

# ERASA

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from ERASA President

Dear Members

We have been through challenging times during the last two years and this has forced us to make difficult decisions, but I believe that these decisions were in the interests of our member's future. We need to look forward and believe that the years to come will bring more normality, even if this is a new normality to our endurance sport. Our sport will then again be fully functional and we can again focus on growing our sport and getting new members to join. Until then do I request all of you to be patient and keep supporting us, even if the decision is not your chosen one.

We are looking forward to our three 200km interprovincial challenges that will be happening in August over 3 days and then also to our 120km international challenge that will be held in October in Kathu. I hope that these events will keep our endurance spirit alive and bring our riding community together again. Best of luck to all the riders.

As you have seen from communication and media reports the new SAEF structure has been elected during the first weekend of July 2021. I am very excited with the newly elected president and look forward to ERASA's discussions with him to ensure our sport and discipline are ready for the future.

Many members have been negatively touched by Covid-19, either by struggling through the illness or losing a loved one. My condolences to all those that have lost someone dear to them and I pray for those that are currently and will in future be struggling with this virus.

I hope that this newsletter will be a more constant communication from myself and ERASA to you. Last but not least do I want to thank the team at ERASA and the Council for their great work and support during these very difficult times.

Till our next newsletter, keep on riding and stay safe.

### Important Dates

#### Inter Provincial Challenge Willows

12-14 August 2021

#### Oudtshoorn

TBA

#### Dullstroom

20-22 August 2021

#### SAIC 2021

##### Kathu

6-10 October 2021

#### Other rides

See updated calendar on the ERASA website – [www.erasa.co.za](http://www.erasa.co.za)

#### Meetings

Annual General Meeting to be held in September or October – date will be circulated once finalised.

## FAURESMITH 2021

Due to the impact of COVID-19 our National Ride for 2021 was cancelled for the second year, but will be replaced with the Inter-Provincial 200km challenges for 2021.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR FAURESMITH 2022

Rides from January 2021 – 31 May 2022, including the Inter Provincial Challenges, will count towards qualification for Fauresmith 2022

## SOCIAL MEDIA

ERASA is aware of the misuse of social media by a few members and request all members to familiarise themselves with clause 40 of the SAEF constitution as well as ERASA Chapter 1 Article 1.5.2

## RULE REFRESH NO 1

Chapter 4 Article 4.3

Remember the importance of mandatory rest period for all ERASA horses:

*Rest period commences at midnight on the day that the ride finishes as denoted by the maximum ride time allowed and finishes at midnight on the day before the published ride start time of next ride*

### ERASA NOVICE HORSES :

- 40km – no rest period
- 40km – if eliminated 12 days
- 80km- 12 days including the final 80km of the novice phase

## INTER PROVINCIAL 200Km CHALLENGE

Three Inter Provincial Challenges will be held during the month of August where the following provincial teams will compete against each other :

- **North** : Gauteng, Mpumulanga and Limpopo will compete in Dullstroom from 20 to 22 August 2021
- **Central** : Free State, Kwa Zulu Natal, North West and Northern Cape will compete in Bloemfontein from 12 to 14 August 2021
- **South** : Eastern Cape and Western Cape will compete in Oudtshoorn, dates to be confirmed

### NOTE:

Only riders and horses that qualified for Fauresmith 2021 may compete in the Inter Provincial 200km Challenge

## RULE UPDATES

No recent updates to the ERASA rules.

All rules are published on the ERASA website.

## RULE REFRESH NO 1 continued

### ERASA ENDURANCE HORSES :

- 100 TO 126km – 19 days
- 126km plus – 26 days

### ALL ERASA HORSES

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Invasive Treatment - 60 days
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Invasive Treatment - 90 days