



Parachute Association of South Africa

Sport Skydivers Association

Nationals Regulations

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Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AE	Artistic Events
CF	Canopy Formation
CP	Canopy Piloting
Exec	Executive Committee
FAI	Fédération Aéronautique Internationale
FS	Formation Skydiving
IPC	International Parachuting Commission
NAC	National Airsport Control. In South Africa, this is the Aero Club of South Africa.
PASA	Parachute Association of South Africa
SA	South Africa (or South African)
SAP	Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing and Paraski
SASCOC	South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee
SSA	Sport Skydivers Association
WS	Wingsuit Flying



Section 1: Nationals Regulations

1 Event Hosts, Location, Date and Composition

- 1.1 Drop zones interested in hosting an Outdoor National Championship will bid for the event and the SSA will determine the winning bid and award it accordingly.
- 1.2 Indoor National Championship will be held at a vertical wind tunnel selected by the SSA each year as most appropriate for determining the South African National Indoor Champions in the FAI Indoor Skydiving events. An existing competition may be used or a separate competition may be arranged by the SSA. Considerations will include:
 - Accessibility to South African teams,
 - Cost
 - Competition format (closeness to the FAI format).
- 1.3 A Combined National Championship will consist of all disciplines (Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation, Artistic Events, Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing and Wingsuit Flying), except Canopy Piloting, which the organiser may include in the bid if they wish.
- 1.4 If a National Championship bidder wishes to provide gifts, 'goodie bags', t-shirts, hats etc. to competitors, these are not to form part of the budget in the bid. If finances to provide such gifts is necessary, it is not to be obtained from competitor registration fees or SSA grants. If they cannot be obtained without cost to SSA or the competitors, then they should not be provided. However, the organiser may have Nationals Championship T-shirts or other 'goodies' on sale, and have competitors order these by choice.

2 Governance

- 2.1 All events are to be run according to the FAI Sporting Code General Section and FAI Sporting Code Section 5. Each discipline is to be run according to FAI-IPC Discipline Rules, or, in the case of non-FAI disciplines and events, to discipline and event rules set by the SSA.
- 2.2 Non-FAI discipline and event rules should be in a similar format as FAI-IPC Discipline Rules, so that it is clear where deviations occur, and are to show the year for which they are applicable. This includes Novice and Intermediate categories of FAI disciplines. Each SSA subsection committee is to decide on the non-FAI Discipline and Event Rules, and the rules and eligibility for Novice and Intermediate categories of FAI disciplines, each year. These rules and eligibility documents are to be published by 1 October each year, to allow time for teams to prepare appropriately.



- 2.3 The SSA shall appoint an SSA Controller for the championship. This person will fulfil the functions of FAI Controller wherever it is mentioned in FAI regulations.
- 2.4 The SSA shall promulgate the updated FAI Sporting Code General Section, FAI Sporting Code Section 5, FAI-IPC Discipline Rules, non-FAI Discipline and Event Rules, and Rules and Eligibility for Novice and Intermediate categories of FAI disciplines, each year. The FAI documents are to be promulgated immediately following the annual IPC approval and publishing of the changes and updated rules documents.
- 2.5 The SSA shall review the FAI Sporting Code General Section, FAI Sporting Code Section 5, and FAI-IPC Discipline Rules, thoroughly each year to decide if any deviations are necessary.
- 2.6 Deviations from the FAI Sporting Code General Section, FAI Sporting Code Section 5, and FAI-IPC Discipline Rules are to be restricted as much as possible. The only deviations expected are to exit altitudes, working times, cut-offs, and number of jumps.
- 2.7 Necessary deviations that do not affect team strategy or training are to be promulgated by the SSA at least 60 days before the date and time of the first jump or flight of the championship as a whole.
- 2.8 The SSA is to specify the list of disciplines and events, and their exit altitudes and working times, in the championship 'request for bids' document for outdoor, and in the championship 'proposal guideline' document for indoor, which are both to be updated and published annually.
- 2.9 Disciplines and Events which the SSA has not put in the 'request for bids' or 'proposal guideline' document are referred to as non-championship events. Organisers are free to hold non-championship events at the end of the championship if time permits. Under no circumstances are non-championship events to take priority over championship events in any discipline.

3 Championship Timing and Announcements

- 3.1 The SSA shall consider dates of championships with reference to events for which teams and individuals are being selected, and with reference to FAI competitions and FAI record attempts that teams and individuals are participating in, so that competitors are available for selection. The championships 'request for bids' and 'proposal guideline' documents sent out by the SSA should specify known unacceptable dates.
- 3.2 The SSA shall decide and communicate to SASCOG the championship dates at least 6 months before the start of the championship.



- 3.3 Outdoor Championships are to be held at least 4 months before the event for which competitors are to be selected, but no earlier than 14 months. Indoor Championships are to be held no earlier than 14 months and *should* be held at least 4 months before the event for which competitors are to be selected. Reasonable exceptions may be made with SSA Executive permission to take advantage of an existing competition significantly more suitable for the purpose than other available events.
- 3.4 If an existing indoor competition is being used as the South African National Championship, a separate registration for the South African Indoor National Championship shall be required with the SSA in addition to the event organiser's registration requirements. "Registration" and "official registration" in this document refer to registration with the SSA and not registration for the encompassing event. In these cases, the "organiser" in this document shall be the SSA.
- 3.5 It is recommended that the official registration ends at least 14 days before the date and time of the first jump of the championship as a whole.
- 3.6 It is recommended that late registration ends at least 3 days before the date and time of the first jump of the championship as a whole. In this case the organiser may charge a late registration fee of their choosing. The late registration fee should be set so as to promote registration before the close of Official Registration.
- 3.7 Strict registration cut-off must be adhered to. Registrations after the late registration cut-off may only be permitted with approval from the Meet Director and the Chief Judge, whose approval, with reasons, must be posted on the notice board at the event. In making the decision, the following factors must be carefully considered:
- 3.7.1 Late entry to provide valid competition to the only team entered is beneficial.
- 3.7.2 Late entry to a Championship event with no existing entries should not be permitted under any circumstances.
- 3.7.3 Late entries may not negatively impact the scheduling or place any event at risk of not completing all rounds of the competition. If this situation develops during the meet, finishing other events must take priority over finishing the event with the late entry.
- 3.7.4 This is to apply to all championship events, not only to assist with organiser preparation but to disallow opportunistic entries to events with little or no competition as a route to "easy representation".

4 Prioritisation



- 4.1 If a team or individual enters more than one event, their priority of events is to be shown on their registration form, failing which the organiser will have the right to prioritise as they see fit.
- 4.2 FAI events are to be given priority over non-FAI events. Novice and Intermediate categories (even of FAI disciplines) are non-FAI events.
- 4.3 The organiser may plan for a non-championship event, such as a speed star event, to be held at the end of the championship if time permits. In this case the organiser may accept registrations during the championship.
- 4.4 The form of the registration document will be decided upon by the organiser, with SSA approval for significant content changes from the previous year once the championships bids have been awarded. A registration form template that can be adjusted to suit the organiser's needs may be attached to the request for bids to assist organisers.

5 Judging Officials

- 5.1 The judging committee of SSA is to decide on the Chief Judge for each outdoor championship and – if a stand-alone Indoor Nationals event is organised by the SSA– for each indoor championship.
- 5.2 The judging committee of SSA is to decide on the Event Judge, and other judges, for each outdoor event and – if a stand-alone Indoor Nationals event is organised by the SSA – for each indoor event.

6 Team Registration

- 6.1 Team registration is to include alternates if any are permitted in the rules, and if the team have any.
- 6.2 Team registration is to include videographer, if the event requires one.
- 6.3 Team registration is to include team name.
- 6.4 No obscene or inappropriate team names. The SSA Controller at the championships is to review registered team names. The SSA Controller's decision is final and is not grounds for protest. If a team is required to change its name, this must be done and approved by the SSA Controller, at least 2 hours before the time of the first jump of the championship as a whole. If a team refuses to change its name, then the team will be not be permitted to take part in the championship.



7 Team Classification and Eligibility

- 7.1 If an individual, or team with such an individual, does not have rights of representation for South Africa in accordance with SASCOC and FAI rules, that team or individual will be considered a “non-eligible team”, or “non-eligible individual”, in any FAI (open) Events.
 - 7.1.1 A “non-eligible” team or individual will not be eligible for selection to represent South Africa, with or without substitutions.
 - 7.1.2 A “non-eligible” team or individual will not be eligible for the title “National Champion”, which will be awarded to the highest placing eligible team or individual.
 - 7.1.3 A “non-eligible” team or individual will not be eligible for the event trophy, which will be awarded to the highest placing eligible team or individual.
 - 7.1.4 A “non-eligible” team or individual *will* be eligible for medals and placing.
 - 7.1.5 A “non-eligible” team or individual *will* be shown on the final results as having obtained a place in the nationals ranking and their results will be published in order.
- 7.2 The winning eligible individual, or eligible team, of each FAI event in the championship will be named “National Champion” of that event and will be awarded the event trophy if one exists.
 - 7.2.1 If such winning team or individual is a “non-eligible” team or individual, the name “National Champion” and trophy will be awarded to the highest placing eligible team or individual in that event.
- 7.3 If an individual, or team with such an individual, does not meet the requirements or qualify for any other reason (e.g. a member of that team is entered in multiple teams for the same event, or does not meet the entry requirement for the event), they may— with permission from the SSA Controller and Meet Organiser – register and participate as a guest team or guest individual.
 - 7.3.1 A guest team or individual will not be eligible for medals, or selection to represent South Africa. They will not be shown on the final results as having obtained a place in the nationals ranking. However, their results will be published at the end of the final ranking, and annotated in all documentation before, during, and after the event, with a capital G to denote Guest.

8 Information Dissemination and Operations

- 8.1 The final bulletin is to be approved by the SSA Controller, and then published at least 14 days before the date and time of first jump of the championship as a whole.



- 8.2 For Indoor Championships using an existing event held by another body, the SSA shall publish a bulletin carrying the most accurate information available with regard to the competition.
- 8.3 The SSA is to decide on any change to the protest fee annually and this will be published in Bulletin 1.
- 8.4 In the final bulletin, the Organiser is to state date and time of first jump, and date and time of last jump, of the championship as a whole.
- 8.5 The responsibilities of the entrants detailed in the FAI Sporting Code are applicable to championship competitors, who are also responsible for reading and adhering to the FAI Sporting Code General Section and Section 5 and the FAI Competition Rules for their entered event(s).
- 8.6 The SSA will ensure that before the start of the championship, the appropriate number of medals necessary for the championship have been made and/or engraved as necessary.
- 8.7 The organiser must plan the sequencing of events to ensure all events get minimum rounds and appropriate priority. Following the end of Official Registration, the organiser may, but does not have to, decide on a detailed planned timetable of events. This should consider the events entered by individuals/teams, and their indicated priorities.
- 8.8 Late registrants have no grounds to object to the planned timetable of events if one has been published. If that individual or team finds that they have a clash of events, they must select which event to prioritise.
- 8.9 If a clash of outdoor events is unavoidable for a team or individual that registered before the close of Official Registration, then that team or individual may be subject to only a 30 minute call from arriving at, or returning to, the competition site. A team or individual may not be forced to, but may agree to reduce this time further. The organiser is to ask the team or individual if they are willing to reduce the time further, before the first call of the preceding jump.
- 8.10 Teams or individuals entered in indoor championships utilising an existing event accept that the SSA is not necessarily in control of all aspects of the competition. Should they feel there are unacceptable conditions for the purposes of the National Championship, they may approach the SSA Executive to request corrective action. The SSA Executive will have the final decision on appropriate corrective action, whether the condition invalidates the event and whether a replacement championship will need to be



arranged and steps to avoid the same condition at future championships. The SSA Executive's decision in this regard is final.

8.11 Notwithstanding the organisers planned timetable, all competitors are to be available to compete throughout the published dates of the championship. This is to allow the organiser to make best use of the weather conditions to complete the championship, as required by FAI regulations. During the notified standby time for their event, competitors can be called to jump, and appropriate penalties will apply for failing to board the aircraft.

8.12 At the Competitor's Briefing, the organiser is to reiterate the relevant FAI rules regarding competitor's responsibilities, calls, weather, and jump order. Points to be covered must include, but are not limited to:

- Competitors' responsibilities, as per FAI Sporting Code General Section.
- Outdoor competitors are allowed 45 minutes, or 30 minutes in certain cases, as detailed in the FAI rules, after arriving at the competition site before the first call. A 15 minute call and a 5 minute call are required.
- The Meet Director is to use weather windows to its best advantage, e.g. competitors must go when called. Competitors cannot refuse to jump based on the weather but if they are concerned they may confirm with the Meet Director before boarding the aircraft that they will be granted a re-jump if the weather results in non-judgeable footage.

Penalties as per the FAI rules apply for "no-shows" by competitors for their loads or flights.

- When airborne, competitors may abort the jump for a pertinent reason. Clear evidence of a pertinent reason must be evident - filmed if possible. Cloud around the aircraft on exit command is pertinent. Cloud below the aircraft on exit command is not considered pertinent. If video evidence is not judgeable due to the weather, FAI rules regarding re-jumps will apply.
- Medical treatment is not grounds for a change in the jump order.

8.13 The organiser is to state in the final bulletin whether official training jumps are for the account of the competitor (included in the registration fee, or paid separately) or for the account of the organiser.

8.14 The organiser is to state in the final bulletin whether re-jumps awarded in accordance with discipline/event rules are for the account of the competitor, or for the account of the organiser (i.e. catered for in the setting of the registration fee).



- 8.15 Re-jumps due to failures in event organisation are for the account of the organiser for Outdoor Championships and will follow the encompassing event rules for Indoor Championships. The Chief Judge (outdoor), Event Judge (outdoor), and SSA Controller (indoor and outdoor) are to decide whether a failure in event organisation has occurred.
- 8.16 The outdoor organiser is to ensure that adequate medical cover (as requested by the SSA in the Request for Bids) is available, and that all details are published in the final bulletin and on the competitors' notice board. The event facility's standard medical care and procedures familiar to their staff shall be followed for Indoor Championships.
- 8.17 Team/individual jump order is to be in accordance with the discipline/event rules. The organiser may manifest different disciplines/events on the same lift. In this case the exit order between disciplines/events is to be decided by the safety officer.
- 8.18 Teams and/or individuals may not make arrangements to do competition jumps on dates/times that differ from other teams and/or individuals in that event, nor may the organiser make such arrangements.
- 8.19 The Outdoor Championship title for a combined National Championship is to be The PASA <yyyy> South African National Skydiving Championships. The championship title when fewer disciplines are held than required for a combined Nationals is to be The PASA <yyyy> South African National Skydiving Championships in <discipline names in full as per FAI discipline titles>.
- 8.20 The Indoor Championship title for a National Championship is to be The PASA <yyyy> South African National Indoor Skydiving Championships in <discipline names in full as per FAI discipline titles>.
- 8.21 There is to be a competitors' meeting no later than 12 hours before the time of the first jump of the championship as a whole. This meeting is to be referred to as the Competitors' Meeting. Competitors may send a representative to this meeting but the responsibility remains with each competitor to ensure they have, and adhere to, all information disseminated at meeting. A competitors' meeting at indoor championships will only be held when the competition is exclusively held for the championship. Electronic communication and dissemination of information shall be co-ordinated by the SSA Controller.
- 8.22 If there is only one team or individual entered in an event, then the organiser only has to plan for one round of that event to be completed.

At the Competitors' Meeting, the organiser must inform relevant teams and individuals that they are sole entrants. If the team or individual wishes to continue for more rounds



then they must inform the organiser at the Competitors' Meeting, and specify the number of rounds. The organiser must then plan for that number of rounds.

- 8.23 Medals for FAI Events will only be presented to a maximum of one fewer than the number of teams or individuals in the event.
 - 8.23.1 If there is only one team or individual entered in an event, then results will be published for that event, but no medals for that event will be presented.
- 8.24 Competition in a given event, or the championship as a whole if no event times are given, is to end at the stated time of last jump, and final placings are to be determined in accordance with FAI rules.
- 8.25 The date and time of the last jump must take into account the time required to prepare and post results, and the allowed protest time as per FAI rules. The medal ceremony may not start until 1 hour after the end of the protest time.
- 8.26 The medal ceremony may be held at the competition site if the organiser wishes.
- 8.27 The organiser may hold a post championship celebration if they wish.
- 8.28 The organiser may hold a banquet, but is not compelled to do so. The medal ceremony should be completed before the start of the banquet so that competitors not wishing to attend the banquet may be included in the medal ceremony.
- 8.29 If medal ceremonies are held at the competition site, ceremonies for separate events may be held at different dates and times if the organiser wishes.
- 8.30 In addition to the judging equipment necessary for each event, the organiser is to provide a notice board, termed the Competitors' Notice Board, which is to be displayed at the competition site. This notice board is only for the use of the SSA Controller, the Chief Judge, Event Judges, and Meet Director. Only notices relating directly to the competition may be placed on this notice board (results, stand-by times, meeting times, etc.). For Indoor Championships, an electronic notice board or messaging system is acceptable.

9 Rights to Representation

- 9.1 To be eligible for selection, all the team members (or the individual, where applicable) registered for the National Championship, including alternates but excluding FS and CF videographers, must be eligible to represent South Africa according to the FAI Sporting Code and SASCOC.
- 9.2 Persons claiming SA citizenship who do not yet hold a SA passport may be required to provide a copy of their SA identity document to the SSA. This is to confirm that the



identity document says 'SA Burger/SA Citizen' and not 'Non SA Burger/Non SA Citizen' as is issued to permanent residents; SASCOC will have the final authority over whether an individual may represent.

- 9.3 Teams/individuals must be fully paid up PASA (and SSA) members before the close of Official Registration for the National Championship in question.

10 Selection for Representation

- 10.1 All team members, including alternates and videographer, in a team must be eligible to represent South Africa for that team to be permitted to represent South Africa.
- 10.2 The SSA shall confirm representation eligibility of all winners of the FAI Events and shall oversee the selection, replacements and entry process as necessary for international events accordingly.
- 10.3 Persons claiming SA citizenship who do not yet hold an SA passport may be required to show their SA Identification Document to the SSA Controller at the relevant national championship. This is so that it can be confirmed that the ID says 'SA Burger/SA Citizen' and not 'Non SA Burger/Non SA Citizen' as is issued to permanent residents.
- 10.4 Selection method: The SSA is to publish the National Team Selection Procedure, detailed further in this document (and extractable to a stand-alone document for provision to SASCOC), which covers the selection procedure for each discipline and event. This document is to be updated when necessary, and is to be published at least 4 months before the championship in which selection is to be made.
- 10.5 Each SSA subsection committee is to review their FAI event rules with regard to the number of competitors/teams, and update the selection method as necessary. The information is to be provided in writing to the SSA Executive Committee for inclusion in the single National Team Selection Procedure. In the event that an SSA subsection committee fails to provide any update in time for the document to be published at least 4 months before the championship in which selection is to be made, then the selection method published the previous year will be used.
- 10.6 When the final results have been posted, and the protest time has elapsed, the SSA will prepare the planned selection list of teams/individuals for forthcoming events.
- 10.7 Competitors are to give written commitment to represent within 30 days of selection.
- 10.8 All team members registered at National Championships have to make this commitment for the team commitment to be valid, even if the team intends to substitute a team member. Any substitutions permissible may be made following this commitment.



- 10.9 If a competitor, or all team members of a team, do not make written commitment to represent within the above required time, their place will be offered to the next eligible team in the nationals ranking (within any documented discipline selection rules).
- 10.10 Selection is to be promulgated within 21 days of the end of the championship, with reasons for any changes from the planned selection.
- 10.11 Competitors are to provide all necessary details to the SSA for the issuing of FAI Sporting Licences at least one month before final registration date for the event.
- 10.12 If a representative team could not be selected through the published selection process and a team or individual wishes to represent and did not compete at the National Championship, and/or no National Championship was held in that event, and/or the event did not complete its minimum rounds at the National Championship, then that team or individual is to request permission to represent from the relevant SSA subsection committee. They, in turn, shall consult with the SSA Exec and the Chairman of the Judges Committee on the matter, and on the validity of the reason given. The decision will be made by simple majority vote by the SSA Exec (1 vote), the Chairman of the Judges Committee (1 vote) and the relevant SSA subsection committee (1 vote).
- For the purposes of this rule, if a team is selected through the published selection process but elects not to represent, the selection has occurred and this rule (or the term "*could not be selected through the published selection process*") does not apply. If a National Championship was scheduled but not held because there were no entries in the event by the registration deadline, then for the purposes of this rule, the National Championship shall be considered to have been held and this rule does not apply.
- 10.12.1 The relevant subsection committee may place a minimum performance requirement on that team/individual.
- 10.12.2 Once permission is granted then that will constitute selection.
- 10.12.3 If, in this situation, more teams/individuals request permission to represent than there are places available, then the SSA subsection committee is to hold a selection event, the results of which will be used for selection. In this situation, and if time frames allow and if all requesting teams agree to an outdoor format, the Outdoor Championship may be used as the fall-back selection event for indoor representation.
- 10.12.4 This event is only open to those who have requested permission to represent (unless it is the Outdoor Championship, in which case it is open to all qualifying competitors, but *competing for indoor representation* is only open to those who have requested permission to represent). This event is to be held no later than 2 months before the start date of the event in question. Having been selected by this method, the team/individual must immediately make the written commitment to represent.



11 Representation Administration

- 11.1 The SSA is to forward a selection list, with all necessary details for issuing of FAI Sporting Licences, to PASA and the NAC with confirmation that all selected competitors have the right to represent South Africa in accordance with SASCOC and FAI rules and have committed to do so, so that the NAC may issue FAI Sporting Licences.
- 11.2 By FAI rules entries may only be made through the NAC. Therefore, the SSA shall prepare the entry paperwork for the delegation to the NAC. The SSA is to liaise with NAC to determine whether the SSA or NAC will send in the entry. Teams and individuals may not send their own entries.



Section 2: National Team Selection Procedure

The IPC Delegate, appointed by the Sport Skydivers Association (SSA) represents South Africa on the International Parachuting Commission (IPC).

Where this document references the NAC, it refers to the Aero Club of South Africa, unless the IPC Delegate is specified, in which case it refers to that elected person.

1 General Selection Criteria

- 1.1 The SSA (as motivated by the appropriate discipline's subsection committee) on behalf of PASA and subject to NAC approval, selects competitors and teams to represent South Africa internationally.
- 1.2 The number of competing individuals and teams in South Africa is too small to support regional or provincial championships or selections. Selections will be made at the Nationals Championships, which is open to all skydivers from across South Africa. This will be reconsidered when PASA membership reaches 5000.
- 1.3 All team members/individuals registered at Nationals, including alternates and videographer, must be eligible to represent South Africa according to both the FAI Sporting Code and SASCOC regulations.
- 1.4 Persons claiming SA citizenship who do not yet hold a SA passport will be required to provide a copy of their SA Identity document to the SSA. This is to confirm that the identity document says 'SA Burger/SA Citizen' and not 'Non SA Burger/Non SA Citizen' as is issued to permanent residents.
- 1.5 Selection of the South African team members/individuals is made based on the results of the most recent South African National Championship and, in order to earn National Colours, the members must
- 1.6 attend a World Championships; or
- 1.7 attend a World Cup and have been the highest qualifying selected team at the applicable National Championship or selection event. This means that National Colours will only be awarded to a maximum of one team (individual) per event in each discipline.
- 1.8 Teams/individuals must be fully paid up PASA (and SSA) members as from the beginning of that specific financial year. Any team or individual paying his PASA fees late will not be eligible to represent South Africa. Verification of this is to be presented to the SSA Controller on request;



- 1.9 PASA fees are payable prior to the start of the South African National Championship or it will constitute as late payment.
- 1.10 Changes to the selection method and procedures are to be published by the SSA no later than 4 months prior to the start date of the event. Following publication of the amended criteria, the method cannot be changed between the selection event or selection results announcement and the event for which selection is being made;
- 1.11 Each SSA subsection committee is to review their applicable FAI event rules with regard to the number of competitors/teams, and update the selection method as necessary. The information is to be provided in writing to the SSA Committee for inclusion in The National Team Selection Procedure document;
- 1.12 If an SSA subsection committee fails to provide any update in time for the document to be published at least 4 months before the start date of the championship in which selection is to be made, then the selection method published the previous year will be used;
- 1.13 If a representative team could not be selected through the published selection process and a team or individual wishes to represent and did not compete at the National Championship, and/or no National Championship was held in that event, and/or the event did not complete its minimum rounds at the National Championship, then that team or individual is to request permission to represent from the relevant SSA subsection committee. They, in turn, shall consult with the SSA Exec and the Chairman of the Judges Committee on the matter and the validity of the reason given. The decision will be made by simple majority vote by the SSA Exec (1 vote), the Chairman of the Judges Committee (1 vote) and the relevant SSA subsection committee (1 vote).
- 1.14 For the purposes of this rule, if a team is selected through the published selection process but elects not to represent, the selection has occurred and this clause does not apply. If a national championship was scheduled but not held because there were no entries in the event, then for the purposes of this rule the National Championship shall be considered to have been held and this clause does not apply.

2 Discipline Specific Rules

The rules listed below are the additional and/or deviating criteria to the General Selection Criteria above.

2.1 Formation Skydiving

- 2.1.1 Priority is given in order of placing at Nationals. It is offered to the first placed team and then (provided the FS Committee approves that the next placed teams are



performing at an adequate standard for the world stage) in order of placing until the required number of teams has been reached. Each team so selected must have completed at least one round at the National Championship.

In addition to the above FS committee approval, a Formation Skydiving 4-Way team (Open or Female) must achieve a minimum average score of 12 at the selection event to be eligible for selection to a World Championship or to be eligible for National Colours if approved to attend a World Cup.

2.1.2 Should a World Cup organiser allow more than one team to represent each NAC, the SSA may allow more than one team to attend.

2.1.2.1 Of the teams selected, only the highest placing team at the South African National Championship or selection event will be the official representing team at the World Cup and will be eligible for National Colours if they also meet the requirements in 2.1.1.

2.1.2.2 The SSA Committee may place performance minima on additional teams to qualify to attend and is responsible for ensuring that teams attending are at an acceptable performance standard for an event of this prestige.

2.1.2.3 Additional teams allowed to attend by the FS Committee will not be eligible for National Colours but are considered to be sporting ambassadors of South Africa and are subject to all requirements, code of conduct, restrictions and expectations of a representing team.

2.2 Canopy Formation

2.2.1 Priority is given in order of placing at Nationals. It is offered to the first place and then in order of placing until the required number of teams has been reached. Each team so selected must have completed at least one round at the National Championship;

2.3 Artistic Events

2.3.1 Priority is given in order of placing at Nationals. It is offered to the first placed team and then in order of placing until the required number of teams has been reached. Each team so selected must have completed at least one round at the National Championship;

2.4 Canopy Piloting

2.4.1 The selection for representation will be based on performance at the National Championship.

2.4.2 Scoring during these events will be the responsibility of a nationally rated CP judge, and subject to the availability of a judge, a person appointed by the judging committee;

2.4.3 For selection purposes:



- 2.4.3.1 The raw scores of each competitor will be used instead of their adjusted scores (i.e. the actual speed time, distance measured, or accuracy points);
- 2.4.3.2 In each event each competitor will be ranked according to their best raw score on any round (i.e. only one jump will be considered in each of Speed, Distance and Zone Accuracy);
- 2.4.3.3 An overall ranking will then be calculated in accordance with the FAI rules;
- 2.4.3.4 The selection will then be made on the following ranking order:
 - 1st Distance,
 - 1st Speed,
 - 1st Zone Accuracy,
 - 1st Overall,
 - 2nd Distance,
 - 2nd Speed,
 - 2nd Zone Accuracy,
 - 2nd Overall.

Competitors who place between 3rd place and 6th place for a World Championships, or 10th place for a World Cup, will have additional qualification criteria to be selected. These competitors must obtain a minimum of 50% of the score of the winner at the South African National Championship.

- 2.4.3.5 Up to 2 “wild card” competitors may be selected by the CP committee. This selection will be based on their performance at Nationals and other competitions during that year. The overall score of these 2 competitors must be at least 50% of that achieved by the overall winner at the National Championship;

2.5 Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing

- 2.5.1 Overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st Accuracy, 1st Style, Overall 4th, 5th, 6th, 2nd Acc, 2nd Style, and so on until the required number of teams of 5 is reached. Competitors wishing to be selected for international competition do not need to have entered both events (Style and Accuracy). Individual competitors will be selected if full teams cannot be formed.
- 2.5.2 Each competitor who wishes to compete in an international Accuracy event must have competed in the previous PASA Accuracy National Championship.



2.5.3 Each competitor who wishes to compete in an international Style event must have competed in the previous PASA Style National Championship.

2.6 Paraski

2.6.1 Priority is given in order of placing at the most recent PASA Accuracy National Championship, with additional evidence of an ability to snow ski provided to the SSA.

2.6.2 The order of accuracy placing at the National Championship will be followed until the required number of teams of 4 members each is reached. Individual competitors will be selected if full teams cannot be formed.

2.6.3 Each competitor who wishes to compete in an international Paraski event must have competed in the previous PASA Accuracy National Championship.

2.7 Wingsuit Performance Flying

2.7.1 The selection for representation will be based on performance at the National Championships.

2.7.2 Scoring during these events will be the responsibility of a nationally rated WS judge, and subject to the availability of a judge, a person appointed by the judging committee;

2.7.3 For selection purposes:

2.7.3.1 The total combined result of each competitor will be used to determine placing, with a minimum of one round (consisting of 3 jumps: time, distance & speed), as per the FAI rules, to be completed in order to determine rankings and declare winners.

2.7.3.2 An overall ranking will then be calculated in accordance with the FAI rules;

2.7.3.3 The selection will then be made, based on the following ranking order:

- 1st Overall,
- 2nd Overall,
- 3rd Overall.

Competitors who place after 3rd place and up to 8th place for a World Championships, or up to 12th place for a World Cup/Continental Regional Championships, will have additional qualification criteria to be selected. These competitors must obtain a minimum of 50% of the score of the winner at the South African National Championships for the year in which selection takes place.

2.8 Acrobatic Wingsuit Flying



- 2.8.1 The selection for representation will be based on performance at the National Championships.
- 2.8.2 Scoring during these events will be the responsibility of a nationally rated WS judge, and subject to the availability of a judge, a person appointed by the judging committee;
- 2.8.3 For selection purposes:
- 2.8.3.1 The total combined results of all completed rounds will be used to determine team placing, with a minimum of one round, as per the FAI rules, to be completed in order to determine rankings and declare winners.
- 2.8.3.2 An overall ranking will then be calculated in accordance with the FAI rules;
- 2.8.3.3 The selection will then be made, based on the following ranking order:
- 1st overall team results,
 - 2nd overall team results (subject to this team obtaining a minimum of 50% of the winning team's score),

Teams who place after 2nd place and up to 4th place for a World Cup/Continental Regional Championships, will have additional qualification criteria to be selected. These teams must obtain a minimum of 50% of the score of the winning team at the South African National Championships for the year in which selection takes place. A maximum of 2 teams are allowed to represent South Africa for a World Championships.

3 Post-Nationals Procedures for Selecting the National Team

- 3.1 When the final results of the selection event (National Championship) have been posted, and protest time has elapsed, the SSA shall prepare a planned selection list of teams/individuals for the World Cup or World Championship and announce the results.
- 3.2 The selected team or individual shall give written commitment within 30 days of being contacted to the SSA to represent and the SSA shall assist the team in submitting the applications and forms as per SASCOC regulations.
- 3.3 The selected team or individual shall request approval from the subsection committee for a Team Manager/Head of Delegation. The optional selection of Team Manager and/or selection of Head of Delegation will be the choice of the Team/Individual with approval of the SSA committee of the relevant discipline;



- 3.4 Once the commitment is received, the SSA subsection committee will submit the Events Application form to the Chairperson of the SSA who will then submit it to the NAC. This will be completed for each competitor and the Team Manager/Head of Delegation;
- 3.5 The SSA Chairperson will send the selection list to the NAC, with all necessary details for issuing of FAI Sporting Licences and confirmation that all selected competitors have the right to represent SA in accordance with FAI rules and have committed to do so, so that the NAC may issue FAI Sporting Licences.
 - 3.5.1 For any other events such as record attempts a written application to the SSA can be made and upon approval may be issued with an FAI Sporting Licence;
- 3.6 Once the NAC has received the Events Application and the list of FAI Licences, the team/individual shall pay the relevant registration costs and make event arrangements. This should be done well in advance of final registration date for the event. The SSA will not be responsible for the costs of the FAI Sporting Licences.
- 3.7 According to the FAI rules, entries may only be made through the NAC. Therefore, the relevant SSA subsection committee must review the entry paperwork for the delegation, and then submit it to the IPC Delegate or SSA Chairperson who will liaise between the SSA, PASA Administration, the NAC and the event organisers. This is only for the entries and all correspondence thereafter will be for the Team Manager/Head of Delegation or Team Captain;
- 3.8 It is the responsibility of the Team Manager/Head of Delegation or Team Captain to ensure that payment is made and proof sent to the organisers and IPC Delegate of SA;
- 3.9 All Correspondence with regards to the FAI, IPC, NAC and Representing SA should be sent to the Chairperson of the SSA, PASA Administration and to the IPC Delegate who will, in turn, ensure that the NAC is kept informed;

4 Substitutions Following Selection

Following selection for representation, the following substitutions will be permitted before the international event in question. Further substitution will constitute a new team and invalidate the team's eligibility to attend the international event.

- 4.1 Formation Skydiving
 - 4.1.1 8 way - may replace up to 3 team members if one is the videographer;
 - 4.1.2 4 way - may replace up to 2 team members if one is the videographer.
- 4.2 Canopy Formation
 - 4.2.1 4 way sequential – may replace up to 2 team members if one is the videographer;



- 4.2.2 4 way rotations - may replace up to 2 team members if one is the videographer;
- 4.2.3 2 way sequential - may replace 1 team member.
- 4.3 Artistic Events
 - 4.3.1 Freely - may replace one team member;
 - 4.3.2 Freestyle - may replace the videographer.
- 4.4 Wingsuit Acrobatic Flying - may replace one team member;
- 4.5 Canopy Piloting, Freefall Style, Accuracy Landing, Paraski and Wingsuit Performance Flying
 - 4.5.1 These are individual events and therefore no replacements can occur. If a competitor cannot attend, their place will be offered to the next eligible competitor on the list.
- 4.6 If, due to serious injury, further substitution is necessary, then approval of the SSA is to be sought. The SSA will first offer the place to eligible teams in order of their placing at the National Championship as per the discipline rules. Only if all eligible teams turn down the offer will the team be allowed to make further substitutions for the injured member and only with SSA approval for the replacement chosen. Individuals' abilities are not an automatic reflection of their combined team performance; the SSA is strongly discouraged from to allowing more than the specified substitutions.
 - 4.6.1 Additional performance and/or training criteria for the team to achieve before selection may be stipulated in this case.
- 4.7 If, due to any other reason other than serious injury, further substitution is necessary, then approval of SSA is to be sought. The SSA is initially to offer the place to eligible teams in order of their placing at the National Championship. Only if all eligible teams turn down the offer will the team be considered with further substitutions and only in extreme circumstances. Individuals' abilities are not an automatic reflection of their combined team performance; the SSA is strongly discouraged from to allowing more than the specified substitutions.
 - 4.7.1 Additional performance and/or training criteria for the team to achieve before selection may be stipulated in this case
 - 4.7.2 Excluding Canopy Piloting events (for safety reasons), an additional special selection by the subsection committee and the SSA Executive may be made for a Previously Disadvantaged Individual or team. The individual or team must have competed in the National Championship selection event and must meet the minimum performance criteria specified by the SSA Executive and subsection committee. These criteria will be determined using the international and local performance standards at the time as a baseline, and adjusting for the specific case if necessary.



- 4.8 Teams must inform the SSA in writing of all substitutes within 30 days of selection and the substitute/s must adhere to all SSA and FAI rules.

5 National Colours

- 5.1 Applicants will adhere to the rules as set out by SASCOC in the National Colours Regulations. All deviations from these criteria will be listed below.
- 5.2 Deviating Criteria
- 5.2.1 Teams/Individuals must be selected by the SSA according to the South African Team Selection criteria laid out herein.
- 5.2.2 Teams/Individuals must have attended or have registered for an FAI Category 1 event. If a Team/Individual only competes at the event after the awards ceremony held by the NAC, then National Colours will be awarded at the following year's ceremony.
- 5.2.3 Applications for National Colours must be made no later than 30 days prior to departure for the event and may not be applied for after the event. The SSA must ensure that suitable timeframes exist between national championships and the relevant World Cup or World Championships.
- 5.2.4 Teams/Individuals shall be South African citizens. Refer to rules as set by SASCOC.
- 5.2.5 Only competitors will qualify for National Colours. Coaches, Team Managers and Heads of Delegation shall not be eligible for Nationals Colours, but will be eligible for NAC recognition.

6 Application for National Colours

- 6.1 The SSA Committee of the relevant discipline shall complete the NC2, SASCOC Colours Application form and submit it to the chairperson of the SSA who in turn will sign and mail it to the NAC, PASA Administration and the IPC Delegate;
- 6.2 The NAC will confirm with PASA Administration and the IPC Delegate prior to the awards ceremony which teams/individuals shall be receiving National Colours;
- 6.3 The NAC will advise PASA Administration in writing of the approval for awarding National Colours and this will be sent to the teams/individuals in order to purchase the relevant insignia and material from SASCOC approved suppliers. This documentation will be sent to the SSA chairperson and the IPC Delegate for record-keeping purposes by PASA Administration;
- 6.4 The National Badge consists of the logo as defined by SASCOC with the wording "South Africa" and the word "Parachuting", "Skydiving" or "Indoor Skydiving", as applicable, appearing under it.

