



EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION ESWATINI

ESWATINI NATIONAL SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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PREAMBLE

The Equestrian Federation of Eswatini's (EFEs) Eswatini National Showjumping Championships are designed to assist the development of the discipline within the Federation and the qualification of horses and riders as they progress through the grades, to regional and international standards. As in all equestrian sports, the interest and welfare of the horse shall be considered paramount in Eswatini National Showjumping Championships.

Eswatini National Showjumping Championship is held once annually for a calendar period. The Eswatini National Showjumping Championship rules have been structured in order to encourage as many riders to the annual Championship as possible, whilst promoting performance excellence to regional and international standards.

GENERAL & DISCIPLINE RULES

The following rules are officially recognized as Eswatini National Showjumping Championship Rules and are to be read in conjunction with all current General FEI Rules and Regulations, FEI Showjumping Rules, SA Showjumping Rules, EFE Annexures to SA Showjumping Rules, FEI Veterinary Regulations and EFE General Regulations where applicable, for Eswatini National Showjumping Championships.

It should be noted that the Eswatini National Showjumping Championship rules replace all rules pertaining to the South African Championships within the South African Showjumping Rules.

All other texts covering the same matter (other editions and all other official documents) issued previously are superseded.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES & CRITERIA

1. Each athlete is responsible for knowing, understanding and complying with all relevant rules and regulations as stated above and as may be published from time to time.
2. Eswatini National Showjumping Championships may only be hosted at EFE Recognised Venues within Eswatini.
3. EFE Management Committee and the EFE Discipline committee are responsible for the organising of the Eswatini National Showjumping Championships and may include training level and graded level classes in the Championship event.

4. A horse/rider combination must ride in their grade as defined by the latest showjumping grading records approved by EFE's Head of Showjumping Sub-Committee and EFE's Technical Liason.
5. The Eswatini National Showjumping Championship will be run over two (2) rounds, both rounds against the clock in accordance to FEI Article 273.3.3.1, 273.4.3. This rule will only be applicable to the highest class in each category i.e. The National Champion title class. Course specifications are:
 - 5.1 The first round will consist of between ten (10) to eleven (11) numbered obstacles (no more than thirteen (13) jumping efforts) and shall include either one (1) treble combination or two (2) double combinations.
 - 5.2 Only horses that are not eliminated or retire may go to the second round over a shortened course which will consist of eight (8) jumps (nine (9) jumping efforts) including one (1) double combination.
 - 5.3 Speed at 350mpm for Adult, Junior and Pony Rider National Championships title classes.
 - 5.4 If there is a tie in penalties and time after the second round the competitors who are tie will go into a jump off which may not consist of more than nine (9) jumping efforts
6. The starting order draw for the National Championship title event, i.e. highest level of each category, will take place at the vet inspection.
7. Starting order of the second round shall be reverse order of penalties and time in the first round. Athletes retain their draw order in case of equality of penalties and time.
8. Athletes will be placed according to aggregate penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round.
9. If the show entries do not allow the show to be split over two (2) days Athletes will be allowed to enter their horses into two (2) classes on one (1) day up to 1m30 level.
10. Where there are entries for 1m35 and higher, the show must run over two (2) days or an arena familiarisation time-slot must be offered before the commencement of the show.
11. The other championship classes will be run as an AM5 under FEI Article 238.2.2.
12. Electronic timing equipment, approved by EFE, is obligatory for all classes at the Eswatini National Showjumping Championship event.
13. Class competitions have to be completed. Riders who are eliminated or retire will not be awarded Class or National Championship titles.

14. In the event that less than three (3) different horse and rider combinations are competing for a National Championship title, the following criteria will be imposed on the competition in order for the National Champion title to be awarded:
 - 14.1 ADULTS AND JUNIORS - If the highest entered level is at 1m20 or above: No more than four (4) jumping faults or two (2) time penalties, over two (2) rounds, will see the competitor winning the National Championship title.
 - 14.2 ADULTS AND JUNIORS - If the highest entered level is at 1m10: No more than four (4) jumping faults, over two (2) rounds, will see the competitor winning the National Championship title.
 - 14.3 ADULTS AND JUNIORS - If the highest entered level is at 1m or below: No more than a double clear for jumping over two (2) rounds will see the competitor winning the National Championship title.
 - 14.4 PONY RIDERS - If the highest entered level is at 1m or above: No more than four (4) jumping faults over two (2) rounds or one (1) time penalty will see the competitor winning the National Championship title.
 - 14.5 PONY RIDERS - If the highest entered level is 90cm: No more than four (4) jumping faults over two (2) rounds will see the competitor winning the National Championship title.
15. The Grounds Jury shall consist of a minimum national level judge who will be the President of the Grounds Jury.
16. A minimum South African provincial level 2 Course Designer shall be appointed as Course Designer for all classes up to 1m40. A more qualified course designer will be appointed if the show hosts any classes higher than 1m40.
17. Prize giving for National Championship title winners will be mounted.
18. Prize money per placing and per class shall be published on the final programme for the National Showjumping Championship. Prize money will not be less than 20% of the total entry fees.
19. A minimum of one (1) placing per four (4) competitors will be awarded.
20. Veterinary inspections are compulsory for the highest level of each National Championship title category. These inspections must be conducted by a registered veterinarian before the commencement of the show. Timing to be advised on the show schedule.
21. Every horse presented must have a valid passport and valid entry.

22. No substitution of horse may take place after the vet inspection.
23. The EFE code of conduct and FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse will be strictly adhered to at all times.
24. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these National Showjumping Championship Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the SASJ Rules and of the FEI rules. Should there remain any omissions in the SASJ and FEI rules, such omission shall be fully interpreted in a manner compatible with the other provisions of these National Showjumping Championship rules, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.

PARTICIPATION

25. The Eswatini National Showjumping Championship competition is open to all EFE members in good standing with the Federation.
26. Horses/ponies to be ridden in the Championship must be registered and in good standing with EFE.
27. Competitors who will be competing for the Eswatini National Showjumping Championship Title must have a valid Eswatini Passport or, for non-Swazi nationals, are legally resident within the Kingdom. Competitors of Foreign Nationality may still compete for the Class title but will not be awarded National Championship title should they proceed to win their class.
28. The horse/pony and rider must have entered at least one (1) graded showjumping event within the annual championship period prior to entering the Eswatini National Showjumping Championships in order to qualify for The National Championship Title. Qualifying graded showjumping events include graded showjumping shows hosted at registered venues within Eswatini or graded shows in any Group IX country. Showjumping classes ridden as part of graded eventing competitions may not be considered to qualify for a Eswatini National Showjumping Championship title.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS TITLES & AWARDS

29. Championship class titles will be given to the following categories:

Pony Rider 90cm Championship Class

Pony Rider 1m Championship Class

Junior 1m Championship Class

Adult 1m Championship Class

Pony Rider 1.10m Championship Class

Junior 1.10m Championship Class

Adult 1.10m Championship Class

Pony Rider 1.20m Championship Class
Junior 1.20m Championship Class
Adult 1.20m Championship Class

Junior 1.30m Championship Class
Adult 1.30m Championship Class

Junior 1.35m Championship Class
Adult 1.35m Championship Class

Adult 1.40m Championship Class

Adult 1.45m Championship Class

Adult 1.50m Championship Class

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

30. The National Show Jumping Championship title will be awarded to Eswatini Nationals or non-Swazis legally resident in the Kingdom in the highest level of competition aligned to criteria defined herein, in the following categories:

National Pony Rider Showjumping Champion
National Junior Showjumping Champion
National Adult Showjumping Champion

31. In the event that the highest level of each category does not have a Swazi National or a non-Swazi legally resident in the Kingdom entered into the class there will be no official National Champion Title awarded for that year. The Title does not move down to a lower level competitor regardless of their nationality

FLOATING TROPHIES

All National Championship floating trophies remain the property of EFE and shall be returned upon request to EFE prior to the next annual event.

CLOSING

As EFE are the custodians of these National Showjumping Championship rules, they reserve the right to amend the rules in any way whatsoever in the best interest of the sport as a whole. Adjustments to the rules will be communicated to EFE membership annually at the AGM for the forthcoming championship period. EFE further reserve the right to the final decision in any ruling or interpretation of a ruling. Their decision will be final and binding.

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