

How to start a DRASA club

PLEASE READ ALL DOCUMENTATION ON WEBSITE SO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A CLUB- How to host a ride document as well as all rules etc

1. Have a founders meeting where everyone interested attends
2. Vote in the Constitution – we can supply you with a draft one
3. Vote in the Office Bearers according to the constitution
4. Open a bank account in the club name
5. Choose a logo and colours of the club
6. Decide on membership fees for club and preferably have a membership document riders must fill in so you have all details
7. Send in Club affiliation document to Drasa together with logo and Service level agreement
8. Offer a Clinic
 - a. Decide on date-ask DRASA Chief Horsemanship judge if they can come train the judges that day and do a presentation on how DRASA works and find a venue where you can offer the longer distances
 - b. Get 2 people from Club (that won't ever ride) to be trained as Horsemanship Judges and preferably train your own timekeeper that can work for your club (plus a pc and printer). They will need to be trained to work on our timing system by the programmer Alan Spreadborough. Make an appointment at a ride where he is timing or ask him to train you remotely
 - c. Advertise to everyone in area - especially trail riders, livery yards etc
 - d. Mark a track of 5kms in a loop and you can offer a 5km and 10 km ride
 - e. Find a vet to explain vetting – or get a student or community service vet to come do vetting and teach riders how vetting works (give the vet the Vet manual and rules so they understand our vetting procedures)
 - f. Send Ride sanctioning document to Drasa for entries to be put on website (this will cost the club R20 per entry to the website developer)
9. If your clinic goes off well you can then look for a venue where you can mark a 5km route, 10 km route, 15 km route and a 20km route – its better for you if you can find someone who

will let you mark it permanently (tyres or paint on boulders etc so each ride you just have to check the route and not re-mark 😊)

10. Fill in ride sanctioning form for your official ride and draw up invite and send to DRASA for entries on the website and to advertise to all members

11. Remember clubs are the backbone of the sport as they host rides and represent members on the DRASA Council. You must be prepared to do the work when necessary so a good committee is very important to the success of the club