

SECTION 13

CLASSIFICATION/GRADING OF HORSES AND RIDERS

13.1. GENERAL

1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLASSIFICATION/GRADING

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

2 NEW REGISTRATION

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

3 FOREIGN HORSES

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

4 LAPSED REGISTRATION

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

5 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CLASSIFICATION/GRADING

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

6 CHANGES FROM ONE AGE GROUP TO ANOTHER

1 On first registration as a Pony, in the Pony Rider Age Group, all ponies shall be registered as Grade PR 0.70 ponies, or .

2 On re-registration of a pony from Adult or Junior Age Groups , a pony shall revert to its previous grade in the Pony Rider Age Group or if eligible to compete in Open classes to PR Open.

3 On first registration as a horse in the Adult/Junior Age Group all horses/ponies shall be registered Novice.

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

5 Grading points earned by Pony Riders in Pony Rider classes are not carried forward as qualification rounds for Junior/Adult Riders

7 HANDICAP EVENTS AND COMBINATION OF CLASSES

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

8 HORS CONCOUR ENTRIES

Horse/ponies may only compete Hors Concour in any class other than that in which the horse was originally entered, provided that the horse/pony is authorised to compete at that level and that it complies with the conditions or restrictions, if any, set out in of the schedule.

Hors Concour (HC) entries shall not be included in any total of starters or entries used to establish the number of prizes.

9 RESULTS IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

Results in Adult or Junior competitions shall only score Qualifying Rounds for Horse classification and for Adult/Junior Rider qualification. Results in Pony Rider competitions shall only score grading points for Pony grading and Pony Rider qualification.

13.2 ADULT AND JUNIOR

13.2.1. METHOD OF CLASSIFICATION

1 Qualifying rounds are awarded to horses that complete the first round of a Table A competition without incurring any penalties, provided the course consists of a minimum of 10 numbered fences including a combination. As far as Precision and Speed and Two Phase competitions are concerned, clear means clear in all phases.

2 Division of competitions

Provided there are no fewer than forty competitive entries in a competition, that competition may be divided into two or more separate competitions of equal or near equal size. The minimum competitive entries in any one of these competitions shall be twenty. Qualification Rounds and prize money shall be awarded separately per competition.

3 A horse that has attained the required number of Qualification Rounds to advance to the next higher classification may remain in its current

classification.

13.2.2 COMPETITOR AGE GROUPS (see General Regulations 01.9.0)

13.2.3 HORSE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Horse Classifications shall be known as:

Novice:	Horses competing in classes with levels below 1,10m.
Medium	Horses competing in 1,10m, 1,20m and 1,25m level classes.
Open	Horses authorised to compete in 1,25m level classes and above

13.2.4 RECLASSIFICATION

1 Should a horse, being eligible, enter and compete in a different classification, either higher or lower, to that in which it is registered, that horse shall, with effect from the closing date of entries for that event, be reclassified to that classification; or

any horse, being eligible, on written advice from the registered owner to the owner's Provincial Body, may be reclassified to such classification as the owner advises.

2 Provincial Bodies may restrict the method of reclassification to either one of the above provided that they notify all of their members.

Qualification Rounds achieved in any level shall be retained in that level.

13.2.5 OPEN CLASSES

There may be up to four levels of open classes at an event.

2 The levels (heights) of the first round of these classes shall be stipulated in the schedule.

3 All levels will be linked and those classes that are linked shall be stated in the schedule. Horses may move between the linked classes provided that they do not compete in more than one of the linked classes.

4 Competitors entered in the Open Classification must notify the Organising Committee which level they intend to compete in at such time as is stipulated in the schedule. Competitors failing to do so, will be

placed in the lowest level.

5 Competitors wishing to change levels must notify the Organising Committee not later than half an hour after the completion of the last linked class or such other time as is stipulated in the schedule.

6 The classes shall be so scheduled so as to allow for the above.

13.2.6 CONVERSION

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

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

On this date grading points, in respect of both horses and riders, will be converted to QRs on the basis of 1 old grading point equals 1 QR

13.2.7 QUALIFICATION ROUNDS REQUIRED FOR RECLASSIFICATION - HORSES AND RIDERS

In order to progress to the next classification above that for which they are qualified, horses and riders, not necessarily as a combination, are required to achieve the prescribed number of Qualifying Results (QRs) set out below.

To be eligible to compete in the following levels	Horses must have achieved a minimum of:	Adult & Junior riders must have achieved a minimum of:
Novice	None	None
Medium - 1.10m level	None	10 QRs at 1.00m level
Medium - 1,20 & 1,25m level	None	10 QRs at 1,10m level
Open	10 QRs at 1,20 and/or 1,25m levels	10 QRs at 1,20m and/or 1,25m levels

13.2.8 OPTIONAL RESTRICTIONS

The Organising Committee of an Event may impose additional restrictions for horses and/or riders. Such restrictions must be clearly stated in

the schedule.

13.2.9 RECORD KEEPING

1 Events

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

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

All classes qualifying for QRs must be identified in the Official Programme and the courses must be certified by the Course Designer as being at least at the level stipulated in the schedule for that class.

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

2 Horse and Riders

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

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

(shown as follows First Round Penalties / Jump off penalties / Jump off Time or similar)

- 18.8 Place achieved in the class
- 18.9 Qualifying Rounds was awarded

13.3 PONY RIDERS

13.3.1 DEFINITIONS

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

13.3.2 ELIGIBLE GRADES

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

13.3.3 PONY RIDER COMPETITOR QUALIFICATION

Notwithstanding Rule 13.1.6

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

See General Regulations 01.9.1 and 01.9.2 for the definition of Pony Riders

13.3.4 UP-GRADING

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

13.3.5. METHOD OF GRADING

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

13.3.6. AGE GROUPS (see General Regulations 01.9.0)

13.3.7 GRADES

- 1 The Grades shall be known as:
PR Open
PR 1.00m
PR 0.90m
PR 0.80m
PR 0.70m
- 2 Grades:

- 1 A PR 0.70m pony shall be a pony that has not been graded.
2. A 0.PR 80m pony shall be a pony that:
 - i) has not attained 10 points in any higher level competition, or
 - ii) has attained 10 points in Grade PR 0.80 classes and has not been upgraded to Grade PR 0.90m, or
 - iii) has been downgraded to a PR 0.80m pony, or
 - v) has been upgraded in terms of rule 13.7.3.
3. A PR 0.90m pony shall be a pony that:
 - i) has attained 10 points in Grade PR 0.80m classes and has been upgraded to PR 0.90m, or
 - ii) has attained 15 points in Grade PR 0.90m classes and has not been upgraded to PR 1.00m, or
 - iii) has been downgraded to a PR 0.90m pony.
- 4 A PR 1.00m pony shall be a pony that:
 - i) has attained 15 points in 0.90m classes and has been upgrades to PR 1.00m, or
 - ii) has attained 20 points in Grade PR 1.00m and has not been upgraded to PR Open, or
 - iii) has been downgraded to a PR 1.00m pony.
- 5 A PR Open pony shall be a pony that has attained 20 points in PR 1.00m classes and has been upgraded to Grade PR Open.

13.3.8 OPTION TO UPGRADE

Once a pony has attained the grading points necessary for upgrading to the next grade, the owner may then at any time thereafter exercise the right (in writing) to advise the Provincial Body that he wishes the pony to be upgraded to the next grade with effect from the date of the advice.

13.3.9 POINTS FOR UPGRADING

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

From PR 0.70m to PR 0.80m : 10 points in PR 0.70m classes
 From PR 0.80m to PR 0.90m : 10 points in PR 0.80m classes
 From PR 0.90m to PR 1.00m : 15 points in PR 0.90m classes
 From PR 1.00m to PR Open : 20 points in PR 1.00m classes

- 2 In addition any pony other than PR Open pony, which has achieved a clear round in all sections (including all jump offs) of a competition eligible and approved for grading in terms of Rule 13.9.2,

with the exception of A2 Competitions (13.9.2.v), shall be awarded two grading points, notwithstanding that the points laid down in Appendix SJ/C are less. Should there only be one clear round, that pony, who will not be required to jump the jump off course, will receive two points as if for a double clear round.

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

13.3.10.DOWNGRADING

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

13.3.11PERFORMANCES AT RECOGNISED EVENTS

1 Officials responsible for grading

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

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

2 Competitions eligible for grading

AM3 Competitions (17.10.4.1.2)

AM4 Competitions (17.10.4.1.3)

AM5 Competitions (17.10.4.2.2)

AM6 Competitions (17.10.4.2.3)

A2 Competitions (17.10.4.2.1)

Accumulators

Precision and Speed Competitions

Speed and Precision Competitions

Competitions over two rounds

Table A-C Competitions

Two Phase Competitions

Table C (PR Open ponies only)

All individual competitions holding CSN Status

3 Events and competitions not eligible for grading

Under no circumstances shall the following Events or Competitions be considered for grading purposes:

1 Informal Events

2. Competitions restricted to the lower section of any grade (e.g. restricted to 1.20m horses with say four or fewer grading points). However competitions which restrict entries to the upper section of any grade shall be considered for grading purposes.

3. Handicap competitions involving more than three separate grades.

4 Announcement of grading

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

5 Handicap competitions

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

6 In competitions held under Rules 13.9.2 only ponies which are clear in:

- a the first phase of competitions held over 2 phases, or
- b the precision section of a Speed/Precision type of competition, or
- c the first round of all other competitions eligible for grading,

may be awarded grading points. If only one pony in the class goes clear, that pony receives 2 grading points.