



EDEN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

COLOURS POLICY

It is a great honour to be chosen to represent one's district at an inter district competition and the highest ethical principles and sportsmanship behaviour is required always.

Colours policy

- District colours can only be awarded to teams that compete at inter district events that are endorsed by the SAEF or SANESA.
- Team members, coaches and team managers have to be part of the EEF, in other words have to belong to a club duly affiliated and in good standing with the EEF.
- The rules for the inter district event must be published at least 3 months in advance of the event, and all districts must be given an equal and fair opportunity to select teams and compete at the event
- Development teams or B teams may be sent, but they will not qualify for district colours, only District Federation colours (in other words the EEF logo, not the ESC logo)
- The selection of the team should endeavour to select the best possible team, taking into consideration transformation targets where necessary and possible

Selection procedure

- Selection procedures must ensure that all athletes in the Eden district have a fair and equal opportunity to be selected
- A selection process that negatively discriminates and precludes any athlete from the selection process due to religion, gender, colour or creed will be deemed to be unfair
- Selection procedures or Selection Mandate will be published at the beginning of the year or at least 3 months prior to the event
- Selector's names will be published, and selectors must be bona-fide members of a club in good standing, that is duly affiliated to the EEF.
- Appointed selectors may not have a conflict of interest, and if so, it should be declared upfront as accepted as such by the school's body or discipline committee for the district.

- Any selection dispute must be referred to the EEF, who will, if necessary refer it for arbitration to the Eden Sports Council. Any athlete bypassing this process, will automatically forfeit the opportunity to be part of a district team and can face disciplinary action as a result.

Selection Mandate

- Selection Mandates for each event should be lodged with EEF as soon as they are approved by the discipline or schools body, and at the time of publishing the mandate to participants
- Whenever a team is to be selected, the published mandate must be circulated to all those who are interested in participating, irrespective of their capacity, to provide everyone a fair chance of becoming eligible for team selection
- Sample Selection Mandate Template
 - Team type
 - District team
 - District development team
 - Objective of the selection
 - To select the best team in the best district
 - To select the best horse and rider combinations
 - To select a team based on age and experience
 - To select a friendship team
 - Method of selection
 - Conduct trials
 - Use a ranking method
 - Use a series of events or competitions
 - Define the selection procedure
 - List the dates of the selection
 - List the competitions where selectors will select
 - List the minimum requirements for selection eligibility (age, competition level, experience, pre-qualification, horse/rider combination)
 - List the last date for selection
 - List the date for team announcement
 - List the selectors
 - List the minute taker, data collator, chairman of the selectors)
 - List the conflict of interest declaration for selectors (if any)

Team philosophy

- Team managers must be chosen with great care and should have the level of maturity, technical expertise and leadership skills required for this task.
- Conflicts of interests should be managed carefully and declared at the onset.
- All who officially accompany the team (vets, physio therapists, team managers etc) may wear the official team regalia (see badge sample for non-athletes).
- All non-athlete team members will also be expected to sign the code of conduct and adhere to all rules and regulations concerning the event
- Any participant in violation of any of the event's rules, the rules of the EEF, or the code of conduct will face disciplinary action.