

# SELECTION CRITERIA

OF

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(MAASA)

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## **Selection Criteria and International Competitions**

### **1. Qualifying for provincials, provincial teams & colours**

- 1.1 Each Province will hold NO LESS than 4 qualifying shows during the year as well as one provincial. Competition Postal Matches do not count as qualifiers.
- 1.2 In order for riders to qualify to participate in provincials they need to ride a minimum of two (2) qualifiers.
- 1.3 In order for riders to qualify for provincial colours the following criteria applies:
  - 1.3.1 A rider must have competed in a minimum of two qualifiers as well as provincials.
  - 1.3.2 Riders may participate in as many horse-rider combinations as they choose. Each will be viewed as a separate entry but on the same level where the rider is currently competing.
  - 1.3.3 Grading (Level placement) will only apply to the rider and not the horse.
  - 1.3.4 The scores from the rider's top two qualifiers plus provincials will be used to determine the average level achieved.
  - 1.3.5 To qualify for provincial colours the average level that has to be attained across the three competitions is HA1 level.

### **2. Qualifying for Nationals, National Teams and National colours**

- 2.1 Nationals are open to any rider regardless of whether they attended two qualifiers. However should a rider wish to be eligible to earn National colours they need to have attended a minimum of two qualifiers as well as Nationals.
- 2.2 In order for riders to qualify for selection of National Colours riders have to adhere to the following criteria and principles:
- 2.3 A rider must have competed in no less than 2 of the required qualifying competitions to be eligible for National colours.
- 2.4 The scores from the rider's top two qualifiers plus Nationals will be used to determine the average level achieved.
- 2.5 To qualify for national colours the average level that has to be attained across the three competitions is HA3 level for seniors and HA2 level for juniors.
- 2.6 From all eligible riders that have scored HA3 level, the riders with the best overall scores will be considered for selection.
- 2.7 Official National teams will only be selected from riders that have scored HA3 average across the three competitions irrespective of what their current graded level is.
- 2.8 Riders may participate in as many horse-rider combinations as they choose. Each will be viewed as a separate entry but on the same level where the rider is currently competing.
- 2.9 Grading (Level placement) will only apply to the rider and not the horse.

### **3. Selection Criteria for Overseas Competitions as a Protea Team ‘**

Selection procedures for a Protea team competing at an international competition, will be as follows:

- 3.1 Depending on the amount entries per country that is specified, the top achieving Seniors and Juniors from the Protea team will be selected.
- 3.2 Total scores from each rider’s top two qualifiers plus nationals (for the year in which they qualified for national colours) will be used to determine achievement.

### **4. Selection Criteria for Overseas Competitions as a MAASA (Non Protea) Team**

Selection procedures for a team from South Africa (not an official SA Protea team) competing at an international competition where a set number of invitations have been extended to MAASA:

- 4.1 The invitations will first be extended to the existing Protea Team.
- 4.2 Depending on the number of invitations extended per country, top achieving Seniors and Juniors from the Protea team will be given the opportunity to attend the competition.
- 4.3 Total scores from each rider’s top two qualifiers plus nationals (for the year in which they qualified for national colours) will be used to determine achievement.
- 4.4 Should some or none of the above mentioned Protea riders be able to attend the competition the remaining amount of invitations will be extended to the rest of the Protea Team.
- 4.5 Should some or none of the current existing Protea Team be able to attend the competition then the remaining invitations will be extended to all MAASA riders.
- 4.6 In order to be able to qualify for this competition MAASA riders need to be fully paid up and active MAASA riders.
- 4.7 Should there be more MAASA riders willing and able to attend the competition than there are invitations then MAASA will determine eligibility by using the total scores from each rider’s top two qualifiers plus nationals (for the previous season).
- 4.8 In the event that qualifiers and nationals did not occur in a particular year then the MAASA council may opt to use the scores from the year prior to that year, in conjunction with to scores from more recently completed qualifiers/competitions and or may opt to use a “shoot-off” to determine the team.
- 4.9 MAASA’s selection decision is final.

### **5. Rules regarding Open International Competitions: ‘**

- 5.1 Any rider is allowed to enter as an individual in open international competitions.
- 5.2 MAASA must be notified of these competitions a month in advance and notification must include the invitation, venue and competitions details.
- 5.3 MAASA will notify SAEF which will notify SASCOC and the relevant embassy of the competition.
- 5.4 Adequate feedback regarding the competition, horses and scores need to be presented to MAASA upon the return from the competition.
- 5.5 MAASA will file a written report with SAEF within 30 days of the completion of the competition.
- 5.6 Riders entering as individuals are not allowed to officially represent South Africa even though they are from South Africa. Riders are not allowed to wear their Protea clothing and or green and gold at these events.

## **6. IHAA Postal Matches:**

The concept of postal matches is not a new one. They have been common in target archery for many years. Postal competitions are ideal for our sport: even within our own countries we are spread out and only a fortunate few are able to travel abroad to compete in person with foreign friends. With these postal matches you can compete at home or in your local club, on a familiar horse, and at the time of your choosing. We welcome participation from everyone; from beginners to masters, regardless of school or affiliation. There are no prizes and people are not judgmental. Let's all just have fun shooting together!

MAASA complies to IHAA system of Postal Matches.

For Guidelines and Instructions please refer to <https://www.horsebackarchery.info>