level of the combination.

Participation Table for Eventing:

- EVC70 Open to all children, athlete level EV70, EV80 on any horse
- EV70 Open to all children, juniors & adults, athlete level EV70, EV80 on any horse

- **EVC80** Open to all children, athlete level EV70, EV80 and EV90 on any horse
- **EV80** Open to all children, juniors & adults, athlete level EV70, EV80, and EV90 on any horse
- **EV90** Open to all juniors & adults, athlete level EV80, EV90 and EV100 on any horse EV80 or higher
- **EV100** Open to all juniors & adults, athlete level EV90, EV100 and FEII* on a horse EV90 or higher
- **EV110** Open to all juniors & adults, athlete level EV100 and EV110 on a horse EV100 or higher

5.5.2 Horses and athletes competing one level below their graded level shall receive the following handicaps:

Dressage: **2.5%** deducted from the total dressage percentage

Cross Country: **3%** of the optimum time added to cross country time

Show Jumping: **4 seconds** added to show jumping time

5.5.3 Qualifying Period and Deadline

5.5.3.1 QRs shall be obtained in the current calendar year or in the preceding 2 (two) calendar years.

5.5.3.2 QRs shall be obtained before the closing date of entries for that event.

5.5.3.3 QRs may be achieved as a combination or separately by athlete and horse.

5.6 ATHLETES AND HORSES WELFARE

5.6.1 Athletes Welfare

As per FEI 523

5.6.2 Horses Welfare

5.6.2.1 The FEI Code of Conduct for the welfare of the horse shall be respected at all times including, but not limited to training, preparation, travel, competition and recovery.

5.6.2.2 At events where a veterinary inspection is compulsory, as per FEI 524, emphasis is placed on FEI 524.2.3(read CIC as CNC)

5.6.3 Dangerous Riding

As per FEI 525

5.6.4 Abuse of a Horse

As per FEI 526

5.6.5 Yellow Warning Cards

As per FEI 527

Read "FEI" as "NAMEF"

5.7 GENERAL EVENT RULES

5.7.1 Classification

As per FEI 528

5.7.2 Declaration of Starters

As per FEI 529

5.7.3 Draw

As per FEI 531.1

5.7.4 Starting Order

As per FEI 533

5.7.5 Timetable

As per FEI 534

5.7.6 Exercising and Warming Up

As per FEI 535, excluding FEI 535.1

For the duration of the event each horse shall clearly display the national membership number. Failure to display this number incurs first a warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a fine imposed on the athlete by the Ground Jury.

5.7.7 Access to Courses and Arenas

As per FEI 536

5.7.8 Interruptions and Modifications

As per FEI 537

5.7.9 Dress

As per FEI 538

5.7.10 Saddlery / Dress

As per FEI 539

6.7.11 Unauthorised assistance

As per FEI 540

6.7.12 Advertising and publicity on athletes and horses

As per FEI 541

5.8 DRESSAGE TEST**5.8.1 FEI Dressage Rules**

The FEI Dressage Rules apply for the eventing dressage test, except where otherwise provided for in these eventing rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI dressage rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these eventing rules from 1 January of the following year

5.8.2 Administration

5.8.2.1 Type and level of test

The type and level of the test shall be determined by the type and level of the competition and shall therefore be related to the quality and the standard of preparation of the athletes and horses

5.8.2.2 CNCs

Organising Committees are free to select any of the specific tests shown in Annexure A, according to the level of the event.

5.8.3 Number of Tests to be Judged per Day

As per FEI 543.2

5.8.4 Judges Positions

As per FEI 543.3

5.8.5 Scoring

As per FEI 544

5.9 CROSS COUNTRY TEST

5.9.1 Rules Governing the Cross Country Test

As per FEI 545

5.9.2 Courses

As per FEI 546 except for the following:
Replace Annexure B with Annexure EV/A

5.9.3 Obstacles

As per FEI 547 except for the following:
Replace Annexure B with Annexure A

5.9.4 Scoring

As per FEI 548 except for the following:

548.1 Faults at obstacles

Fault	
First Refusal, run out or circle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run out, or circle at same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run out, or circle at same obstacle	Elimination
Fourth cumulative refusal, run out or circle on course	Elimination
Fall of athlete or horse on course	Elimination
Breaking of frangible obstacle/devise	21 penalties
Dangerous riding	25 penalties

548.2 Time faults

Fault	
Exceeding optimum time	0.4 penalty per commenced second
Completing cross-country course more than 20 seconds under optimum time	0.4 penalty per commenced second
Exceeding time limit	Elimination

5.9.5 Definition of Faults

As per FEI 549

5.10 JUMPING TEST

5.10.1 FEI Jumping Rules

The FEI Jumping Rules apply for the Eventing jumping test, except where otherwise provided for in these Eventing Rules. Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping Rules during the year shall be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1 January of the following year

5.10.2 Object

As per FEI 551

5.10.3 Course and Obstacles

As per FEI 552 except for the following:
Replace Annexure B with Annexure EV/A

5.10.4 Scoring

As per FEI 553 except for the following:
Faults at Obstacles

Fault	
Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	4 penalties
Second run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	4 penalties
Third run-out, refusal or unauthorised circle in the whole test	elimination
Fall of Athlete or Horse	elimination

5.11 NAMIBIAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS ADULT, JUNIOR AND CHILDREN – INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM

5.11.1 Qualifications

5.11.1.1 Qualifications for the Adult, and Junior and **Children** Individual Eventing Championships of Namibia:

Athletes:

- shall be registered with NAMEF;
- are required to qualify under article 5.2.3.2.

Horses:

- shall be registered with NAMEF;
- are required to qualify under article 5.2.3.2.

5.11.1.2 Qualifications for the Adult, Junior and **Children** Team Eventing Championships of Namibia:

Athletes:

- shall be registered with NAMEF;
- are required to qualify under article 5.2.3.2
- may only participate in Team Championships representing the equestrian club at which they are registered with NAMEF ("Stammverein"), provided that this registration was effected at least 3 (three) months prior to the relevant event in which they is participating'

Horses:

- shall be registered with NAMEF;
- are required to qualify under article 5.2.3.2.

5.11.2 Order of Tests

The order of tests in the National Championships shall be:

- i) Dressage test
- ii) Cross Country test
- iii) Show Jumping test

5.11.3 Dressage Test

In all National Eventing Championships the Dressage test shall be judged by at least 2 (two) judges. Officiating judges shall be approved by NAMEF. At least 1 (one) judge shall be a **member of the National Dressage judges panel** and it is strongly recommended that 1 (one) of the judges shall be a member of an equestrian club other than that of the host club.

All Dressage tests chosen for the National Championships shall be approved by the NAMEF Eventing Committee.

5.11.4 Cross Country Test

The course, obstacles and speeds shall conform to the standards laid down in Annexure EV/A as follows:

- | | | |
|-----|--|-------|
| (a) | Adult & Junior Individual | EV110 |
| (b) | Adult & Junior Team | EV110 |
| (c) | Adult & Junior Individual | EV100 |
| (d) | Adult & Junior Team | EV100 |
| (e) | Adult & Junior Individual | EV90 |
| (f) | Adult & Junior Team | EV90 |
| (g) | Children, Adult & Junior Individual | EV80 |
| (h) | Children, Adult & Junior Team | EV80 |

These levels may be revised in any current year by NAMEF. Although Team Championship levels are stipulated for all age classifications, it shall be borne in mind that the Cross Country course shall be designed in such a way as to encourage all participating teams to finish.

The President of the Ground Jury (GJ) shall be a member of the NAMEF National Eventing judges panel or an International judge with equal or higher qualifications.

5.11.5 Show Jumping Test

The course, obstacles and speeds shall conform to the standards laid down in Annexure EV/A as follows:

- | | | |
|-----|--|-------|
| (a) | Adult & Junior Individual | EV110 |
| (b) | Adult & Junior Team | EV110 |
| (c) | Adult & Junior Individual | EV100 |
| (d) | Adult & Junior Team | EV100 |
| (e) | Adult & Junior Individual | EV90 |
| (f) | Adult & Junior Team | EV90 |
| (g) | Children, Adult & Junior Individual | EV80 |
| (h) | Children, Adult & Junior Team | EV80 |

However, the Technical Delegate shall have the authority to make alterations in the light of prevailing conditions.

These standards may be revised in any current year by the National Eventing Committee. The Show Jumping judge shall be a chief judge on the NAMEF National Show Jumping judges panel or an International judge with equal or higher qualifications.

5.11.6 General Championship Rules

5.11.6.1 Applicable Rules

All National Championships shall be staged strictly in accordance with NAMEF Rules for Eventing.

5.11.6.2 **Technical Delegate**

A Technical Delegate shall be appointed by NAMEF for every event carrying National Championship status.

5.11.6.3 **Representative**

The Technical Delegate shall also act as the NAMEF Representative and their interpretation of the rules applying to the event shall be accepted by the Organising Committee. They shall also be responsible for submitting a report to NAMEF containing the full results of the event.

5.11.6.4 Should the Championship Organising Committee not be satisfied with any ruling given by the Technical Delegate, an appeal may be lodged in writing with NAMEF immediately after the event.

5.11.6.5 **Restriction on the Number of Horses Ridden**

A athlete may not ride more than 2 (two) horses in a National Eventing Championship, nor at an event that incorporates a National Eventing Championship.

5.11.6.6 **Required Number of Starters**

5.11.6.6.1 Individual Championships:

In order to qualify as a Championship all Individual Eventing Championships shall require a minimum of 2 (two) athletes to start the competition.

5.11.6.6.2 Team Championships:

In order to qualify as a Championship all Eventing Team Championships shall require a minimum of 2 (two) teams to start the competition.

5.11.7 Rules for Eventing Team Championships

5.11.7.1 **Dressage and Cross Country tests**

In accordance with NAMEF articles 5.8 and 5.9

5.11.7.1.1 The order of starting of athletes within a team shall be drawn by the Organising Committee, so that each team shall have a number One who shall be the first of the team to start, through to number four who shall be the last of the team to start.

5.11.7.1.2 The number Ones from the teams shall start in the order of the team draw, followed by the number Two's, Three's and Four's in the same order.

5.11.7.1.3 If there are sufficient individual athletes who are not members of teams, the Technical Delegate may intersperse them evenly among the team entries.

5.11.7.1.4 An athlete riding as a member of a team and as an individual shall ride the team entry horse first.

5.11.7.2 **Show Jumping test**

In accordance with NAMEF article 5.10

5.11.7.2.1 The order of starting of teams shall be in the reverse order of penalties accrued in the previous tests so that the team with the highest score is first and that with the lowest last.

5.11.7.2.2 The order of starting of athletes within a team shall remain as nominated for the previous tests. The

number One's from the teams shall start in the revised team order, followed by the number Two's, Three's and Four's in the same order.

- 5.11.7.2.3 Where a team has, or is reduced to, only three athletes in the show jumping test, then they will occupy the numbers Two to Four places within their team.
- 5.11.7.2.4 If only one team remains, or all are eliminated, the order of starting for the show jumping test shall revert to the individual order.
- 5.11.7.2.5 Athletes taking part as individuals in a competition run concurrently with the Team Championship shall precede the team in the show jumping test and shall go in reverse order.
- 5.11.7.2.6 When National Individual and Team Championships are run concurrently the show jumping test shall be run in the individual reverse order of penalties with the highest individual penalty score going first and the lowest last.

5.11.7.3 Scoring

As per NAMEF 5.10.4

Teams with 4 team members will have one drop score, and only 3 scores will count for the final result.

Eliminated athletes carry a score of 250 penalty points

5.12 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO EVENTING

Eventing	General term covering the discipline
Eventing Committee	NAMEF Eventing Discipline Committee
Event	Events comprise of Dressage, Cross Country and Show Jumping tests. The Event may take place over one, two or three days.
CCN Event	A Long Format Event as per FEI 502.1.2
CNC Event	A Short Format Event as per FEI 502.1.3
Test	A section of the Event i.e. Dressage, Cross Country or Show Jumping
Cross Country Test	The Cross Country obstacle course
Recognised Event	An Event staged by an Organising Committee that has been approved by NAMEF in accordance with NAMEF Rules & Regulations, and in respect of which the schedule has been considered and approved by NAMEF
Levels	The Level of a Class at a recognised Event e.g. EV70, EV80, EV90, EV100, etc
Qualifying Result (QR)	A result obtained at a recognised Event, in any Level, of such quality that it counts towards qualification for the next highest level

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Organising Committee

Annexure A

EVENTING TESTS, DISTANCES, SPEEDS AND OBSTACLES

DRESSAGE							
Tests							
	EVC70	EV70	EVC 80	EV80	EV90	EV100	EV110
	SA Eventing	SA Eventing	SA Eventing	SA Eventing	SA Eventing	SA Eventing	FEI Eventing
EV DR Pony Rider	PR TR70		PR EV80				
EV DR Junior		TR70		EV 80	EV 90	EV 100	1*
EV DR Adult		TR70		EV 80	EV 90	EV 100	1*
CROSS COUNTRY							
Distances & Speeds							
	EVC70	EV70	EVC80	EV80	EV90	EV100	EV110
Distances in m	1400-2200	1600-2400	1600-2400	1800-2600	2000-2800	2200-3000	2600-3120
Speed in mpm	420	440	440	460	480	500	520
Efforts	Max 18	Max 18	Max 18	Max 20	Max 24	Max 28	Max 30
Time	3'20"-5'14"	3'38"-5'27"	3'38"-5'27"	3'55"-5'39"	4'10"-5'50"	4'24"-6'00"	5'00"-6'00"
Obstacle Dimensions							
	EVC70	EV70	EVC80	EV80	EV90	EV100	EV110
Fixed	0.70m	0.70m	0.80m	0.80m	0.90m	1.00m	1.10m
Brush	0.85m	0.85m	0.95m	0.95m	1.05m	1.15m	1.30m

Top Spread	0.80m	0.80m	0.90m	0.90m	1.00m	1.20m	1.40m
Base Spread	1.00m	1.00m	1.20m	1.20m	1.50m	1.80m	2.10m
Without Height	1.10m	1.10m	1.30m	1.30m	1.80m	2.30m	2.80m
Drop	0.80m	0.80m	1.00m	1.00m	1.20m	1.40m	1.60m
Water - Depths & Distances							
	EVC70	EV70	EVC80	EV80	EV90	EV100	EV110
Height Drop into Water	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.70m	0.80m
Minimum Width of Water Crossing	6.00m	6.00m	6.00m	6.00m	6.00m	6.00m	6.00m
Maximum Depth of Water	0.35m	0.35m	0.35m	0.35m	0.35m	0.35m	0.35m
Minimum Distance before any obstacle in Water	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.00m	6.00m
Minimum Distance between obstacles sited in Water	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9.00m	9.00
JUMPING							
Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Efforts							
	EVC70	EV70	EV80	EV80	EV90	EV100	EV110
Heights	0.75m	0.75m	0.85m	0.85m	0.95m	1.05m	1.15m
Oxer Spread	0.85m	0.85m	0.95m	0.95m	1.05m	1.15m	1.35m
Triple Bar Spread	0.95m	0.95m	1.05m	1.05m	1.15m	1.25m	1.55m
Maximum Distance	660m	660m	660m	660m	660m	660m	600m
Speed	300mpm	300mpm	325mpm	325mpm	350mpm	350mpm	350mpm
Efforts	Max 11	Max 11	Max 11	Max 11	Max 11	Max 12	Max 13

Annexure B

AUTHORISATION OF VETERINARY TREATMENT

Indicate discipline: Jumping / Dressage / Equitation / Eventing

FOR COMPLETION BY VETERINARIAN

Event: _____ Date: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Passport No: _____

Person responsible/Athlete: _____

Grading Class: _____

Symptoms or condition requiring medication: _____

Medication (including dosage): _____

Active ingredient (see label): _____

Route of administration: Intramuscular / Intravenous / Subcutaneous / Topical / Oral / Rectal

Date and time of administration: _____

In my opinion, after examination and treatment of the horse above, I herewith recommend that the horse is

FIT / UNFIT for participation at this event.

Name of Veterinarian: _____ Signature: _____

FOR COMPLETION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GROUND JURY

In accordance on the report and the recommendation of the Veterinarian, the above horse having received veterinary treatment or medication as indicated above, **MAY PARTICIPATE / MUST BE WITHDRAWN.**

Name of President of the Ground Jury: _____

Signature: _____ Date and Time: _____

Annexure C – DRESSAGE

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

ADDITIONAL ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST ART 3.5.7

- The Organizing Committee has to pay special attention to the above when appointing judges to competitions.
- A judge shall be obliged to examine the official event program with regard to above. He/she shall inform the Organising Committee immediately of a potential conflict of interests. In case of the provisions to above not being avoidable, a member of the sports committee of NAMEF must be informed.

ADDITIONAL ON EXECUTION OF TEST ART 3.7

3.7.1 "ERROR OF COURSE"

When a competitor makes an error of course (e.g. takes the wrong turn; omits a movement), the President of the Jury warns him, by sounding the bell. The President of the Jury shows him if necessary, the point at which he must take up the test again and the next movement to be executed, then leaves him to continue by himself. However, in some cases when, although the competitor makes an error of course, the sounding of the bell would unnecessarily impede the fluency of the performance for instance if the competitor makes a transition from medium trot to collected walk at V instead of at K, or cantering up the centre-line from A, makes a pirouette at D instead of at L, it is up to the President of the Ground Jury to decide whether to ring the bell or not. The decision whether or not an error of course was made will be that of the President of the Ground Jury, the other judges' scores will be adjusted accordingly. However, if the bell is not sounded at an error of the course and the test requires the same movement to be repeated and the rider again makes the same error, the rider is only penalized once.

In principal a competitor may not repeat a movement of a test unless the President of the Ground Jury decides on an error of course (rings the bell). If however, the rider has started the execution of a movement and attempts to do the same movement again, the judge must consider the first movement only and at the same time penalize as for an error of course.

3.7.3 ADDITIONAL ON THE SALUTE

If athlete at the salute does not take the reins in one hand or salutes with the whip in hand - he will be penalized in a loss of two marks on the point (not error of course)
In the event of a difference of opinion amongst Judges as to whether an error of course or use of voice has been made, a ruling must be given by the President of the Jury and all sheets marked accordingly.

Annexure D

EVENTING OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Officials		International Event	Championship	Namibian Event
Ground Jury	Dressage Judges	NAMEF dressage judge list: min level M	NAMEF dressage judge list: min level EM	NAMEF dressage judge list: min level E
	Show jumping Judges	NAMEF show jumping judge list: min level 3	NAMEF show jumping judge list: min level 2	NAMEF show jumping judge list: min level 1
	Eventing Judges	National registered	National registered	n/a
Technical Delegate		National registered	National registered	NAMEF registered
XC Course Designer		National registered	National registered	NAMEF registered
SJ Course Designer		National Level 3	National Level 3	National Level 2