



Chapter

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ERASA

Endurance Ride Association of South Africa

Recognition and Awards

10 RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

10.1 FOUNDER MEMBERS

- 10.1.1 Persons are regarded as Founder Members of ERASA when they satisfy the requirements as laid down in the Constitution of the Association.
- 10.1.2 Council will hand an address/certificate to each Founder Member.
- 10.1.3 The general manager of ERASA shall keep a register of all Founder Members.

10.2 HONORARY MEMBERS

- 10.2.1 Council can name any person as an Honorary Member.
- 10.2.2 Members of the Association, clubs, unions 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).
- 10.2.3 Honorary members do not have to be South African citizens, and do not have to be members of ERASA at the time of nomination.
- 10.2.4 Persons can be named honorary members whilst still being actively involved in the sport, after they retired from active involvement or posthumously.
- 10.2.5 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.
- 10.2.6 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.
- 10.2.7 Council will hand an address/certificate to each honorary member.
- 10.2.8 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.
- 10.2.9 The general manager of ERASA shall keep a register of all Honorary Members.

10.3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

- 10.3.1 Council will, on an annual basis, determine which National Championships are to be held during the following endurance year.
- 10.3.2 At each of the National Championships, National Champions will be crowned.

10.3.3 Fauresmith 200 National Championships. At the Fauresmith 200 National Championships the following riders will be crowned as National Champions:

- 10.3.3.1 The winner of the Junior/Young Rider category.
- 10.3.3.2 The winner of the Senior Light Weight category.
- 10.3.3.3 The winner of the Senior Standard Weight category.
- 10.3.3.4 The winner of the Senior Heavy Weight category.

10.3.4 National 120 km Championships. The National 120km Championships will be incorporated into the annual South African International Championships. At this event, the following riders will be crowned as National Champions:

- 10.3.4.1 The winner of the 120km category for Junior/Young Riders
- 10.3.4.2 The winner of the 120km category for Senior Standard Weight riders
- 10.3.4.3 The winner of the 120km category for Senior Heavy Weight riders
- 10.3.4.4 The winner of the 120km category for Senior Light Weight (FEI “No Weight”) riders.

10.3.5 National 160km Championships. On an annual basis Council will nominate one of the 160km on the ride calendar as the “National 160km Championships”. At this event:

- 10.3.5.1 At least ten (10) senior riders have to start the 160km ride; if less, the ride will not be recognized as a “National Championship”.
- 10.3.5.2 Will national champions only be crowned if at least ten (10) riders started in the specific category. Weight categories may be combined to meet this requirement.
- 10.3.5.3 Will the following National Champions be crowned:
 - 10.3.5.3.1 The winner of the 160km category for Senior Standard Weight riders (if the conditions of article 10.3.5.2 are met).
 - 10.3.5.3.2 The winner of the 160km category for Senior Heavy Weight riders (if the conditions of article 10.3.5.2 are met).
 - 10.3.5.3.3 The winner of the 160km category for Senior Light Weight riders (if the conditions of article 10.3.5.2 are met).

- 10.3.5.3.4 The winner of a 160km combined senior category (refer article 10.3.5.2). This can be a combination of any two or all three senior weight categories.

10.4 HONORARY COLOURS

- 10.4.1 Honorary colours can only be awarded to members of ERASA who are South African citizens.
- 10.4.2 Junior honorary colours are only awarded in the two-star category, and only to riders who qualify for the award in terms of articles 10.4.4 to 10.4.6.
- 10.4.3 Senior honorary colours are awarded in the following categories:
 - 10.4.3.1 One-star honorary colours are awarded to:
 - 10.4.3.1.1 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.
 - 10.4.3.1.2 Riders in all weight categories who successfully complete (15) or more SA National Championships. These shall be fifteen of the same type of competition (i.e. either the Fauresmith 200 or the National 120km Championships or the National 160km Championships) and not a combination of these. Also note that all rides completed, irrespective of the age category, will count towards the total of fifteen (15).
 - 10.4.3.1.3 Officials who have served for twenty (20) years at SA National Championships.
 - 10.4.3.2 Two-star honorary colours are awarded to riders who qualify for the award in terms of articles 10.4.4 to 10.4.6
 - 10.4.3.3 Three-star honorary colours are awarded to members who qualify for both the above categories.
- 10.4.4 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 (e.g. Young Rider, or Heavy Weight, or Senior) at a recognised international competition, and only if at least thirty (30) riders

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

10.4.5 Two-star honorary colours are also awarded to:

10.4.5.1 National Champions crowned at the Fauresmith 200 National Championships (see above), on condition that:

10.4.5.1.1 For the Junior/Young Rider, Senior Light Weight and Senior Standard Weight category, the rider maintained an average actual speed of at least twenty-three (23) kilometres per hour.

10.4.5.1.2 For the Senior Heavy Weight category, the rider maintained an average actual speed of at least twenty-one (21) kilometres per hour.

10.4.5.2 National Champions crowned at the National 120km Championships, on condition that:

10.4.5.2.1 For the Junior/Young Rider, Senior Light Weight and Senior Standard Weight category, the rider maintained an average actual speed of at least twenty (20) kilometres per hour.

10.4.5.2.2 For the Senior Heavy Weight category, the rider maintained an average actual speed of at least eighteen (18) kilometres per hour.

10.4.5.3 National Champions crowned at the National 160km Championships, on condition that:

10.4.5.3.1 For the Junior/Young Rider, Senior Light Weight and Senior Standard Weight category, the rider maintained an average actual speed of at least fifteen (15) kilometres per hour.

- 10.4.5.3.2 For the Senior Heavy Weight category, the rider maintained an average actual speed of at least thirteen (13) kilometres per hour.
- 10.4.5.3.3 If the riders participated in a combined senior category, the rider maintained an average actual speed applicable to his/her own weight category (as above).
- 10.4.5.4 A South African rider who finishes first in the main competition in any age and weight category at any of the following competitions:
 - 10.4.5.4.1 The individual competition at a recognised international competition.
 - 10.4.5.4.2 A competition that is officially recognised (and was advertised as such) as the National Championships of a country.
 - 10.4.5.4.3 A competition that is officially recognised (and was advertised as such) as an International Regional Championships, where riders of different countries in a geographic region compete against one another (e.g. European Championships). This is not to be confused with provincial or union championships.
- 10.4.6 Two-star honorary colours can only be awarded in terms of article 10.4.5 above if the rider has completed at least one-thousand (1000) km in official endurance rides.
- 10.4.7 Riders who are awarded two star 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.
- 10.4.8 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 riders who are awarded honorary colours. The honorary colours blazer is worn with charcoal, dark grey, black or khaki 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.
- 10.4.9 The general manager of ERASA shall keep a register of all members who were awarded honorary colours.

10.5 NATIONAL RANKING LISTS

- 10.5.1 To recognize continuous achievement by riders and horses during an endurance year, 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.
- 10.5.2 Results of all rides in which a rider or horse participated are considered for the rankings. The following applies:
- 10.5.2.1 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.
 - 10.5.2.2 Results for all other rides will only be included if they are submitted in accordance with Chapter 2.
- 10.5.3 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 and rides where the rider or horse withdrew or retired, or was disqualified or eliminated) will be shown.
- 10.5.4 For all rides held under the auspices of ERASA, points are awarded based on corrected speed (i.e. speed corrected in accordance with the handicap of the course) against which the rider and horse completed the ride.
- 10.5.5 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.
- 10.5.6 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.
- 10.5.7 Rides are categorized 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 kilometres per hour, points are awarded as indicated in the table:

Category	Description	Points
Category A	Senior World Championships over 160km	180 points
Category B	Junior/Young Rider World Championships over 120km	150 points
	Fauresmith National Championships	
	Senior National* Championships over 160km	
	Senior Regional** Championships over 160km	
Category C	Senior National* Championships over 120 – 139 km	120 points
	Senior Regional** Championships over 120 – 139 km	
	Junior/Young Rider National* Championships over 120km	
	Junior/Young Rider Regional** Championships over 120km	
Category D	All other 140 - 160km rides	100 points
Category E	All other 120 – 139km rides	80 points
Category F	All 100 – 119km rides	70 points
Category G	All 80 – 99km rides	60 points
Remarks		
*National Championships include all rides that are the National Championships of the specific country, and is not limited to SA National Championships only		
**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 (e.g. the 120km rides presented on each day of the 300 Miler) are not taken into consideration, as these rides are held under special rules.		

10.5.8 If a rider or horse completes the ride at an average corrected speed faster than 22 kilometres 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:

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

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

10.5.9 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 an 80km ride is completed at an average corrected speed of 18 km per hour:

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

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

10.5.10 Separate rankings are done for senior, junior and young rider and child riders. For each of these categories, the following ranking lists are compiled:

10.5.10.1 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 (i.e. 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.

- 10.5.10.2 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 (i.e. the four rides where rider or horse were awarded the most points) are taken into consideration. The National 120km and the National 160km Championships are automatically 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.
- 10.5.10.3 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 10.5.10.1 and 10.5.10.2 above are added to represent an aggregate total score.

10.5.11 Rankings for horses. As it is not in the best interest of horses to encourage the owner to enter for too many rides in one season, the rankings for horses will be calculated based on the following:

- 10.5.11.1 Rankings for rides of eighty (80) to less than hundred-and-twenty (120) km that were completed during the specific year. For this, the three best rides over these distances (i.e. the three 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 three rides in this category.
- 10.5.11.2 Rankings for rides of hundred-and-twenty (120) km and longer that were completed during the specific year. For this, the two best rides over hundred-and-twenty (120) km or longer (i.e. the two rides where rider or horse were awarded the most points) are taken into consideration. The National 120km and National 160km Championships are automatically 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 two rides.
- 10.5.11.3 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 10.5.11.1 and 10.5.11.2 above are added to represent an aggregate total score.

10.5.12 At the end of the endurance year the following awards are made:

- 10.5.12.1 Trophies

- 10.5.12.1.1 Senior Rider of the Year. Awarded to the rider who finishes first on the overall rankings (senior).
- 10.5.12.1.2 Junior/Young Rider of the Year. Awarded to the rider who finishes first on the overall rankings (junior/young rider).
- 10.5.12.1.3 Child Rider of the Year. Awarded to the rider who finishes first on the overall rankings (children).
- 10.5.12.1.4 Horse of the Year. Awarded to the horse that finishes first on the overall rankings (horses).
- 10.5.12.1.5 Breeder of the Year. For this trophy the points awarded to the best four horses bred by the particular breeder amongst the top 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. This trophy will not be awarded for achievement during an endurance year, but for achievement over the period starting with a Fauresmith 200 National Championships and ending with the last ride before the next Fauresmith 200 National Championships, as verification of the registration status of the horses is a lengthy process.
- 10.5.12.2 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.

10.6 AWARDS MADE AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.6.1 Medals

10.6.1.1 Senior riders

- 10.6.1.1.1 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, finishes the ride in the best condition (based on the criteria prescribed in the ERASA rules)
- 10.6.1.1.2 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 finish 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

- 10.6.1.1.3 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

10.6.1.2 Junior riders

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

- 10.6.1.2.2 Top Rider Medals. Medals are awarded to the top junior 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 10.6.1.1.2 above)

- 10.6.1.2.3 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

10.6.1.3 Child riders

10.6.1.3.1 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, finishes the ride in the best condition (based on the criteria prescribed in the ERASA rules)

10.6.1.3.2 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 is awarded silver and bronze medals, based on the positions in which they finish. (for an example of the calculations, see 10.6.1.1.2 above)
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10.6.2 Buckles (Fauresmith 200 National Championships only)

10.6.2.1 A bronze buckle is handed to each rider who finishes the ride within the time allowed.

10.6.2.2 A silver buckle is awarded to each rider who completes the ride for the tenth time (please note all rides count towards this total, irrespective of the category in which the ride was completed).

10.6.2.3 A gold buckle is awarded to each rider who completes the ride for the fifteenth time (please note all rides count towards this total, irrespective of the category in which the ride was completed).

10.6.3 Certificates. Please see Chapter 2, section on Certificates and Prize Giving.

10.6.4 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.

10.6.5 Officials (Fauresmith only)

10.6.5.1 A bronze medal is awarded to each official who completes five (5) years of service at the Fauresmith 200 National Championships.

10.6.5.2 A silver medal is awarded to each official who completes ten (10) years of service at the Fauresmith 200 National Championships.

10.6.5.3 A gold medal is awarded to each official who completes fifteen (15) years of service at the Fauresmith 200 National Championships.

- 10.6.5.4 One-star honorary colours are awarded to each official who completes twenty (20) years of service at the Fauresmith 200 National Championships (refer article 10.4.3.1).

10.7 DISTANCE AWARDS

10.7.1 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 (e.g. 1000, 5000, 10000, etc).

10.7.2 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 (e.g. 1000, 3000, 5000, etc).

10.7.3 Applications for these awards must be submitted to the general manager of ERASA 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.

10.8 OTHER AWARDS

10.8.1 Council can decide from time to time to make other awards in recognition of achievement. These can include (but are not limited to):

10.8.1.1 Most kilometres. An award to a rider or horse that completes the most kilometres in competition in a particular year.

10.8.1.2 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.

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

10.8.1.3.1	<u>Riders</u>	
	Bronze:	10 000km
	Silver:	15 000km
	Gold	20 000km
	Diamond:	25 000km
	Platinum	30 000km

10.8.1.3.2	<u>Horses</u>	
	Bronze:	5 000km
	Silver:	7 500km
	Gold:	10 000km
	Diamond:	12 500km
	Platinum	15 000km