

Nationals and all Multi day rides Process for 2022

1. Nationals to be held in Provinces for foreseeable future for ease of attendance and costs
2. Preferably held over same weekend in future as we now have a standardised HMS Judges qualification program and standardised Pre HMS tests and all scoring is standardised on the Score Sheet thus not necessitating the use of 1 travelling Chief Judge
3. The Nationals are hosted by the Provincial Body with DRASA Nationals control.
4. Entries will in future go to the DRASA account and Provincial bodies will submit budgets 2 months prior to the Event together with ride sanctioning documents and invites.
5. Expenses to be paid in respect of the Events will be invoiced by Provincial bodies to DRASA and payments made as expenses are approved
6. Expenses will be partly paid from the Provincial Bodies funds ring fenced in the DRASA bank account or from the Provincials bank account as applicable and with an agreed subsidization from DRASA to be decided on by Council 2 months prior to the Nationals and reflected on the Nationals Budget agreed by Council
7. Courses will be approved by the National Course Master 2 weeks prior to the events
8. Qualifications for Riders/ Horse combinations
 - Horse/Rider Combinations qualify for Nationals by successfully completing a minimum of 4 days rides (one of which must be a multi-day Ride) in the Division/Age Group they wish to enter at the Championships. The Rider and Horse combination may ride a 2 day multiday ride where 1 day is at the highest division distance and one day can be at a lesser distance.
 - Example : To qualify to enter any Trail Division rides at Nationals : the combination must have successfully completed 2 Trail single day ride plus 1 multi day ride where one day must be in the Trail Division and the other day could be a Pleasure division distance.
 - Once you have qualified for the Nationals you can be chosen for a division Provincial team. This is based on your division (pleasure and trail) and based on your **Accumulated Points** gathered throughout the year
 - Accumulated Point are NOT your scores as they are based on a formula that takes the scores out of 300 for each ride and then a percentage of the points based on the distance. The formula and an example is below and is in our Rule document
 - **Accumulated Points** = 40 AP (AP=Accumulated Points)

Example: If the ride was 20km + 20km (40km in total), max points for the ride would be 40

We then take the % of 237 (which is your score for the day) out of 300 and work out a percentage of that from 40

Calculation: $(237 / 300) \times 100 = 79\%$

$$40 \times (79/100) = \mathbf{32 \text{ AP}}$$

- The qualified riders points are checked and then the 3 highest points they have got over the season are added together to choose the 4 members of the Provincial teams.
- Any rider who has qualified may enter all 3 days of the ride. You enter in the division you have qualified for and may drop down a division if you are cautious.
- Riders must enter online for all 3 days and have the option at ride briefing each day, when they nominate their speed, to drop down or up a distance as opposed to what they entered. No adjustments can be done the day of the ride- only when you put in your speed nominations
- Teams will consist of 4 members and only the 3 highest points (highest total points of the 3 riders over 3 days) will be counted for Team Results. One reserve will be chosen per division that may be called into the Team if a Rider is eliminated to enable the Team to continue to have 4 riders or minimum of 3 riders.
- If a Team only has 2 members left then the Team is disbanded and riders only ride as individuals
- Individual awards of all categories (Best vet, HMS and Time as well as Overall winner) are awarded at Nationals for riders/Horse combinations who complete ALL 3 days Only
- These Awards are based on Points and NOT scores.
- These Awards are per Division and not Distance
- Non qualified Riders may Ride 2 days at Nationals and in order for the Event to qualify as a Multi Day Ride for the next season they must complete the days consecutively.
- Non Qualified Riders will not be in contention for any Ride Awards.

9. Order of Event

- Entries close 1 week prior to event
- Entries are sent by Nationals to Timekeepers and Ride Managers for Ride setup
- Scanners and Chips are ONLY used for timekeeping purposes
- On the day before the Ride starts riders arrive and present themselves to Ride Secretary to receive all documentation. Timekeepers will check Logbooks are correctly inputted and return to Riders for vetting and judging. Riders must keep logbooks with them and at the end of each day after final vetting these logbooks will be left at the vet. The vet will then send them to the Timekeepers who will collate and complete the logbooks and the system scores. Riders may only fetch logbooks for next day once this has been completed and then present for next days vetting that afternoon.
- On that day prior to first day Ride all 3 standardised pre ride HMS tests for riders entered for all 3 days will be judged. Riders who have not entered for all 3 days will only do the following days Pre Ride HMS test. All other HMS judging for the days ride will follow as per usual judging (post ride HMS test, containment and obstacle each day.) Tack checking can be done for the next day 5 minutes before horse and rider depart first leg (at the start line) Post Ride Final HMS judging will occur for all riders who participated that day within 1 hour of the Rider completing the Event. The Pre Ride Vetting for the next day will be done from 16h00 that afternoon. This process may be used for ALL multi day rides at the discretion of the Ride Master and Judges. Riders must be informed that this is an EITHER /OR process (riders

cannot do the 2 or 3 HMS tests before the ride and then choose to redo them the next afternoon if their scores are not as they wish)

- Ride Briefing must be attended by all riders and thereafter riders nominate their Ride Speed and are allocated Ride start times.
- Each day after final vetting and Post Ride HMS judging the riders will then attend the next days ride briefing and again nominate speeds and receive start times. No awards will be awarded daily until the Final day of the ride.
- Riders who are leaving for home at the end of each day will do Release to Travel vetting on the day and after presenting Release forms will receive any documentation outstanding (including logbooks or may discuss scoring)
- On the final day the Final awards meeting will be held when the Timekeepers have input, calculated and checked all scoring.
- Teams awards will only be announced once all results are finalised from all events and will be announced on the DRASA FB Group.