



## Grading your Horse in South Africa

Grading your horse in South Africa involves a few key steps, primarily managed by provincial bodies. Here is a brief overview:

### 1. Registration with SAEF

Registering with SAEF is the first step to grading your horse. Your horse must have a valid passport that is signed off by a vet.

You must pay your annual membership fees according to the rates of the year applicable to your competition level and the licenses required for national and international competition.

The website is as follows: [South African Equestrian Federation](#)

Annual membership rates payable: [Membership Registration - South African Equestrian Federation](#)

The contact details for SAEF are as follows:

- [Pere House, 29 Macintyre Road, Glenferness, 2191](#)
- [+27 \(0\)11 468 3236/7](#)
- [memberships@saef.org.za](mailto:memberships@saef.org.za)

### 2. Join a Registered Equestrian Club

To compete, you will need to join a registered equestrian club. To find a club, a list can be obtained on the SAEF website.

When joining a club you must consider the following:

1. Join a club close to your location.
2. Check that the club offers the events and competitions that you wish to participate in. You can do this by contacting the club for a list of graded shows or check the Western Cape Equestrian Federation Calendar ([2025 WCEF Calendar – Western Cape Equestrian Federation](#)) events calendar for more information.
3. [Find a club - South African Equestrian Federation](#).
4. Make sure that you join a club that has a community to which you can relate. Being part of a club can be a rewarding and social experience. Clubs often offer much more than graded events.



### 3. Become a Member of your Discipline

To enter and compete in graded shows, you will need to become a member of your discipline. Every discipline has its own body and website where you can manage your memberships and enter shows.

For a list of discipline details and website addresses, you can refer to my website under resources <https://www.equestrian-elegance.net/items>.

### 4. Vaccinations

For your horse to compete in any graded competition, you must ensure that you adhere to all the veterinary regulations as set out by the SAEF. <https://www.saef.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SAEF-Veterinary-Regulations-2022-F.pdf>.

Vaccinations are essential for every entry, and you must provide detailed information about your horse's vaccinations on the relevant discipline websites.

Article 1003 details the vaccination regulations for graded horses. Equine Influenza and African Horse Sickness vaccinations must be up to date and entered in your horse's passport and on the site of the discipline in which you are competing.