

The New Grading System

The following Rules and Regulation were finally amended and accepted during the workshop 2010. These rules will be, until further notice, applicable to all events during 2010.

- In Dressage, children will continue to compete in their own classes, because of different dressage tests applicable to children.
- In Jumping, children, juniors and adults compete in one competition.
- In Equitation, the type of test determines if children, juniors and adults compete together or separately.
- In Eventing, children, juniors and adults compete in separate competitions.

GENERAL RULES

1. REGISTRATION:

- 1.1 Athletes and Horses must register with NAMEF for Dressage as from Level-P and for Jumping as from level-70cm.
- 1.2 For Jumping Competitions below 70cm Athletes and Horses need not be registered with NAMEF.
- 1.3 Dual registration of horses (NAMEF 1.3.9) falls away.
- 1.4 The registration of school-horses falls away.
- 1.5 No re-registration of a horse will be necessary on sale of horse or horse being ridden by a new rider.
- 1.6 Re-registration takes place annually as *FROM 1 April* each year.
- 1.7 As of 2010 the new **Event Season** will start on 1 January each year.
- 1.8 **New Registrations:**
 - 1.8.1 For horses that have never competed in a graded event, the rider can decide on the level to start. The graded level will always start with zero points.
 - 1.8.2 New athletes will always be graded at the lowest level, unless a written application for a higher level is approved by NAMEF.
- 1.9 **Upgrading:**
 - 1.9.1 Athletes and horses may, with annual re-registration as from 1 April, register into the next higher grade with zero points, irrespective of the point standing in the current grade.
 - 1.9.2 No manual upgrading of athletes and horses will be allowed during the year.
- 1.10 **Downgrading:**
 - 1.10.1 Downgrading horses by 1 level may be approved by the sports committee of NAMEF, if a written application is received, including:
 - proof, that the horse did not compete in any graded event during the past 12 months;
OR
 - motivation and proof that the horse was unsuccessful for 3 consecutive graded events.
 - **Unsuccessful means:**
 - For dressage: the horse did not achieve 50% in any dressage test participated in 3 (three) consecutive graded events.
 - For jumping: the horse did not complete any jumping course e.g. was eliminated due to 3 refusals in 3 consecutive graded events.
 - 1.10.2 A rider may be downgraded to the requested level, on application including motivation and proof that the rider has not participated in any event for the last 3 years.

2. PARTICIPATION:

- 2.1 Athletes and horses must be registered with NAMEF or another FEI affiliated body, unless otherwise stated.
- 2.2 Children can ride Junior/Adult horses AND Juniors/Adults can ride children horses.
- 2.3 A Rider/Horse combination will compete in a competition according to the new rules, unless the schedule specifically states a different rule for participation.
- 2.4 Participation in competitions applicable to the current grading system will always be “in competition” and graded according to the rules applicable.
- 2.5 A rider may enter for a graded event in one level higher, provided that the horse AND rider have obtained 50% of the specified number of maximum points in the related registered level. This entry may be done “in competition”.
 - 2.5.1 The rider may, should the combination in their first competition of the event not manage to complete the competition (does not finish), opt to compete in the related registered level for the remainder of the event.
- 2.6 Participation in competitions other than allowed by the current grading OR specifically stated in a schedule **may** lead to elimination from a competition and/or disqualification from the event.
- 2.7 A horse may **not** start in **more than 4 competitions** during one day. Mounted Games and Riding Ability tests are excluded.
- 2.8 If a horse has started more than 4 times during one day, the horse **will be** disqualified from the event.
- 2.9 Riders and horses with an ‘S’ status, shall remain in that level and compete with a handicap as stated in the dressage and jumping section. The ‘S’ status may be removed by the sports committee of NAMEF, on written application including motivation.

3. PARTICIPATION (School Horse Substitution):

- 3.1 Dressage Level-P and Jumping Level-70cm is designated to beginners. Athletes and horses must be registered with NAMEF.
- 3.2 In these competitions horses may be ridden by more than one rider. Each start counts as 1 competition and the horse may **not** start in **more than 4 competitions** during one day. Mounted games and Riding Ability tests are excluded.
 - 3.2.1 In case of point 3.2, grading points to the horse will be allocated to the **first participation** of the horse in that competition **only**. All athletes will be graded according to the grading system.
- 3.3 If a horse, having level-P or level 70cm, is ridden in such a competition by **one** rider only, the horse is graded as well.
- 3.4 Financial support is still granted to owners of horses according to current rules NAMEF 1.10.4 – 1.10.8 (school-horses)

4. OUT OF COMPETITION:

- 4.1 Riding “out of competition” has to be allowed at all events if conditions listed in this section are adhered to.

- 4.2 A rider/horse combination wishing to participate “out of competition” in a level not applicable to the grading rules, may, until the Entry Closing Date, enter officially. The relevant horse/rider combination will then remain in that specific level and will continue to participate “out of competition” for the whole event. This must be clearly indicated on the entry form.
- 4.3 The horse may not be ridden by other competitors “in competition”.
- 4.4 The rider may ride other horses “in competition”, as long as the participation is according to the rules.
- 4.5 During an event, a horse may, subject to approval by the Organizing Committee and/or Judges, participate in a lower level “out of competition”, provided the horse is withdrawn from one other entered competition on that same day.
- 4.6 During an event, a horse/rider combination may, subject to approval by the Organizing Committee and/or Judges, participate in **ONE** competition, one level higher, provided the horse/rider combination is withdrawn from the entered related competition on that same day. This entry will be “in competition”.
- 4.7 “Out of competition” participants shall start after the last “in competition” participant of a requested grade (Namef 1.9.4)

5. GRADING

- 5.1 Grading as per rules and regulations (NAMEF 1.13) is changed to the new grading system.
- 5.2 Dressage Level-P and Jumping Level-70cm is graded.
- 5.3 No additional grading points are awarded for placings.
- 5.4 In jumping competitions one grading point for every CLEAR round is awarded, according to the list of jumping competitions applicable for grading.
- 5.5 Dressage Competitions are graded according to a table when horse/rider achieves 60% and more.
- 5.6 Equitation Competitions with “change of horse” are graded according to a table. These competitions are ridden in age groups.
- 5.7 The Eventing rules remain as in the present Rules and Regulations of NAMEF. Some supplementary rules are in processing.

6. ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES FOR TROPHIES AND OTHER AWARDS:

CHILDREN: From Level-N and Level-80cm athletes and horses are eligible for Trophies and other Awards.
 JUNIORS: From Level-N and Level-1.00m athletes and horses are eligible for Trophies and other Awards.
 ADULTS: From Level-N and Level-1.10m athletes and horses are eligible for Trophies and other Awards.

DRESSAGE RULES

7. DRESSAGE:

- 7.1 The GENERAL RULES as listed in section 1 – 5 applies. The following rules are applicable to dressage competitions only and overrule the general rules.
- 7.2 Children participate in their own competition. Juniors and Adults participate in one competition.
- 7.2 A horse/rider may compete in one grade lower than the registered level. The participant will score 95% of the score achieved. This must be clearly stated on the entry form. The entry will be included in the total number of starters in order to establish the number of prizes. NO grading points will be awarded.
- 7.3 Points will be awarded according to the table in 7.6.

7.4 A rider / horse may, after achieving maximum points in a level, upon written request opt not to be promoted to the successive level. Such rider / horse shall remain in that level and compete with a 5% handicap. This means that 5% will be deducted from the total score. Such athlete / horse shall be indicated with S in the 'level column' of tournament entry forms, programs, score sheets (e.g. M-S). No grading points will be awarded.

7.5 Schedule

- P-: Open to all level-P athletes on any horse
Open to all level-P horses with any rider
- N-: Open to all level-P and level-N athletes on any horse being level-P or higher
Open to all level-P and level-N horses with any rider being level-P or higher
- E-: Open to all level-N and level-E athletes on any horse being level-N or higher
Open to all level-N and level-E horses with any rider being level-N or higher
- E/M-: Open to all level-E and level-E/M athletes on any horse being level-E or higher
Open to all level-E and level-E/M horses with any rider being level-E or higher
- M-: Open to all level E/M and level-M athletes on any horse being level-E/M or higher
Open to all level E/M and level-M horses with any rider being level-E/M or higher
- Advanced-: Open to all athletes being level-M or higher on any horse being level-M or higher
Open to all horses being level-M or higher with any rider being level-M or higher

ALL TESTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NAMEF WEBSITE

7.6 Grading Points Schedule

60% - 64, 99% = 1 points
65% - 69, 99% = 2 points
70% - 74, 99% = 3 points
75% and above = 4 points

JUMPING RULES

8. JUMPING:

- 8.1 Children, Juniors and Adults compete in one competition
- 8.2 During an event, horses may be ridden in different levels with different athletes according to the rules, as long as the horse does not compete in more than 4 competitions during one day.
- 8.3 If a rider / horse have in a 12 month period achieved maximum points in 2 (two) consecutive levels, the rider / horse will be allowed – upon written application – to stay in the most recent achieved level for the remainder of the 12 month period. Such athletes / horses shall be indicated with X in the 'level column' of tournament entry forms, programs, score sheets (e.g. 90cm-X).
At the end of the 12 month period, the rider/horse will automatically move to the next level. The rider may request in writing to be promoted to the successive level at any given time before the end of the 12 month period.
- 8.4 A rider / horse may upon written request opt not to be promoted to the successive level. Such rider / horse shall be called a "Speed Rider / Speed Horse" and will compete on a time-handicap of 4 seconds. This means that 4 seconds will be added to their time in competition rounds that are ridden against the clock (e.g. jump-off / speed rounds). Such athletes / horses shall be indicated with S in the 'level column' of tournament entry forms, programs, score sheets (e.g. 90cm-S). No grading points will be awarded. The 'S' status may be removed by the sports committee of NAMEF, on written application including motivation.

- 8.5 Schedule
- 70cm: Open to all level-70cm athletes on any horse
Open to all level-70cm horses with any athlete
 - 80cm: Open to all level-80cm athletes on any horse being level-80cm or higher
Open to all level-80cm horses with any athlete being level-80cm or higher
 - 90cm: Open to all level-90cm athletes on any horse being level-90cm or higher
Open to all level-90cm horses with any athlete being level-90cm or higher
 - 1.00m: Open to all level-1.00m athletes on any horse being level-1.00m or higher
Open to all level-1.00m horses with any athlete being level-1.00m or higher
 - 1.10m: Open to all level-1.10m athletes on any horse being level-1.10m or higher
Open to all level-1.10m horses with any athlete being level- 1.10m or higher
 - 1.20m: Open to all level-1.20m athletes on any horse being Level-1.20m or higher
Open to all level-1.20m horses with any athlete being level-1.20m or higher
 - 1.30m: Open to all level-1.30m athletes on any horse being Level-1.30m or higher
Open to all level-1.30m horses with any athlete being level-1.30m or higher
 - 1.40m: Open to all level-1.40m athletes on any horse being Level-1.40m or higher
Open to all level-1.40m horses with any athlete being level-1.40m or higher
Open to all level-1.50m horses and athletes with handicap.

EQUITATION RULES

9. EQUITATION:

- 9.1 Due to the low number of participants in Namibia, the current rules for participation are provisional and may be revised, once the number of competitors pick up.
- 9.2 For competitions with change of horse, Children, Juniors and Adults will compete in separate competitions.
- 9.3 For competitions without change of horse it is up to the event organizer to separate or combine age groups.
- 9.4 Children, Juniors and Adults may ride ANY registered horse
- 9.5 Grading points shall be awarded for competitions with change of horse only.
- 9.6 Points are awarded, according to a table, to all athletes who have completed the phase on the strange horse.
- 9.7 Grading points will start on 0 (zero) after the Equitation Championship each year. This may change in future.
- 9.8 All athletes who have achieved grading points are allowed into the championship.
- 9.9 Schedule
 - SANEF Novice: Open to all athletes on any horse
No change of horses
The height of jumps for each competition will be specified in the schedule
 - SANEF Intermediate: Open to all athletes on any horse
Change of horse
The height of jumps for each competition will be specified in the schedule
 - SANEF Open: Open to all athletes on any horse
Change of horse
The height of jumps for each competition will be specified in the schedule
 - NAMEF Tests: Open to all athletes on any horse
The test will call for change of horse OR no-change of horse
The applicable height is stated on the test.

ALL TESTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NAMEF WEBSITE

GRADING OF JUMPING COMPETITIONS

DEFINITIONS:

- ROUND** - The completion of a prescribed number of obstacles from start to finish.
PENALTIES - FEI 216 - A knock down (FEI 217), disobedience (FEI 219) or time penalties are defined as penalties.

In the following competitions a participant can complete 1 round only. If completed without penalties, 1 (one) grading point is awarded for these competitions:

- NAMEF 2.7.1.2 - AM8 (faults and ideal time)
NAMEF 2.7.5 - Combined Competitions (Precision & Speed, Speed & Precision) the first 6 jumps AND the following 6 jumps are seen as 1 round.
FEI 238 1.1.2.1 - Table A (AM 1, AM 2) (one round faults & fastest time)
FEI 239 - Table C (one round, faults into time)
FEI 263 - Hunting Competition (Table C, faults into time)
FEI 271 - Take your own line (Faults & fastest time)
FEI 274 - Competition in two phases (clear on first 8 continues to finish) the first 8 jumps AND the following jumps (jump-off) are seen as 1 round

In the following competitions a participant can have one or more rounds. The Jump-off round is also calculated as 1 round. For each round completed without penalties 1 (one) grading point is awarded:

- NAMEF 2.7.1.1 - AM 7
NAMEF 2.7.12 - Accumulators
FEI 238 1.2; 1.3; 2.2; 2.3 - Table A – (AM 3, 4, 5 and 6)
FEI 269 - Accumulators
FEI 273 - Competition over 2 rounds
FEI 275 - Competition in Group with winning round
FEI 276 - Competition with two rounds and winning round
FEI 277 - Derby
FEI 278 - Competition over Combinations

ALL OTHER COMPETITONS WILL NOT BE GRADED