

PART E – PRESCRIBED FORMS



DISPUTE REFFERAL [DPRC FORM 1]

1	Applicant/Referring Party:	DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
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3.	Nature of the Dispute: (Please provide sufficient details, if necessary an attachment may be provided setting out the details)	<p>1- SAEF EXCO interfering in the internal rule changing procedure of an SAEF affiliated disciplines technical rules contrary to SAEF Schedule F of SAEF constitution</p> <p>2. SAEF EXCO allowing ERASA to have a say in DRASA rule changing procedure and technical rules. ERASA have nothing to do with DRASA and such interference is legally and morally inept. We view this as a breach of our constitutional rights.</p> <p>3. SAEF EXCO condoning the publication of a confidential letter to DRASA president on the ERASA website</p> <p>4. SAEF EXCO publishing a directive to DRASA in their newflash email sent to all SAEF members without consulting with DRASA beforehand</p>

4.	<p>Summary of the Facts:</p> <p>(Please provide sufficient details, if necessary an attachment may be provided setting out the details)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRASA applied to SAEF to become an affiliated member of SAEF offering the Competitive Trail Riding discipline in South Africa. - CTR is not an FEI sport or an internationally controlled sport but is participated in largely in the USA and NZ and the UK. - DRASA submitted their draft constitution and draft rules to an Exco meeting of SAEF. (Please see email with rules and constitution sent to SAEF SG- annexure A). - At that stage DRASA had capped the divisions at Pleasure and Trail divisions as the founder members were not confident of what the uptake would be of the discipline. - DRASA made the commitment to not compete with endurance as a sport and have kept that commitment by not holding rides on the same dates and venues as ERASA. Distances are irrelevant in CTR in that the scores that determine placing are based on three specific criteria and will never be based on speed over a specific distance. - DRASA were provisionally accepted as a new discipline after explaining the principle on which the discipline is based, thereby making it very different to Endurance and all other official affiliated disciplines of SAEF. DRASA is offering distance riding to potential members who would like to compete over a distance without having to race to win the event. In order to obtain recognition a competitor must score the highest overall points based on a 3 tiered scoring system : A) a score measured and worked out by a timekeeping program based on the overall speed nominated by the rider and the ability of that rider to pace the horse according to the horses capability and fitness within the time set by the Rider, B) a score determined and calculated based on the Veterinary criteria of the horse, before, during and after the event by the Vets present, C) a score calculated and judged by qualified and trained Horsemanship judges of the riders care, grooming, feeding, stabling and actual riding of the horse before, during and after the event. - It is patently obvious that CTR is not the same as endurance. - DRASA was provisionally accepted by the SAEF Exco and had to present the documents required for inspection and later ratification by the full SAEF council at an AGM.(See email from SAEF SG attached- Annexure B)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- At the AGM DRASA was ratified as a new discipline by the full Council.(See minutes of AGM Annexure C as well as SAEF newsflash Annexure D attached)- Motions were received from DRASA members to add another division to the Rules for members who wish to participate in the Summit division with longer distances than the 40kms as well as a few rule changes and a request to ask SAEF regarding FEI acceptance of the 40km distance (See agenda Annexure E and motions Annexure F attached)- The motions were unanimously passed and minuted as such (see minutes of AGM attached Annexure G)- A letter was sent to SAEF SG requesting the investigation with SAEF of the 40km distance as per motion passed (See email attached Annexure H)- Before the response from SAEF could be read the following posts appeared on the ERASA website as well as sent to all members of ERASA (See attachments Annexure I and Annexure J). The letter to DRASA was then re sent to DRASA (annexure K)- DRASA responded to the directive above with a request for a meeting with the Secretary General. At the meeting at SAEF offices, attended by Cindy Radomsky, Sharlene Venter, Wessel Strauss and Tony Berlowitz, DRASA were informed that SAEF Exco had a recording of the presentation where the Acting President of DRASA agreed that DRASA would only be offering 40km events and they approved DRASA based on that Restriction applied to them.- DRASA never received any notification of any restriction placed on them by SAEF Exco or Council at any time. The acting president of DRASA was not present if any such restrictions were discussed in the meeting and did not receive any such communication. This is constituted as unlawful interference and restriction on the sport.- The full details of what had transpired at the AGM and the post on social media by a third party were discussed and the SAEF SG requested DRASA President to write two letters explaining the situation to the SAEF Exco and ERASA as an attempt to resolve the perceived dispute which is seen more so an unlawful and unnecessary interference within a registered and affiliated disciplines administration.
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- The DRASA council drafted the two letters as an attempt to show goodwill and forwarded them to the SAEF SG on the 15th August 2019. (see attached [Annexure L](#)).
- After querying no response the SAEF SG requested that the President of DRASA attend a meeting in the SAEF offices.(see attached [Annexure M](#))
- DRASA were once again informed that they would never have been approved as a discipline if ERASA had known they were going to offer longer distances.
- DRASA queried this as it is clearly another discipline interfering in DRASA's right to change technical rules as CTR is not endurance and very different
- DRASA then stated that if no favorable response was forthcoming DRASA would have no alternative but to follow the official SAEF Dispute Process
- DRASA council voted to send an email to the SAEF SG with a deadline to be set to receive a response to the letters(see attached [Annexure N](#))
- Immediately thereafter the attached letter was received. (see attached [Annexure O](#))
- Again this letter indicates the ERASA interference in the DRASA rules and the decision by the SAEF Exco to interfere once again in the technical rules of an affiliated separate discipline to ERASA. (See attached [annexure P- SAEF Constitution including Schedule F](#))

We do not accept that ERASA can abrogate to itself the right to solely be able to participate in distances such as 60km, 80km, 120km and 160km. This in itself constitutes an unlawful interference in another Discipline's constitutional rights.

This leaves us with no alternative than to initiate the Dispute process.

5.	Date dispute arose:	30 th July 2019
6.	Place where dispute arose: (Please provide ull details)	SAEF offices
7.	Details of internal dispute resolution procedures followed: (Please attach the records or minutes of the internal procedures followed, i.e. the records of disciplinary hearing)	See above details and annexures
8	What outcome do you require?	Acknowledgement that DRASA can adjust technical rules of discipline according to annual rule changing procedure voted on by members at the DRASA AGM and specified by the SAEF constitution schedule F Allow DRASA to offer another division within their Discipline

By my signature hereto, I confirm that I have followed and exhausted all internal grievance/ disciplinary procedures available to me before referring the dispute to the Commission. I further confirm that all of the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Signature of the Applicant/Referring Party

Signed at Kyalami _____ on this 09/09/2019 _____
(place) (date)