FREE STATE SHOWING

In association with

SOUTH AFRICAN SHOWING

And

BLOEMFONTEIN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Presents the

FREE STATE

SHOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Held under auspices of the Showing Association of South Africa SASA show rules 25th edition effective 1 JANUARY 2025)

Incorporating the following:

2026 Free State Novice Show Pony Championships

2026 Free State Novice Working Hunter Pony Championships

2026 Free State Novice Working Riding Pony Championships

2026 Free State Show Pony Championships

2026 Free State Working Hunter Pony Championships

2026 Free State Working Riding Pony Championships

2026 Free State Novice Junior Show Horse Championships

2026 Free State Novice Junior Working Hunter Championships

2026 Free State Novice Junior Working Riding Championships

2026 Free State Junior Show Horse Championships

2026 Free State Junior Working Hunter Championships

2026 Free State Junior Working Riding Championships

2026 Free State Novice Adult Show Horse Championships

2026 Free State Novice Adult Working Hunter Championships

2026 Free State Novice Adult Working Riding Championships

2026 Free State Adult Show Horse Championships

2026 Free State Adult Working Hunter Championships

2026 Free State Adult Working Riding Championships

2026 Free State Young Child's Show Pony Championships

2026 Free State Young Child's Working Riding Championships

2026 Free State Young Child's Working Hunter Championships

2026 Free State SASA Riding Horse/Pony Champion

2026 Free State In-Hand Championships

2026 Free State Breed Championships

Show: Saturday 5th December & Sunday 6TH December 2026

Entries Close: Sunday 15th November 2025

VENUE: BLOEMFONTEIN EQUESTRAIN CENTRE

ENTRIES TO: ALL ENTRIES ARE DONE ONLINE at
www.showingsa.co.za
EMAIL: scscholtz@gmail.com

BANK DETAILS: B.E.C
Standard Bank
Account number: 041182723
Branch Code: 051001
Ref: Riders Name and Surname

ENTRYFEE:
R320.00 Open Classes (R50 .00 SASA levy, R6.00 EDTS levy)
R320.00 Novice Classes (R50.00 SASA levy, R6.00 EDTS levy)
R280.00 SASA Riding Classes (R33.00 SASA levy, R6.00 EDTS levy)
R280.00 Strictly Come Showing (R33.00 SASA levy, R6.00 EDTS levy)
R320.00 Young Child Classes (R33.00 SASA Levy, R6.00 EDTS levy)
R320.00 Lead rein and First Pony (R33.00 SASA Levy, R6.00 EDTS Levy)
R280.00 In-Hand Classes (R33.00 SASA levy, R6.00 EDTS levy)
R200.00 Fun Classes (R10.00 SASA levy)
R280.00 Breed Classes (33.00 SASA levy, R6.00 EDTS levy)
All levies are included in entry fees

PRIZEMONEY: Prize Money will be a minimum 40% for all graded classes of total class entry fees, less all levies plus sponsorship if available.

ENQUIRIES: Shirley Scholtz
scscholtz@gmail.com
Cell: 0832792679

JUDGE: TBA

STABLING: Please indicate if your horse is a stallion.
Stabling will be allocated on a first pay basis.
Brick R450.00
White Day camps R200

SOUTH AFRICAN
SHOWING
ASSOCIATION

The event will be run under SASA and SAEF rules unless otherwise stated.

1. Competitors may only ride one horse in each class, except in the Working Classes, where they may ride up to three horses.
2. All Riders and Horses must be registered with a Club, SAEF and SASA. For Membership see the SASA website www.showingsa.co.za or from admin@showingsa.co.za.
3. SASA will pay entry fees for SASA EDTS competitors in a maximum of 4 Ridden classes per day. The competitor must be an EDTS member of SASA. Membership is free. EDTS application forms, Rules and Conditions are available at www.showingsa.co.za or contact admin@showingsa.co.za for more information. EDTS competitors will earn EDTS Victor Ludorum points.
4. Working Hunters will be required to jump a course of approximately 8-12 fences, one of which will be a combination.
5. Should a competitor qualify more than one horse for the championship, he may nominate another rider, who must be a paid-up member of SASA, to show the horse in that championship. However, the competitor must do the individual test required in the Championship.
6. All classes will be run under SASA Rules Edition 26 effective 1st January 2026
7. EVERY COMPETITOR ENTERING THIS SHOW DOES HEREBY INDEMNIFY ANY JUDGE REGISTERED WITH SASA, OFFICIATING AT THIS SHOW, AGAINST ANY CLAIM OF ANY NATURE FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER.
8. Registered SASA Instructors will earn Victor Ludorum points for pupils.
9. Open Horses may be ridden by the Judge
10. Heights of Horses and Ponies must be stated in the SASA passport.
11. The minimum age of horses shown under saddle shall be 3 years.
12. All competitors, owners and sponsors shall be registered with a club in whose area of jurisdiction they have their principal place of residence, SAEF and SASA and shall be re-registered on 1 January each year. Membership forms may be obtained on the SASA website www.showingsa.co.za
13. Newcomers are open to riders who have never competed in graded classes in any age group. No cross entry with Graded Classes.
14. Horses shall be registered with SAEF and SASA.
15. The horse and rider combination will compete as a member of the province where the rider is resident.
16. All required vaccines and primaries must reflect in passports and be in accordance with SAEF directives

ADULT GRADED CLASSES-Entry Fee R320.00 per Class

Class 1	Show Hack
Class 2	Show Riding Horse
Class 3	Show Hunter
ClassCH1	***Free State Champion and Reserve Open Show Horse (Open to the 1st& 2nd placings in classes 1, 2 & 3)***
Class 4	Working Riding Horse ***(CH2:Automatic Free State Working Riding Championships)***
Class 5	Working Hunter(Height 90cm) ***(CH3:Automatic Free State Working Hunter Championships)***

ADULT GRADED CLASSES-Entry Fee R320.00 per Class

Class 6	Novice Show Hack
Class 7	Novice Show Riding Horse
Class 8	Novice Show Hunter
ClassCH4	***Free State Champion and Reserve Novice Show Horse (Open to the 1st& 2nd placings inclasses 6, 7 & 8)***
Class 9	Novice Working Riding Horse ***(CH5:Automatic Free State Novice Working Riding Championships)***
Class 10	Novice Working Hunter(Height80cm) ***(CH6: Automatic Free State Novice Working Hunter Championships)***

JUNIOR GRADED CLASSES–Entry fee R 320.00 per Class

Class 11	Junior Show Hack
Class 12	Junior Show Riding
Class 13	Junior Show Hunter
ClassCH7	***Free State Champion and Reserve Junior Show Horse (Open to the 1st& 2nd placings in classes 11, 12 & 13)***
Class 14	Junior Working Riding ***(CH8: Automatic Free State Junior Working Riding Championships)***
Class 15	Junior Working Hunter (Height90cm) ***(CH9: Automatic Free State Junior Working Hunter Championships)***

JUNIOR GRADED CLASSES–Entry fee R320 per Class

Class 16	Junior Novice Show Hack
Class 17	Junior Novice Show Riding Horse
Class 18	Junior Novice Show Hunter
ClassCH10	***Free State Champion and Reserve Novice Junior Show Horse(Open to the 1st& 2nd placings in classes16, 17 & 18)***
Class 19	Junior Novice Working Riding ***(CH11:Automatic Free State Novice Working Riding Championships)***
Class 20	Junior Novice Working Hunter(Heightof80cm) ***(CH12:Automatic Free State Novice Working Hunter Championships)***

PONY GRADED CLASSES–Entry fee R320 per Class

Class 21 Show Pony
Class 22 Show Riding Pony
Class 23 Show Hunter Pony

ClassCH13 ***Free State Champion and Reserve Show Pony (Open to the 1st& 2nd placings in classes 21, 22 & 23)***

Class 24 Working Riding Pony
(CH14: Automatic Free State Working Riding Pony Championships)

Class 25 Working Hunter Pony (Height: 80cm)
(CH15: Automatic Free State Working Hunter Pony Championships)

PONY GRADED CLASSES–Entry fee R320 per Class

Class 26 Novice Show Pony
Class 27 Novice Show Riding Pony
Class 28 Novice Show Hunter Pony

ClassCH16 ***Free State Champion and Reserve Novice Show Pony (Open to the 1st& 2nd placings in classes 26, 27 & 28)***

Class 29 Novice Working Riding Pony
(CH17: Automatic Free State Novice Working Riding Pony Championships)

Class 30 Novice Working Hunter Pony(Height: 70cm)
(CH18: Automatic Free State Novice Working Hunter Championships)

LEAD REIN AND FIRST PONY – Entry fee R320 per Class

No cross entries of rider between Lead Rein & First Ridden classes.
No cross entries of riders between lead rein and any other off-lead classes.
Lead rein classes are open to riders 4 - 8yrs Ponies 1.37cm and under
First Ridden classes are open to riders 4-10yrs

Class 31 Lead Rein Show Pony
Class 32 Lead Rein Working riding Pony (course of 6)
Class 33 Lead Rein Working hunter (Height: max 30cm)
Class 34 First Ridden Show Pony
Class 35 First Ridden Working riding Pony (course of 8)
Class 36 First Ridden Working Hunter Pony (Height: max 50cm)

Class CH19 **Free State Champion and Reserve Young Child Working Hunter**
(Open to the 1st & 2nd placings in classes 33 & 36)

Class CH20 **Free State Champion and Reserve Young Child's Show Pony**
(Open to the 1st& 2nd placings in classes 31 & 34)

Class CH21 **Free State Champion and Reserve Young Child's Working Riding Pony**
(Open to the 1st& 2nd placings in classes 32 & 35)

CLASS 40 STRICTLY COME SHOWING -Entry Fee R280.00

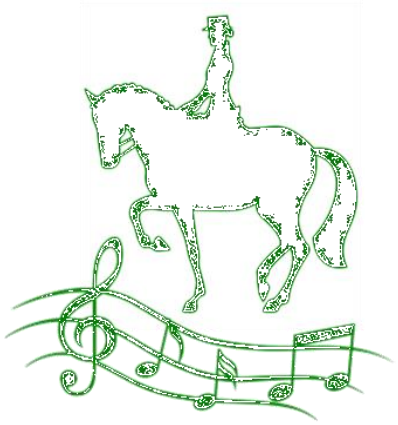
Recreational membership is required.
Lead Rein allowed.

A Freestyle to music competition for all different breeds of Show Horses. The class is designed to promote the correct training and production of the Show Horse.

Rules:

- The show and music to be of the competitor's choice.
- Competitors may design their own show to include any suitable movements/paces they wish, so as to show off their Horse to the best of their ability. The test must begin and end with a halt and salute to the Judges.
- The test may include a maximum of two movements as may be found in a working riding/working hunter test.
- The size of the arena will be 60m x 20m.
- To be ridden astride or side saddle.
- Time allowed - 2 ½ minutes.
- The emphasis for Judges and Competitors should be of a well – schooled correctly going horse, which according to its type enhances the way of going and presence of a Show Horse as opposed to a Dressage Horse.
- Dress and turnout as per SASA Showing Rules.
- Tack Allowed: As per SASA Showing Rules. To be ridden in a simple Snaffle, Pelham or Double Bridle. Marks will be awarded as follow:
- Content of Show. Accuracy of movements.
- Overall impression including production, presence and self-carriage.
- Manners to be taken into account = **60 marks.**
- Musical interpretation (Music should reflect the horses' paces) = **30 marks.**
- Conformation of Horse/Pony = **10 marks.**

Total = 100 marks. The rider with the highest score will be the winner.



IN-HAND CLASSES-Entry Fee R280.00 per Class

Class 56	Gelding in Hand
Class 57	Mare in Hand
Class 58	Stallion/Colt in Hand (Only Adult handlers)

Class CH22 Free State Champion & Reserve Show Horse in Hand (Open to 1st and 2nd placings in classes 56, 57 & 58)

SASA RIDING HORSE CLASSES– Entry Fee R280 per Class

- *Open to recreational and graded riders.*
- *Open to all children, juniors and adults. Each horse/pony will be judged according to its breed type.*
- *Conformation will not be taken in to consideration.*
- *Classes will be split into age categories or horse /ponies if enough entries are received, as to be determined by the show organizer.*

Class 60 **BEST WALK**

▪ This Class is judged on the horses/ Ponies ability to stride out and move freely from its shoulder. The horse must have a natural ground covering walk that is regular, free and unconstrained.

Class 61 **BEST TROT**

▪ The trot must be balanced, cadenced, free moving, show elegant carriage and with easy rhythm and impulsion from the hindquarters. The trot should show equality of movement both from the front and rear end. The trot should never look forced, labored or artificial.

Class 62 **BEST CANTER**

▪ The horse is judged on its ability to engage, collect and stay flexed. The canter should be business-like, not too slow and not a full-blown gallop. The canter must be united, light, have cadence and impulsion. The canter should never look hurried, with each stride long and covering as much ground as possible.

Class 63 **BEST THREE GAITED HORSE/PONY**

▪ The horse is judged on the quality of its 3 paces: walk, trot and canter.

Class 64 **BEST RIDER (Adults/Junior)**

▪ The focus of this class is to determine how well a rider sits and controls their mount. The judge will focus mainly on leg position, seat, upper body position and posture, hand position and overall horsemanship. The correct trot diagonal and canter lead are essential. Accuracy of movements ridden will be taken into consideration.

Class 65 **PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTER (automatic Champs)**

▪ A basic Working Hunter Course with no combinations bounces or related distances will be required. A gallop should be shown on completion of the round. Recommended height: 50cm ponies and 60cm horses.

Class 66 **PERFORMANCE UTILITY HORSE/PONY (automatic Champs)**

The horse/pony will be required to complete a basic utility type test consisting of no more than 8 obstacles. The test will not include a jump.

Class 67 **BEST RIDING SCHOOL PONY/HORSE**

The horse/pony suitable for use in a riding school. Temperament and schooling to take precedence.

Class 68 **BEST CHILD RIDER**

The focus of this class is to determine how well a rider sits and controls their mount.
The judge will focus mainly on leg position, seat, upper body position and posture, hand position and Overall horsemanship. The correct trot diagonal and canter lead are essential. Accuracy of movements ridden will be taken into consideration.

Class 69 **Town hack**

Must have elegant presence, balance, paces, manners and good conformation.

Class 70 **Best Pleasure horse / pony**

The horse/pony with a good Temperament

Class CH23 Champion SASA Riding Horse/Pony (Open to the 1st & 2nd placings of classes 62, 63,64,68,69 & 70)

Class 71 **Breed class in hand**
Classes will be determined according to entries received and split into breeds

Class 72 **Breed show class** (under saddle)
Classes will be determined according to entries received and split into breeds

Class CH24 Champion breed horse overall

FUN CLASSES – Entry Fee R200 per Class

Class 80 **Best Horse Handler – Grooms class**
Judged on handling and showmanship of Handler.
Handler will be required to stand up Horse/Pony for Judge to Inspection and upon instruction will be required to trot out Horse/Pony.

Class 81 **Best Pony Handler – Child Class under 16yrs**
Judged on handling and showmanship of Handler.
Handler will be required to stand up Horse/Pony for Judge to Inspection and upon instruction will be required to trot out Horse/Pony. No stallions

Class 82 **Best Pony / Horse Handler – Junior and Adults**
Judged on handling and showmanship of Handler.
Handler will be required to stand up Horse/Pony for Judge to Inspection and upon instruction will be required to trot out Horse/Pony. No stallions

Class 83 **RIDING SCHOOL HORSE/PONY (WALK & TROT OFF –LEAD)**
A pony/horse suitable for use in a riding school.
Temperament and schooling to take precedence.

Class 84 **RIDING SCHOOL UTILITY HORSE/PONY (WALK TROT OFF- LEAD)**
A simple utility test to be performed by a pony/horse suitable for use in a riding school. Temperament and schooling to take precedence. Test to consist of not more than 5 obstacles/tests. Test may include a very small jump.

Class 85 **BEST RIDER 5YRS & YOUNGER - LEAD-REIN WALK ONLY**
The focus of this class is to determine how well a rider sits and controls their mount. The judge will focus mainly on leg position, seat, upper body position and posture, hand position and overall horsemanship. Accuracy of movements ridden will be taken into consideration.

Class 86 **UTILITY PONY RIDER 5YRS & YOUNGER - LEAD-REIN WALK ONLY**
A simple utility test to be performed by a pony/horse. Temperament and schooling to take precedence. Test to consist of not more than 5 obstacles/tests. Test will not include a jump.

Class 87 **IN HAND UTILITY GROOMS**
A simple utility test to be performed by a handler of pony/horse. Judged on handling and showmanship. Test to consist of not more than 5 obstacles/tests.
Test may include a very small jump. No stallions

BEC PRESENTS THE FIRST NEW FUN CLASSES WITH A CHAMPIONSHIP

CLASS 90 STRICTLY SHOWCASING – Entry fee R200

Groom In Hand and Riding School Off -lead
(Walk ,Trot only test)

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The class is designed to promote the young correct training and production of the Show Horse.

Class FC 40 CHAMPION THIS FORMS PART OF AN AUTOMATIC CHAMPION FOR GROOM IN – HAND AND RIDING SCHOOL OFF-LEAD
WALK /TROT CLASSES
CLASSES 80,83,84,87,90

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