

SOUTH AFRICAN EQUESTRIAN TENTPEGGING ASSOCIATION



COLOURS POLICY

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1. Introduction

This policy is aimed at regulating the award of national colours and preventing the misuse or abuse of national colours; and generally to promote sport in South Africa through the effective control of national colours; for that purpose to:

1. Prohibit certain acts in relation to national colours;
2. Inform members of offences and prescribe penalties in relation thereto;

3. Provide rules and procedures applicable to award of national colours;
4. Provide a code of conduct;
5. Provide for incidental matters.

2. Definitions.

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates;

“amateur” means a sportsperson who is an amateur in terms of the rules of the international body controlling the particular sport in accordance with the rules of the national controlling body;

“Board” means the Board as compiled by the constitution or policy of SASCOC;

“code” means the code for the award of national colours adopted by the South African Sports Commission and its respective constituent members and as amended from time to time;

“commission” means the South African Sports Commission;

“executive committee” – means executive committee of SAETA;

“SAETA” – South African Equestrian Tentpegging Association;

“SASCOC” means the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee;

“NCB” means the National Colours Board of SASCOC;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Sport and Recreation in South Africa;

“national sports colours” means any or more of the following:

- (i) the name, title or designation Protea;
- (ii) the word Protea used as a badge or emblem or part thereof on including formal and informal clothing including sports clothing, replica or anything related to South African sport;
- (iii) the colours green, gold and white used as part of a prescribed uniform or dress in connection with sport;
- (iv) any name, badge, uniform, emblem, device, trade mark, design or similar matter in respect over which the Commission has any rights, *whether by virtue of registration or otherwise*;
- (v) “national team(s)”- means a team of one or more sportsmen and or sportswomen selected in terms of an approved selection process to represent South Africa, in a sporting contest involving national team of another nation or other nation;
- (vi) “test match”-means a contest in sport between national teams of two or more nations, held in terms of the rules and regulations of the international controlling body of such sport.
- (vii) “Participation apparel” – means match or contest clothing, apparel, uniform, kit or step-out apparel

“SAEF” – South African Equestrian Federation.

“secretary” – means the person appointed as such in terms of the constitution of SAETA;

"selection committee" - The selection committee shall consist of all the members of the executive committee.

"Team South Africa" means the brand known as Team South Africa, owned by SASCOC for the delivery of multi-coded sports teams by SASCOC.

"Tentpegging" – means the sport of Tentpegging as defined by the rules for the sport as announced by SAETA.

3. Ownership of intellectual property in national colours

The rights in all national colours and emblem shall vest in the SASCOC which shall make such national colours available for use in the public interest subject to such conditions and the payment of such fees or royalties as the Board of the SASCOC may determine in writing, subject to such arrangements as may be agreed in writing between the Commission and the national federations for payment of such fees and royalties.

4. Offences

A person may not:

- (a) without the necessary authority, use the national colours or any colours confusingly or deceptively similar thereto in the course of trade or otherwise;
- (b) project himself or herself as representing South Africa in a sporting authority without written consent from the SASCOC;
- (c) unlawfully and without the authority of the Board misrepresent that he or she is entitled to wear national colours;
- (d) commit any act or causes the commission thereof, which brings the national colours into disrepute.

5. Penalties

Any person convicted of an offence referred to in 4 above shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding R25 000,00 (Twenty-five thousand Rands) by SASCOC in terms of their Colour Regulations.

6. Selection

- 6.1 Provided that national trials and an approved selection process were held or conducted in order to select such national teams and that fair and equal opportunities were provided for every participant that qualified, to participate in such trials.

A selection process shall be deemed unfair and inequitable if:

- i. qualifying players are excluded from such national team on the basis of them not being able to finance their participation in the national team;
- ii. qualifying players are excluded from such national team(s) on the ground of their religion, colour or creed.

6.2 Selection of the national senior teams

- 6.2.1 The selection committee shall consist of all the members of the executive committee.
- 6.2.2 National senior team and National ladies team will be selected at the SAETA senior championships and only senior riders may qualify for the national senior or ladies teams.
- 6.2.3 Senior Championships will be held once per calendar year at a time and venue that will be determined at the previous years' annual general meeting.
- 6.2.4 The scores at the national championships will be used to select the national team as well as the ladies team. If there is a tie, the 5 individual events will be repeated until riders are arranged in such an order as to enable the selection committee to determine the first 10 positions to select the teams. The national team will consist of 5 riders and the ladies team will also consist of 5 riders.
- 6.2.5 The selection committee will appoint a manager and a coach for each team from the list of qualified members of the Couches Commission that will be made available to the selection committee.
- 6.2.6 The manager and coach will appoint a captain and vice captain for each team selected with approval of the selection committee.
- 6.2.7 No rider may be selected for the national team if he/she is involved in any disciplinary process or action against them by SAETA, the SAEF or SASCOC which has not been concluded.
- 6.2.8 In matters of mutual interest, SASCOC and any eligible Members may enter into a written agreement covering issues such as the establishment of a joint liaison committee, selection of the national team, communication, competitions whether national or otherwise, compensation, levies, disputes, officials, coaches and the like.

6.3 Teams

Teams consist of first five top scoring riders at the national event and may comprise of one or more of the following categories:

- (a) TEAM NO 1: NATIONAL MENS TEAM:
First 5 Top scoring Men to receive colours.
- (b) TEAM NO 2: NATIONAL LADIES TEAM:
First 5 Top scoring Ladies to receive colours.
- (c) TEAM NO 3: FEDERATION A DIVISION TEAM:
Any riders in position 1 to 5 in the A division.
- (d) TEAM NO 4: FEDERATION B DIVISION TEAM:
Any riders in position 1 to 5 in the B division.
- (e) TEAM NO 5: FEDERATION C DIVISION TEAM:
Any riders in position 1 to 5 in the C division.
- (f) JUNIOR TEAM NO 1: JUNIOR TENTPEGGING NATIONAL U/19 BOYS TEAM:
First 5 Top scoring Boys to receive colours.
- (g) JUNIOR TEAM NO 2: JUNIOR TENTPEGGING NATIONAL U/19 GIRLS TEAM:
First 5 Top scoring Girls to receive colours.

- (h) JUNIOR TEAM NO 3: JUNIOR TENTPEGGING FEDERATION PRESIDENT BOYS TEAM:
Boy riders in position 6 to 10.
- (i) JUNIOR TEAM NO 4: JUNIOR TENTPEGGING FEDERATION PRESIDENT GIRLS TEAM:
Girl riders in position 6 to 10.
- (j) JUNIOR TEAM NO 5: JUNIOR TENTPEGGING FEDERATION U/14 BOYS TEAM
First 5 Top scoring Boys – U/14.
- (k) JUNIOR TEAM NO 6: JUNIOR TENTPEGGING FEDERATION U/14 GIRLS TEAM
First 5 Top scoring Girls – U/14.
- (l) JUNIOR TEAM NO 7: JUNIOR TENTPEGGING FEDERATION DEVELOPMENT TEAM
First 5 Top scoring Juniors (boys/girls) attending their 1st S.A. Championships.
- (m) MASTER TEAM
Any MASTER riders in position 1 to 5 in the Master division.
- (n) GRAND MASTER TEAM
Any GRAND MASTER riders in position 1 to 5 in the Grand Master division.

It is to the discretion of the Executive Committee to decide how many of the above teams will be awarded for a specific year.

6.4 Participation as a requirement

Colours will be awarded specifically to the players or athletes who actually play or participate as a member of a representative team and to the official reserves in a test, if merited and as determined by the technical rules and regulations of SAETA concerned and its international federation.

6.5 Nationality

National colours will only be considered for sportsmen and sportswomen who can submit proof that they are South African nationals, i.e. they must be in possession of a valid South African passport. Athletes with South African resident permits only are not eligible. This rule does not apply to managers and coaches.

6.6 General rules

6.6.1 Senior Teams

- 6.6.1.1 Only riders who have a national ranking by participated in 4 (four) competitions during the year will be eligible for selection in a team.
- 6.6.1.2 Federation colours will only be awarded when riders compete at an international or national event.
- 6.6.1.3 Transformation: Selection will be done on merits only, subject to SASCOC's approval.

6.6.2 Junior Teams

- 6.6.2.1 **0/14 Rider:** a Rider is deemed an 0/14 rider when he/she is 13 years or younger on 1 January of the year the national championships is held.
- 6.6.2.2 The selection of the o/14 team takes precedence over the Presidents team.
- 6.6.2.3 **o/19 Rider:** a Rider is deemed an 0/14 rider when he/she is 18 years or younger on 1 January of the year the national championships is held.
- 6.6.2.4 Federation colours will only be awarded when riders compete at an international or national event.
- 6.6.2.5 National colours are only awarded to the o/19 boys and girls team.
- 6.6.2.6 Transformation: Selection includes a rider of colour in the national teams.

- 6.6.2.7 Only riders who have a national ranking by participated in 3 (three) competitions during the year will be eligible for selection in a team.
- 6.6.2.8 Junior will receive badges indicating the team as well as the year during which he/she received colours.

6.6.3 Federation Master Teams

- 6.6.3.1 Men will be allowed to participate in the master Championships in the year they reach 50 years of age.
- 6.6.3.2 Woman must be at least 45 years of age on the day that the championships are held.
- 6.6.3.3 Federation colours will only be awarded when riders compete at an international or national event.

6.6.4 Federation Grand Master Teams

- 6.6.4.1 Men will be allowed to participate in the master Championships in the year they reach 65 years of age.
- 6.6.4.2 Woman must be at least 50 years of age on the day that the championships are held.
- 6.6.4.3 Federation colours will only be awarded when riders compete at an international or national event.
- 6.6.4.4 The selection of the Grand Master team is subject to the availability of team members to be selected for a team for the divisional championships or any test on home soil.

7. Procedures

Application forms

- 7.1 The official application form for the award of national colours is obtainable from the SASCOC's offices alternatively SAEF.
- 7.2 The secretary will properly complete the application and submit it to SAEF. All applications for national colours should be submitted within (30) thirty days of the event for which national colours are applied.
- 7.3. The secretary will further ensure that the following supporting documentation are included in the application:
 - 7.3.1 The completed published Mandate for selection of the event.
 - 7.3.2 The team selected along with documentation supporting the athletes' eligibility requirements.
 - 7.3.3 The process used for selection along with all results, or rankings signed off Chief Selector and the president of the Association.
 - 7.3.4 The list of PROPOSED OFFICIALS with a motivation as to why that official will go. The official will be ratified by SAEF subject to criteria stipulated by the SAEF.
 - 7.3.5 A tour itinerary or event details showing all details of the competition.
 - 7.3.6 Satisfy the SAEF through documentary evidence that the team competing against South Africa is a team selected at the highest level and endorsed as such by that countries Federation.
 - 7.3.7 The use of the South African flag, the colours of the National team, the positioning of the national emblem and the use of sponsor's logos on all kit are determined by the SAEF. All kit designs must be submitted to the SAEF before the team kit is purchased for approval.
 - 7.3.8 Documentation providing the necessary proof of the status of the international event in question and confirming the invitation by the host country/organisation, must accompany the application.

7.3.9 The Team Manager will further ensure that all Participants, officials and administrators who participate in International or local events where South Africa is represented have agreed to abide by the following rules and sign their declaration before participation:

7.3.9.1 The SAEF Code of Conduct as well as the SAEF Code of Good behaviour ;

7.3.9.2 The SAEF policy on the welfare of the horse.

7.3.10 The following information required by SAEF in the form of an application will be included during domestic tests:

Endorsement letter from International Body

Endorsement letter of financial support

Endorsement letter from Host Province

Endorsement letter from Host City

Acceptance of Invitation from visiting country

Budget for the Event indicating that the necessary funds are available for the successful completion of the event

Supporting documents from Sponsors endorsing support of the event

Project Plan/Business Plan

NC 1 Form for Permission to compete

NC2 Form if applying for National Colours

Passports of ALL members noted in NC2 form

Minutes of selection committee

7.3.11 The following information required by SAEF in the form of an application will be included during overseas tests:

Approval from International Body that event may take place

Invitation from hosting country

Acceptance of Invitation from SAETA/ SAEF

NC 1 Form for Permission to compete

NC2 Form if applying for National Colours

Passports of all members noted in NC2 form

Minutes of selection committee

7.4 Application forms must be completed even if the athletes in question have previously received colours. After the award of colours has been ratified, the names of the recipients are entered onto the central National Colours Register (data base). Certificates for recipients of national colours are issued by the SASCOC.

7.5 SAETA will be advised in writing of the outcome of its application for the award of national colours. In all instances the decision of the Board of SASCOC will be final.

7.6 Hand-over of national colours:

In order to afford the necessary status to the award of national colours, it is strongly recommended that SAETA arrange a proper handover function to which a delegated representative of the Commission or NCB member may be invited in order to hand over the national colours prior to the participation of the athletes. At this occasion, the

national federation in question must also hand to all recipients of national colours, a copy of the federations' Code of Conduct in order to ensure that team members behave in a manner that suits their status when accepting national colours. A copy of the code must also be filed with the Commission.

8. Dress Code

Purchasing

- 8.1 Relevant insignia and material can be purchased directly from the approved official suppliers. Silk screening or any other form of reproduction of the official badge or emblem on not-for-sale items required by NF's e.g. tog bags, shirts, caps, T-shirts, pins or on leisure clothing, etc. or for reproduction on commemorative/special award medals/trophies, must be approved by the SASCOC to ensure quality control.

Code specification

- 8.2 SAETA must clearly indicate the preferred code of sport identification that will appear on the badge. The words COACH and/or MANAGER will appear under the name of the sport where applicable.
- 8.3 Upon the awarding of national colours, SAETA shall inscribe, beneath the national emblem, the name "Tentpegging" in which the person who has been awarded the national colours will participate in. In the case of a manager and/or coach, the words manager and/or coach (as the case might be) shall also be inscribed.
- 8.4 The principle will apply that each rider will dress appropriately depending on the circumstances and that coaches and managers will dress the same as the riders.
- 8.5 A junior rider may only wear his Protea jacket in the event that he is in the national team.

Competition Apparel or Battledress for National Teams

- 8.6 The approved colour combination for national teams is GREEN, GOLD and. WHITE.
- 8.7 SAETA must adhere strictly to the approved colour combinations, being predominantly green for home games, and predominantly white for away games, but only in the event of colour clash with the opposition team apparel. SAETA may deviate from this only in cases where, in a code of sport, a specific colour uniform is mandatory (e.g. test cricket) and then only through written approval from the Commission.

8.8 The national badge referred to above (being the King Protea) must be visibly displayed in the apparel on the chest on the left hand side. The SASCOC is aware of the expectations of sponsors for the display of their logos on uniforms. To this extent, the technical sponsor logos may appear on the right side of the competition apparel but may not exceed the size of the national badge. The minimum acceptable size of the national badge at any given time on the apparel must be 7cm in length and 6,5 cm wide, excluding the designation.

9. National Federation Colours

9.1 SAETA is entitled to our own colours, emblems and insignia which we may award and use as we please. "Federation" colours can be used in the case of invitation matches, "B"- and Veteran (Master)-sides, "Development" teams competing against other countries in friendly matches honorary/long service awards, etc.

9.2 No athlete is allowed to use the Protea, or any combination thereof as a national colours or in a manner similar to that of the two marks as used for purposes of awarding national colours.

9.3 SAETA is allowed to incorporate in our designs the Protea, and a combination thereof, provided that such inclusion will not demean the national symbol, nor create an impression that such a design is in fact a national symbol.

9.4 "National colours" are reserved for international participation only, i.e. not for domestic competitions and as such are reserved for the very best athletes representing South Africa in competitions of the highest level (continental and world championships, or "test matches" against fully representative teams or individuals from another country/countries. National colours can be awarded in the form of colours (the badge is embroidered in gold on green background).

9.5 The national badge consists of the logo with the wording SOUTH AFRICA appearing under it followed by the name of the code of sport, e.g. Athletics. The only other wording allowed on the badge is the designation "MANAGER" /"Assistant Manager" and/or "COACH"/ Assistant Coach. In the case of multi-coded teams the additional wording e.g. "COMMONWEALTH GAMES 1998" will also appear on the badge.

9.6 The SAETA logo will be the only badge that will be acknowledged for the awarding of Federation colours. Junior federation colours will be blue and silver. Master and Judges will also utilise the badge with "Master" or "Judge" indicated on the bottom of the badge. The badge for test judges will be the scales with the SAETA logo at the bottom with a laurel wreath.

9.7 Federation colours are awarded to each individual who manage to come first in an individual event at the national championships.

9.8 The Vice-Chairman will be responsible to order together with the team managers all clothes and attires required for federation tests or competitions. He/she may be allowed to co-op a person to assist him/her in this regard.

10. Divisional Championships

The team representing the top five riders in the country participating in the divisional championships will be known as the SA's Best of Men's team and the team representing the top five female riders in the country participating in the divisional championships will be known as the SA's Best of Lady's team.

11. Disputes

All disputes regarding any decision taken by the executive committee or any dispute that may arise flowing from this policy should be dealt with internally in terms of the Grievance Procedure of SAETA before a dispute can be referred to the SAEF and then to SASCOC.