

SELECTION CRITERIA 2025

OF

THE MOUNTED ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (MAASA)



The purpose of this document is to stipulate the qualifying criteria for the selection of mounted archery individual athletes / teams for the awarding of provincial and national colours.

The principle criteria for the awarding of provincial and national colours to any individual are as follows:

- South African citizenship
- Membership in good standing of SAEF
- Membership in good standing of MAASA
- Membership of an affiliated club in good standing with SAEF and MAASA

The following selection criteria is an extract from the 2024 MAASA Rulebook and stipulates the qualifying criteria for the awarding of provincial and national colours in Mounted Archery:

32 Qualifying for provincials, provincial teams & colours

32.1 Each Province will hold NO LESS than 4 qualifying shows during the year as well as one provincial. Competition Postal Matches do not count as qualifiers.

32.2 In order for riders to qualify to participate in provincials they need to ride a minimum of two (2) qualifiers.

32.3 In order for riders to qualify for provincial colours the following criteria applies:

32.3.1 A rider must have competed in a minimum of two qualifiers as well as provincials. A total of six scores for the minimum required level of HA3 needs to be obtained: two (2) Tower and two Raid scores equal to or above the required level need to be shot at MAASA qualifiers throughout the year (it is not necessary for both scores to be shot on the same day), whilst the remaining Tower and Raid score equal to or above the required level must be shot at a MAASA Provincial competition.

32.3.2 A rider must complete one set of Tower and one set of Raid on the same horse at a competition, but riders may participate in as many horse-rider combinations as they choose. Each will be viewed as a separate entry but on the same level where the rider is currently competing.

32.3.3 Grading (Level placement) will only apply to the rider and not the horse.

32.3.4 The six scores as per 32.3.1 will be used to determine whether the rider will qualify for provincial colours.

32.3.5 To qualify for provincial colours the level that has to be attained across the six scores as per 32.3.1 is HA3 level for both junior and senior riders.

33. Qualifying for Nationals, National Teams and National colours

- 33.1 Nationals are open to any rider regardless of whether they attended two qualifiers. However, should a rider wish to be eligible to qualify for the National Team and National colours they need to have attended a minimum of two qualifiers as well as Nationals.
- 33.2 In order for riders to qualify for selection to the National Team and National Colours, riders have to adhere to the following criteria and principles:
 - 33.2.1 A rider must have competed in no less than 2 of the required qualifying competitions and Nationals to be eligible for National colours. A total of six scores for the required minimum of HA6 or above for A-Team and HA3-HA5 for B-Team in order to qualify. Two Tower and two Raid scores equal to or above the required level need to be shot at MAASA qualifiers throughout the year (it is not necessary for both scores to be shot on the same day), whilst the remaining Tower and Raid score equal to or above the required level must be shot at MAASA Nationals.
- 33.3 The six scores as per 33.2.1 will be used to determine whether the rider qualifies for the A or B team. If the six scores are between HA3 and HA5 levels, the rider will qualify for the B team. If the six scores are all HA6 and above, the rider will qualify for the A-team.
- 33.4 To qualify for the National Team and National Colours the required scores as per 33.2.1 will apply to both juniors and seniors.
- 33.5 From all eligible riders that achieve the required six scores, the riders with the best overall scores will be considered for selection. Overall scores will be calculated by adding all six required Raid and Tower scores obtained as per 33.2.1 together.
- 33.6 Official National teams will only be selected from riders that have scored as per 33.2.1 irrespective of what their current graded level is.
- 33.7 A rider must complete one set of Tower and one set of Raid on the same horse at a competition, but riders may participate in as many horse-rider combinations as they choose. Each will be viewed as a separate entry but on the same level where the rider is currently competing.
- 33.8 Grading (Level placement) will only apply to the rider and not the horse.

34. Selection Criteria for Overseas Competitions as a Protea Team ‘

Selection procedures for a Protea team competing at an international competition, will be as follows:

- 34.1 Depending on the number of entries per country that is specified, the top achieving Seniors and Juniors from the Protea team will be selected. Depending on the level of competition, riders from either the A-Team or the B-team or a combination of riders from both teams will be selected.

- 34.2 The six scores as per 33.2.1 (for the year in which they qualified for national colours) will be used to determine achievement. Total scores will be calculated by adding all Raid and Tower scores obtained in the rider's top two qualifiers and Nationals together.

35. Selection Criteria for Overseas Competitions as a MAASA (Non-Protea) Team

Selection procedures for a team from South Africa (not an official SA Protea team) competing at an international competition where a set number of invitations have been extended to MAASA:

- 35.1 The invitations will first be extended to the existing Protea Team.
- 35.2 Depending on the number of invitations extended per country, top achieving Seniors and Juniors from the Protea team will be given the opportunity to attend the competition. Depending on the level of competition, riders from either the A-team or the B-team or a combination of riders from both teams will be selected.
- 35.3 The six scores as per 33.2.1 (for the year in which they qualified for national colours) will be used to determine achievement. Total scores will be calculated by adding all Raid and Tower scores obtained in the rider's top two qualifiers and Nationals together.
- 35.4 Should some or none of the above-mentioned Protea riders be able to attend the competition the remaining amount of invitations will be extended to the rest of the MAASA Team.
- 35.5 Should some or none of the current existing Protea Team be able to attend the competition then the remaining invitations will be extended to all MAASA riders.
- 35.6 In order to be able to qualify for this competition MAASA riders need to be fully paid up and active MAASA and SAEF members in good standing.
- 35.7 Should there be more MAASA riders willing and able to attend the competition than there are invitations then MAASA will determine eligibility by using the total scores from each rider's top two qualifiers plus nationals (for the previous season).
- 35.8 In the event that qualifiers and nationals did not occur in a particular year then the MAASA council may opt to use the scores from the year prior to that year, in conjunction with to scores from more recently completed qualifiers/competitions and or may opt to use a "shoot-off" to determine the team.
- 35.9 MAASA's selection decision is final.

36. Rules regarding Open International Competitions: '

- 36.1 Any rider is allowed to enter as an individual in open international competitions.
- 36.2 MAASA must be notified of these competitions a month in advance and notification must include the invitation, venue and competitions details.

- 36.3 MAASA will notify SAEF which will notify SASCOC and the relevant embassy of the competition.
 - 36.4 Adequate feedback regarding the competition, horses and scores need to be presented to MAASA upon the return from the competition.
 - 36.5 MAASA will file a written report with SAEF within 30 days of the completion of the competition.
 - 36.6 Riders entering as individuals are not allowed to officially represent South Africa even though they are from South Africa. Riders are not allowed to wear their Protea clothing and/or green and gold at these events.
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