



REITERVEREIN SWAKOPMUND

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**2009 WORLD
DRESSAGE CHALLENGE**

(CDN)

from 10-12 September 2009

(Closing Date: 17 August 2009)

**FEI Group 7:
Namibia, Botswana, Kenya, Swaziland, Zambia,
Zimbabwe**

Welcoming FEI International Judges

Ms. Sharon Rhode (RSA)

Mr Bo Ahman (Sweden)



GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry Fees (including levies):

N\$ 150.00 per horse for the FEI Challenge Competitions

Will include a CD of riders test

(Class No: 1-5)

Entries & Cheques payable to: .Entries to be e-mailed to waldsturm@hotmail.com or rp@fcs.com with proof of payment. Faxed entries will be accepted (fax number 064 46 2367) accompanied by a copy of the bank deposit slip. Banking details: **Bank Windhoek**, Swakopmund Branch, Branch No. 481 772, Account No. 8001759989

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Telephonic, incorrect entries or entries unaccompanied by the correct entry fees will not be accepted at all. Competitors outside the NAMEF jurisdiction must have their entries countersigned by their Regional Body as being correct, prior to submission.

Enquiries: Show Coordinator, RVS Sumari Piepmeyer 081 124 3516 or 064 462367
e-mail: waldsturm@hotmail.com

Prize Money: Sponsorship by Pointbreak Wealth Management

Stabling: On a first come first serve basis at N\$ 20.00 per horse per night. The allocation of stabling is carried out by the Stable Manager of the RVS committee and is final and binding on the competitor. Please indicate on the stabling form if you have any special requirements regarding stabling for competing horses.

Grass: Available at N\$45.00 per bale (limited Bales available)

Bedding: Per Bag of Shavings N\$10.00 (limited Bags available)

Grooms Accommodation: Ablution facilities (toilets, showers are available.)

Dogs: Dogs must be kept under control and on a lead at all times. Dogs not on a lead during the competition will be handed in at the SPCA and can be collected after paying a donation of N\$200.

Catering: Catering will be available during competition times



GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The event will be conducted under the current FEI, NAMEF. In the event of a conflict, FEI rules apply.
2. All owners, riders and horses must be registered with a regional body affiliated to NAMEF.
3. **HORSE PASSPORTS.** Horse Passports must be presented at the Horse Inspection and will be kept by the show organizers until after the Challenge tests.
4. **INDEMNITY.** RVS, NAMEF and FEI and their representatives will NOT be held responsible for any loss, damage, theft or injury sustained by horses, riders, appointed officials or the public or their property whatsoever.
5. **SADDLERY & DRESS.** As FEI Rules for World Challenge Competition. Saddlery and bits may be checked before competitors enter the arena or after competitors have left the arena.
6. **OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS.** As per NAMEF General Regulation all objections and appeals must be lodged with the Show Director or RVS Committee in writing accompanied by N\$100.00 for objections and appeals. For FEI classes the FEI Challenge rules are precedent.
7. **VARIATION OF PROGRAMME.** The programme and classes and the conditions relating thereto will be adhered to as far as possible. However, in the light of unforeseen circumstances such as excessive or insufficient entries, inclement weather etc, the organisers reserve the right to combine, divide, postpone or cancel any classes, always provided such alterations are within the framework of the National Rules and are not in conflict. The organisers reserve the right to omit classes insufficiently supported.
8. **RIDING TIMES.** Riding times will be drawn by the judges on the day preceding the event.
9. **PRIZE GIVING.** All prize winners must present themselves mounted and correctly dressed at the announced time for presentation of prizes. Any competitor failing to comply with this regulation, other than with the permission of the Ground Jury, shall automatically forfeit any prizes, prize money, rosettes, trophies or grading points for that competition. **NB:** Horses will be permitted to wear white bandages for prize giving.
10. **SCHOOLING OF HORSES** (Art. 12.2 FEI WDC 2006 Rules). On no account and under penalty of disqualification, may any horse take part in any class which has been schooled by anyone other than the competitor, mounted in the saddle, in or outside the town where the competition is held, from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the Show until the Competition is finished.
11. **TESTS:** The FEI tests are available on FEI website (www.horsesport.org click on Development, then FEI World Dressage Challenge, then working documents 2009 WDC)
13. **Please Note; Horses are NOT allowed to leave the premises after the Horse Inspection!**

2009 FEI World Dressage Challenge Rules

(Extracts are printed here. The complete rules can be found on the FEI website (www.horsesport.org click on Development, then FEI World Dressage Challenge)

The Clinic

The Ground Jury is not only responsible for judging but also for the realisation of a Clinic i.e. the 9 best-placed riders (according to their results in percentages) **and the 4 best riders under 16 years of age (if any)** will receive a training based on their performance in competition. The time devoted to each rider is 45 minutes (see Guidelines for the Clinic.) or at the discretion of the Judge/Trainer.

A rider/horse can only participate once in the clinic. If there is no or less than 4 riders in the 12-15 yrs old age group, the vacant places may be taken by adults up to the number of 13.

The Ground Jury

The Competition within the Zone is judged by the same Ground Jury, consisting of the same two FEI Dressage Judges appointed by the FEI, which travels from country to country until their tour is completed and all competitions and clinics have taken place.

As an exception to Art. 437.1, two Judges only will judge the Competition. The classes will be judged individually with the President placed along the short side of the arena at "C" (see Art. 429.5) and the Member at "E".

After each competition in the respective countries, the President of the Ground Jury is responsible for establishing a running record as to the results and placing of the individual competitors within the Group. This running record must be sent to the FEI immediately following the last competition.

Dress & Saddlery

- **Dress:** According to Art. 427 a black or dark blue tail coat, with top hat, white or off white breeches, stock or tie, gloves, black riding boots and spurs must be worn. For classes below Prix. St. Georges, a black or dark blue short jacket with a bowler hat or hunting cap is also permitted. However, in extreme heat, judges may give the option not to wear a jacket. A white shirt is however compulsory. Spurs according to Art. 427.3, FEI Dressage Regulations. (Dummy spurs allowed).
- **Black Gaiters or half leather chaps will be allowed for both adults and children.** Likewise, Hunting Caps or Jockey Skulls with a black silk cover will also be allowed for both adults and children.
- **For riders in the 12-15 years old age group:** Dress according to FEI Rules for Pony Riders, Art P-18: Dark riding jacket, white or fawn breeches or jodhpurs, white shirt with tie or hunting stock, hunting cap. Gloves must be worn. Top hat or bowler not allowed. No whip of any kind may be used whilst competing. However, one whip of maximum length 1.10m is allowed in the warm-up. Spurs are optional but if used, only blunt metal spurs no longer than 1.5cm are allowed. When mounted protective headgear secured by a three-point retention harness is compulsory.
- **Saddlery:** must be as laid down in Art. 428.
 - For Prix St. Georges level, double bridle is compulsory.
 - For Advanced level the double bridle is allowed.
 - For Medium, Elementary and Preliminary levels, an ordinary snaffle must be used (see permitted snaffles and nose-bands in FEI Dressage Rules).

This applies in the practice and competition arenas. **For all levels, the whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition area.**

Horse Inspection

Any rider/horse combination participating must previously pass a horse inspection carried out by a Veterinary Delegate to be appointed by the OC in accordance with Art. 1011, point 3 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

Art. FEI GR 139.2

Horses taking part in the FEI World Dressage Challenge competitions in their own country are not required to have an official, valid FEI Passport, or a National Passport approved by the FEI accompanied by an FEI Recognition Card, as a mean of identification and to establish ownership.

All horses must be properly registered and identifiable by diagram. All horses must have a valid equine influenza vaccination certificate. The Inspection must take place on a firm, level and clean but not slippery surface. The horse must be walked and trotted on a loose rein. A re-inspection is allowed (Art. 10011, point 7.3 FEI Veterinary Regulations www.fei.org > veterinary > rules > article 10011).

At least one member of the Ground Jury must be present and the Vet. Inspection must take place in the principle on the day preceding the Competition. Please refer to FEI Veterinary Regulations, Art. 10011. (See FEI website: www.fei.org > veterinary > rules).

It is up to the NF to award a Special prize to the best presented horse based on the Ground Jury & Veterinarian's decision.

Dress & turnout at horse inspection

Horses and handlers are expected to be correctly and neatly turned out.

Participation

The competition is open to the following age groups from the 1st of January of the year in which they reach their 16th or 12th birthday:

FEI Prix St-Georges	- 16 years of age and above
FEI Challenge Advanced Test	- 16 years of age and above
FEI Challenge Medium Test	- 16 years of age and above
FEI Challenge Elementary Test	- 12 years of age and above
FEI Challenge Preliminary Test	- 12 years of age and above

For the Elementary and Preliminary Tests, two rankings will be produced; one for adults (16 years and above – riders born in 1993 or before) and one for children (12 to 15 years – riders born from 1994 to 1997)

The competition is open to horses of any origin provided they are a minimum of 6 years of age (tests below PSG level), 7 years of age for PSG. The age is counted from 1 August of the year of birth in the southern hemisphere.

A rider is allowed to start twice in the Challenge classes:

- 1) with the same horse but in two different classes with no more than one level difference (i.e.: in the progression Preliminary-Elementary, Elementary-Medium, Medium-Advanced or Advanced-PSG)
- 2) in the same class but with two different horses or
- 3) with 2 different horses in 2 different classes.
 - No horse is allowed to start more than twice in the entire competition
 - A horse can be ridden in once in one of the senior classes and once in the Preliminary or Elementary class.
 - A horse can only be ridden once in each of the following classes: PSG, Advanced or Medium Tests
 - A horse can be ridden twice in the Elementary or the Preliminary classes.

The minimum (10) and maximum number (40)

Classification

Seven separate ranking lists (one for each level in the 16 yrs and above group and one for each level in the 12 – 15 yrs age group) will be established and will count towards the final classification.

The Individual Classification in each country of the Group is decided as follows: the winner is the competitor having the highest total points converted into percentage, the second the one with the next highest total and so on. In case of equality of points for the first, second and/or third places in a country, the higher collective marks will be decisive for the placing. If a further tie exists, the higher collective marks for the rider (No 4. Rider's position and seat. See test sheet) will be decisive.

In case of equality of points for places other than the first three, the competitors concerned are given the same placing.

The team classification in each country will be calculated as follows:

Following the veterinary Inspection/Trot-Up an NF designates a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 Team Riders. It is of no importance whether all team members participate in the same level or whether they compete in different levels. However, once nominated, the names of team members may not be changed.

The team members ultimate results, expressed as percentages will be added. The results achieved by the best three team riders will count for the team Classification.. In the case of equality of points for the first, second and /or third places of a team in a zone, the team whose third ranked rider achieved the higher percentage will be placed first.

The Prizes

The Organising Committee within each country is responsible for the distribution of prizes in the normal way (at least one prize for each four competitors).

Copy Rights: Any rider entered by his or her NF in the FEI World Dressage Challenge concedes the rights of any photographs of the rider and/or horse and accepts their publication in the FEI Bulletin, l'Année Hippique or any other magazine.

The FEI is entitled to make reasonable amendments to the present rules.

Important Notes:

1. **FEI Tests: Approximate level of test:** FEI Challenge Preliminary Test: SANEF CE level.
FEI Challenge Elementary Test: SANEF Elementary level.

FEI Challenge Medium Test: SANEF EM
FEI Challenge Advanced Test: SANEF M/Advanced levels with single flying changes.
Prix St. Georges

2. All FEI tests, including children's test are ridden in sitting trot, unless otherwise stated.
3. Classes 1-5 are ridden from memory and without a whip. No whips are permitted in any of the FEI World Challenge Classes or Prix St Georges tests, and may not be carried into the competition area
4. Classes 1-3 must be ridden in a SNAFFLE
5. FEI Challenge Tests will NOT BE GRADED.
6. **ALL riders must please indicate their date of birth on the entry form.**



Provisional Programme (subject to alteration)

Tuesday 8 September: Judges Arrival

Wednesday 9 September: Vet Inspection (17h00) for all horses/ponies FEI World Challenge. Horse Passports (correctly completed) will be required together with proof of valid equine influenza vaccinations. The horse handler must be correctly dressed and the horse must be properly turned out and shown.

Cocktail Party in the RVS Clubhouse to welcome international judges, Ms. Sharon Rhode and Mr Bo Ahman. The Namibian Team will be announced as well as the starting order drawn by the judges. It is mandatory that all participants be present. Entrance for participants free.

Thursday 10 September: FEI World Challenge (Zone 7)

FEI Challenge Preliminary Test
FEI Challenge Elementary Test
FEI Challenge Medium Test
FEI Challenge Advanced Test
FEI Prix St Georges Test

Late afternoon/evening **Video/general discussion with FEI Judges.**

Friday 11 September: Clinic conducted by the international judges for thirteen top placed riders and horses (including four children).

This clinic is part of the FEI training programme for Namibia and is **compulsory**. Failure to participate may lead to disciplinary action.
All competitors, show officials and any other interested people are invited to attend the clinic as observers.

Saturday 13 September: Judges Departure

FEI WORLD CHALLENGE CLASSES

<u>Class</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Open to</u>
CHILDREN/JUNIOR: SECTION 1			
1	FEI Challenge Preliminary Test Edition 2008	FEI World Challenge	Open to Riders 12 years of age and above (Born 1997 or earlier) Horses 6 years and older Snaffle Please note under FEI R&R-Participation
CHILDREN/JUNIORS/ADULTS: SECTION 2			
2	FEI Challenge Elementary Test Edition 2008	FEI World Challenge	Open to Riders 12 years of age and above (Born 1997 or earlier) Horses 6 years and older Snaffle Please note under FEI R&R-Participation
JUNIORS/ADULTS: SECTION			
3	FEI Challenge Medium Test Edition 2008	FEI World Challenge	Open to Riders 16 years of age and above (Born 1993 or earlier) Horses 6 years and older Snaffle Please note under FEI R&R-Participation
JUNIORS/ADULTS: SECTION 4			
4	FEI Challenge Test A (Advanced) Edition 2008	FEI World Challenge	Open to Riders 16 years of age and above (Born 1993 or earlier) Horses 6 years and older Snaffle or Simple Double Bridle Please note under FEI R&R-Participation
JUNIORS/ADULTS: SECTION 5			
5	FEI Prix St Georges Edition 2009	FEI World Challenge	Open to Riders 16 years of age and above (Born 1993 or earlier) Horses 7 years and older Double Bridle Please note under FEI R&R-Participation



HISTORY OF HORSE: ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION . Thank you.

*****PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE PAGE FOR EACH HORSE***.**

Name of Horse		Achievements
Colour		
Age		
Sex		
Breed		
Sire		
Dam		
Sire of Dam		
Full Name of Groom		
		Rider
		Horse

Surname		First Name	
Postal Address			
Tel (Land line)	Fax	E-mail	Cell phone

IMPORTANT

The competitor undertakes not to bring any horse to the show which has an infectious disease, whether notifiable or not, or which horse the competitor could reasonably be expected to know has an infectious disease. The competitor undertakes to withdraw the horse from the event (with forfeiture of the entry fee), if subsequent to entry it should develop, or should circumstances arise under which the competitor can reasonably be expected to know what the horse has developed or may develop, any such disease or ability to spread such a disease.

All persons participating at this event do so at their own risk and will have no claim against the Reiterverein Swakopmund (RVS), the Namibian Equestrian Federation (NAMEF), or FEI including any officials, employees, members, affiliated bodies, show-holding bodies or sponsors of RVS, NAMEF or FEI, for any damage or loss of property or death or injury of persons or animals suffered during or in connection with this event from any cause whatsoever. No minor may participate in this event without the permission of his/her guardian, who indemnifies RVS, NAMEF or FEI(including all such other persons and bodies) against any such claims by such minors.

I declare that the above particulars are true and agree that if the said particulars are incorrect, my entries may be rejected by the Show Holding Body and I will forfeit my entry fees. I agree that I am bound by the relevant rules of NAMEF, SANEF & RVS and the FEI world CHALLENGE RULES

Signature

Date

