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9.1. FOUNDER MEMBERS

- 9.1.1 Persons are regarded as Founder Members of ERASA when they satisfy the requirements as laid down in the Constitution of the Association.
- 9.1.2 Council will hand an address/certificate to each Founder Member.
- 9.1.3 The administrative officer of Council must keep a register of all Founder Members.

9.2. HONORARY MEMBERS

- 9.2.1 Council can name any person as an Honorary Member.
- 9.2.2 Members of the Association, club – and union management and Council can nominate persons to be named honorary members. Nominations must be accompanied by a short motivation, explaining the contribution that the particular person made to the sport of endurance riding (either in South Africa or at international level).
- 9.2.3 Honorary members do not have to be South African citizens, and do not have to be members of ERASA at the time of nomination.
- 9.2.4 Persons can be named honorary members whilst still being actively involved in the sport, after they have retired from active involvement or posthumously.
- 9.2.5 Council will consider each nomination and make a decision on whether to name the nominee an honorary member (or not). The decision of Council is final.
- 9.2.6 In the case of a nomination being turned down, additional information can be added to the motivation and the nomination can be resubmitted for consideration by Council. Resubmission is only allowed once.
- 9.2.7 Council will hand an address/certificate to each honorary member.
- 9.2.8 It is expected of honorary members to be ambassadors for the sport, and ipso facto to adhere to the principles of the code of conduct of the Association.

9.3 HONORARY COLOURS

- 9.3.1 Honorary colours can only be awarded to members of ERASA who are South African citizens.
- 9.3.2 Junior honorary colours are only awarded in the two-star category, and only to riders who qualify for the award in terms of articles 9.3.4 to 9.3.6.
- 9.3.3 Senior honorary colours are awarded in the following categories:
- 9.3.3.1 One-star honorary colours are awarded to:
- 9.3.3.1.1 Members who made a major contribution to the sport. The award can only be made whilst the member is still actively involved in the sport. Nominations can be submitted by clubs, unions and Council, whilst Council must consider the nominations and decide on the award or not of honorary colours. The decision of Council is final.
- 9.3.3.1.2 Riders in all weight categories who successfully complete (15) or more SA National Championships. Please note that these must be fifteen of the same type of competition (ie either the Fauresmith 200 or the National Long Distance Championships) and not a combination of the two. Also note that all rides completed, irrespective of the age category, will count towards the total of fifteen (15).
- 9.3.3.1.3 Officials who have served for twenty (20) years at SA National Championships.
- 9.3.3.2 Two-star honorary colours are awarded to riders who qualify for the award in terms of articles 9.3.4 to 9.3.6
- 9.3.3.3 Three-star honorary colours are awarded to members who qualify for both the above categories.
- 9.3.4 Two-star honorary colours are awarded to each member of a SA National Team or a Federation Team who finishes amongst the top ten (10) riders (the top twenty (20) riders for a World Championships or World Equestrian Games) in the specific rider category for which the team was entered (eg Young Rider, or Heavy Weight, or Senior) at a recognised international competition, and only if the following conditions are met:
- 9.3.4.1 At least thirty (30) riders must start in the specific category. If fewer riders start the ride in the specific category, the "top ten" is reduced in accordance with the table below:

Number of starters	Number of positions considered
30	10
27 – 29	9
24 – 26	8

21 – 23	7
18 – 20	6
15 – 17	5
14 or less	3

9.3.5 Two-star honorary colours are also awarded to:

9.3.5.1 The riders who finish first in the standard weight category, the light weight category and the junior category at the Fauresmith 200 National Championships, on condition that he/she maintained an average actual speed of at least twenty-three (23) km per hour.

9.3.5.2 The rider who finishes first in the heavy weight category at the Fauresmith 200 National Championships, on condition that he/she maintained an average actual speed of at least twenty-one (21) km per hour.

9.3.5.3 The winner of the main competition (the competition of which the winner is regarded as the SA Long Distance Champion of the age group) in each category (age and weight categories) presented as part of the SA Long Distance Championships.

9.3.5.4 A South African rider who finishes first in the main competition in any age and weight category at any of the following competitions:

9.3.5.4.1 The individual competition at a recognised international competition.

9.3.5.4.2 A competition that is officially recognised (and was advertised as such) as the National Championships of a country.

9.3.5.4.3 A competition that is officially recognised (and was advertised as such) as a Regional Championships, where riders of different countries in a geographic region compete against one another (eg European Championships). This is not to be confused with a provincial or union championships.

9.3.6 Two-star honorary colours can only be awarded in terms of article 9.3.5 above if:

9.3.6.1 The rider has completed at least one-thousand (1000) km in official endurance rides.

9.3.6.2 At least thirty (30) riders started the competition in the specific category.

9.3.7 Honorary colours can not be awarded to a rider riding a horse on which another rider was awarded honorary colours during the previous twelve months.

- 9.3.8 Riders who are awarded honorary colours also receive a special rider number. These numbers can (and should) be used at all rides with the exception of national and international competitions.
- 9.3.9 Council hands a blazer pocket badge (dark green for seniors and navy blue for juniors), embroidered with the registered ERASA Honorary Colours Emblem (with one, two or three stars, as applicable) and the wording "Endurance Riding" beneath the emblem, to all members who are awarded honorary colours. The honorary colours blazer is worn with charcoal, dark grey or black trousers, white shirt and tie. Ladies may, as an alternative to the trousers and tie, wear a skirt of the same colour and a scarf.

9.4 NATIONAL RANKING LISTS

- 9.4.1 To recognize continuous achievement by riders and horses during an endurance year (starting with the first ride after the Fauresmith 200, and ending at and including the following Fauresmith 200), points are awarded (based on achievement) for each ride completed by the rider and horse during the particular year. Ranking years will be referred to as 2007/2008, 2008/2009, etc.
- 9.4.2 Results of all rides in which a rider or horse participated are considered for the rankings. The following applies:
- 9.4.2.1 Results for rides held under the auspices of the Endurance Ride Association of South Africa are automatically included as soon as they have been captured in the ride results database.
- 9.4.2.2 Results for all other rides will only be included if they are submitted in accordance with articles 2.14.5 and 2.14.6.
- 9.4.3 Only the results of competitive rides are considered for ranking purposes. Rides completed under the "step ladder" rules will therefore not count towards the ranking of either the rider or the horse. However, to provide riders and officials with a complete record of all rides participated in by a rider or horse during a specific year, all rides (including step ladder rides as well as rides where the rider or horse withdrew or retired, or was disqualified or eliminated) will be shown.
- 9.4.4 For all rides held under the auspices of ERASA, points are awarded based on corrected speed (ie. speed corrected in accordance with the handicap of the course) against which the rider and horse completed the ride.
- 9.4.5 For all other rides a handicap will be calculated when the results are submitted (in the same way as is done for "new rides" in South Africa, see chapter 2) and points will also be awarded based on the corrected speed against which the rider and horse completed the ride.
- 9.4.6 Points are awarded to the rider and the horse separately, and not to rider/horse combinations. Riders will be awarded points for all his/her rides, irrespective of the

horse he/she rode, whilst horses will be awarded points for rides in which they participated, also irrespective of the rider who rode the horse.

- 9.4.7 Rides are graded according to the distance of the ride, as well as the level of competition. If a rider or horse completes a ride at an average corrected speed of 22 km per hour, points are awarded as indicated in the table:

Grade	Description	Points
Grade A	Senior World Championships over 160km	180 points
Grade B	Junior/Young Rider World Championships over 120km	150 points
	Fauresmith National Championships	
	Senior National(1) Long Distance Championships over 160km	
	Senior Regional(2) Long Distance Championships over 160km	
Grade C	Senior National(1) Long Distance Championships over 120/130km	120 points
	Senior Regional(2) Long Distance Championships over 120/130km	
	Junior/Young Rider National(1) Long Distance Championships over 120km	
	Junior/Young Rider Regional(2) Long Distance Championships over 120km	
Grade D	All other 160km rides	100 points
Grade E	All other 120 – 139km rides	80 points
Grade F	All 100 – 119km rides	70 points
Grade G	All 80 – 99km rides	60 points
Remarks		
(1) "National Championships" include all rides that are the National Championships of the specific country, and is not limited to SA National Championships only		
(2) "Regional Championships" include all rides that are officially regarded as a Regional Championship by the FEI, and also includes the "Africa Championships" held at Walvis Bay		
Special rides, such as the 300 miler or components thereof (eg the 120km rides presented on each day of the 300 miler) are not taken into consideration, as these rides are held under special rules.		

- 9.4.8 If a rider or horse completes the ride at an average corrected speed faster than 22 km per hour, additional points are awarded. As an example, if a ride of 80km is completed in an average corrected speed of 24,5 km per hour:

$$24,5/22 \times 100 = 111,37 \%$$

Both the rider and horse are awarded $(60) \times 111,37\% = 66,82$ points

- 9.4.9 Also, if the rider or horse completed the ride at an average corrected speed less than 22 km per hour, the points are reduced. As example, if a 80km ride is completed at an average corrected speed of 18 km per hour:

$$18/22 \times 100 = 81,8 \%$$

Both the rider and horse are awarded $(60) \times 81,8\% = 49.08$ points

- 9.4.10 Separate rankings are done for senior, junior and young rider (combining all rides that a rider participated in either as junior or as young rider) and child riders, and for horses. For each of these categories, the following ranking lists are compiled:
- 9.4.10.1 Rankings for rides of eighty (80) to less than hundred-and-twenty (120) km that were completed during the specific year. For this, the five best rides over these distances (ie the five rides where rider or horse were awarded the most points) are taken into consideration. The Fauresmith 200 is included here, and will count towards the ranking of a rider or horse if the points scored make it one of the best five rides in this category.
- 9.4.10.2 Rankings for rides of hundred-and-twenty (120)km and longer that were completed during the specific year. For this, the four best rides over hundred-and-twenty (120) km or longer (ie the four rides where rider or horse were awarded the most points) are taken into consideration. The National Long Distance Championships automatically are included in this list, and will count towards the ranking of a rider or horse if the points scored make it one of the best four rides.
- 9.4.10.3 Overall rankings, based on all rides of 80 km or longer completed during the specific year. For this purpose the points awarded on the two lists mentioned in articles 9.4.10.1 and 9.4.10.3 above are added to represent an aggregate total score.
- 9.4.11 At the end of the endurance year the following awards are made:
- 9.4.11.1 Trophies
- 9.4.11.1.1 Senior Rider of the Year. Awarded to the rider who finishes first on the overall rankings (senior).
- 9.4.11.1.2 Junior/Young Rider of the Year. Awarded to the rider who finishes first on the overall rankings (junior/young rider).
- 9.4.11.1.3 Child Rider of the Year. Awarded to the rider who finishes first on the overall rankings (children).
- 9.4.11.1.4 Horse of the Year. Awarded to the horse that finishes first on the overall rankings (horses).
- 9.4.11.1.5 Breeder of the Year. For this trophy the points awarded to horses bred by the particular breeder that finish amongst the top hundred (100) horses on the

overall rankings (horses) are added to calculate An aggregate score. The trophy is awarded to the breeder with the highest aggregate. Only horses that are registered or recorded with a breed society will be considered.

9.4.11.2 Certificates. Certificates are awarded to riders and horses who finish at the top of the rankings for rides of eighty (80) to less than hundred-and-twenty (120) km, and at the top of the rankings for rides of 120km and longer.

9.5 AWARDS MADE AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.5.1 Medals

9.5.1.1 Senior riders

9.5.1.1.1 Best Conditioned Horse Gold Medals. Awarded to the senior rider (in each of the weight categories of the main competition) whose horse, in the opinion of the veterinary panel at the specific National Championships, completed the ride in the best condition (based on the criteria prescribed in the ERASA rules)

9.5.1.1.2 Top Rider Medals. Medals are awarded to the top riders in each of the weight categories of the main competition at the National Championships, based on the number of riders who successfully completed the ride.

- The top five percent (rounded down) are awarded gold medals.
- The same number of riders are awarded silver and bronze medals, based on the positions in which they finish

As example:

If 66 standard weight riders complete the ride:

5% of 66 = 3,3; rounded down = 3

Therefore

The first three riders receive gold medals

Fourth to sixth receive silver medals

Seventh to ninth receive bronze medals

9.5.1.1.3 Team Medals. Medals are awarded to all riders as well as the team manager, coach and team veterinarian who are part of the top three teams that finish in an international and/or inter-union competition (even if the individual rider did not finish the ride)

Winning team: Gold medals

Team placed second: Silver medals
 Team placed third: Bronze medals

9.5.1.2 Junior/Young Riders

9.5.1.2.1 Best Conditioned Horse Gold Medal. Awarded to the junior/young rider in the main competition whose horse, in the opinion of the veterinary panel at the specific National Championships, completed the ride in the best condition (based on the criteria prescribed in the ERASA rules).

9.5.1.2.2 Top Rider Medals. Medals are awarded to the top junior/young riders in the main competition based on the number of riders who successfully completed the ride.

- The top five percent (rounded down) are awarded gold medals.
- The same number of riders are awarded silver and bronze medals, based on the positions in which they finish (for an example of the calculations, see 9.5.1.1 above)

9.5.1.2.3 Team Medals. Medals are awarded to all riders as well as the team manager, coach and team veterinarian who are part of the top three teams that finish in an international and/or inter-union competition (even if the individual rider did not finish the ride)

Winning team: Gold medals
 Team placed second: Silver medals
 Team placed third: Bronze medals

9.5.1.3 Child riders

9.5.1.3.1 Best Conditioned Horse Gold Medal. Awarded to the child rider in the main competition whose horse, in the opinion of the veterinary panel at the specific National Championships, completed the ride in the best condition (based on the criteria prescribed in the ERASA rules)

9.5.1.3.2 Top Rider Medals. Medals are awarded to the top child riders in the main competition based on the number of riders who successfully completed the ride

- The top five percent (rounded down) are awarded gold medals.
- The same number of riders are awarded silver and bronze medals, based on the positions in which they finish. (for an example of the calculations, see 9.5.1.1 above)

9.5.2 Buckles (Fauresmith 200 National Championships only)

- 9.5.2.1 A bronze buckle is handed to each rider who finishes the ride within the time allowed.
- 9.5.2.2 A silver buckle is awarded to each rider who completes the ride for the tenth time (all rides count towards this total, irrespective of the category in which the ride was completed).
- 9.5.2.3 A gold buckle is awarded to each rider who completes the ride for the fifteenth time (all rides count towards this total, irrespective of the category in which the ride was completed).

9.5.3 Certificates. A certificate of achievement is handed to each rider who completes the ride within the time allowed.

9.5.4 Trophies. Trophies are awarded as deemed fit by the ride coordinator (as appointed by Council) and the Organising Committee of the Ride. Detail is made available in the programme of the respective ride.

9.6 **DISTANCE AWARDS**

- 9.6.1 Riders. Council hands a kilometre award (a scroll that can be attached to a blazer or jacket) to all riders for each 1000km successfully completed in official endurance rides. These scrolls indicate the accumulated distance successfully completed (eg 1000, 5000, 10000, etc).
- 9.6.2 Horses. Council hands a kilometre award (cloth that can be attached to a horse blanket) to the owners of horses, for each 1000km successfully completed in official endurance rides by the horse. The awards indicate the accumulated distance successfully completed (eg 1000, 3000, 5000, etc).
- 9.6.3 Applications for these awards must be submitted to the administrative officer of Council before 31 May of any particular year. Proof (copies of logbook or passport) of the distance completed must accompany the application, and the application must be submitted in accordance with the procedure as laid down by the general manager of ERASA.

9.7 **OTHER AWARDS**

- 9.7.1 Council can decide from time to time to make other awards in recognition of achievement. These can include (but are not limited to):
 - 9.7.1.1 Most kilometres. An award to a rider who or horse that completes the most kilometres in competition in a particular year.
 - 9.7.1.2 Most senior rider. An award to the most senior (oldest) rider to successfully complete an endurance ride of 80km or longer in a particular year.

9.7.1.3 Special Distance Awards. Certificates are awarded to riders/horses who complete the following accumulated distances in official endurance rides:

9.7.1.3.1 Riders

Bronze:	10 000km
Silver:	15 000km
Gold	20 000km
Diamond:	25 000km
Platinum	30 000km

9.7.1.3.2 Horses

Bronze:	5 000km
Silver:	7 500km
Gold	10 000km
Diamond:	12 500km
Platinum	15 000km