Dressage South Africa

Terms of Service — Draft

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1. Acceptance of These Terms

These Terms of Service govern access to and use of the Dressage South Africa (DSA) website, member portal and related online services (collectively, the “Services”). By accessing or using the Services, you agree to be bound by these Terms. If you do not agree, please do not use the Services.

2. About Dressage South Africa

Dressage South Africa is the national body for the administration and development of the dressage discipline in South Africa. DSA operates within its Constitution and works with affiliated clubs, provincial structures, athletes, officials, Show Holding Bodies and other stakeholders. The DSA Constitution and applicable sporting rules and regulations form part of the wider framework governing DSA activities.

3. Membership and User Accounts

Membership categories, eligibility, registration requirements and fees are determined by DSA's applicable membership requirements. Certain Services require a user account. Users must provide accurate information, keep their information up to date and protect their login credentials. Users must not share credentials or use another person's account without authorisation. DSA may restrict or deactivate access where an account is misused or information is materially inaccurate.

4. Clubs and Show Holding Bodies

Clubs seeking DSA accreditation may be required to submit an application and supporting documents, which may include a signed constitution, bank-account confirmation, financial statements, minutes of the last AGM and identification of an authorised person. Show Holding Bodies may be subject to separate application, venue approval and service-level requirements. Accreditation or activation is subject to DSA's applicable review and approval processes.

5. Events and Competition Participation

Participation in DSA-affiliated events is subject to the applicable DSA Rules, schedules, entry requirements, venue requirements and other relevant regulations. Depending on the event, SAEF and FEI rules and requirements may also apply. Users and participants are responsible for checking the rules and requirements applicable to the event in which they participate.

6. Sporting Records and Results

DSA may maintain records relating to members, athletes, horses, competition entries, marks, results, grading points, rankings and official appointments. Appropriate sporting information may be published through DSA's website, member portal, schedules, results or other official communications.

7. Fees and Payments

Membership, registration, affiliation, event and other applicable fees are communicated through official DSA channels. Where EFT or manual processing is available, users may be required to submit proof of payment. Activation or processing

may remain pending until payment and supporting information have been verified. Applicable fees may be updated in accordance with DSA's governance and communication processes.

8. Website Content and Information

DSA aims to provide accurate and current information, including membership information, schedules, rules, results, news and documents. However, DSA does not warrant that all content will always be complete, current, uninterrupted or error-free. Information on the website is generally provided for informational and administrative purposes and should be verified where an important decision depends on it.

9. Intellectual Property

Unless otherwise stated, website content, DSA branding, logos, text, graphics, documents, databases and other materials are owned by or licensed to DSA and may be protected by South African and international intellectual-property laws. Users may view, download or copy content for lawful, non-commercial informational or reference purposes, subject to any copyright notices or restrictions. Commercial reproduction, redistribution or modification requires appropriate permission from DSA.

10. User-Submitted Information

Where a user submits forms, documents, images, comments or other material through the Services, the user confirms that they have the necessary rights and authority to provide that material. Submissions must not be unlawful, misleading, harmful, defamatory or infringe another person's rights. DSA may review or remove material where reasonably necessary to operate the Services or comply with applicable law.

11. Safety and Equestrian Activities

Equestrian sport carries inherent risks. Riders, owners, clubs, organisers and other participants remain responsible for complying with applicable safety requirements, event rules, venue rules and instructions from authorised officials. Nothing in these Terms is intended to exclude or limit liability that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited.

12. Third-Party Websites and Services

The Services may contain links to third-party websites, payment platforms, registration systems, social-media services or other external services. These third parties operate independently and may have their own terms and privacy policies. DSA is not responsible for the content, availability, security or practices of third-party services outside its control.

13. Security and Acceptable Use

Users must not attempt to gain unauthorised access to the Services, interfere with their operation, introduce malicious code, scrape or misuse data, or use the Services for unlawful purposes. DSA will take reasonable measures to protect the Services, but cannot guarantee that the website or portal will always be secure, available or free from technical errors.

14. Disclaimer

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Services and website content are provided on an “as available” basis. DSA does not guarantee that the Services will meet every user's requirements or that all content will be free from errors or omissions. Users are responsible for verifying information where appropriate and for their own use of the Services.

15. Limitation of Liability

To the extent permitted by applicable law, DSA will not be liable for indirect, incidental, special or consequential loss arising from or related to use of the Services. Nothing in these Terms excludes or limits any right, remedy or liability that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited under South African law.

16. Privacy

DSA's processing of personal information is governed by its applicable Privacy Policy. The Privacy Policy explains how DSA collects, uses, stores, protects and shares personal information in connection with the Services.

17. Governing Law and Disputes

These Terms are governed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa. Users should first raise any concern or dispute with DSA through its official contact channels so that the matter can be considered and, where appropriate, resolved.

18. Changes to These Terms

DSA may amend these Terms from time to time to reflect changes to its Services, sporting requirements, governance processes, technology or applicable law. The updated version will be published through the relevant DSA channel and will take effect from the stated effective date or, if no date is stated, when published.

19. Severability

If any provision of these Terms is found to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be severed or limited to the extent necessary, while the remaining provisions will continue to apply to the extent permitted by law.

20. Contact

For questions about these Terms, please contact DSA through its official contact details: **[DSA official email address]** | **[DSA telephone number]** | **[DSA postal/physical address]**.

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