

Notification to all Members

11th October 2014

We wish to inform all Equestrian members that a meeting took place with the SAEF together with all 14 individual disciplines chairs.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the way forward as to the roles of the Discipline associations within the SAEF structure.

On arrival we were informed that the 9 Provincial Federation Presidents had already voted for option 2 without discussion.

Option 1 Allow the discipline associations to continue with their NPO's and financial structures as they stand

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Option 2 Disciplines to be departments in the SAEF with their money "ringfenced" All members are members of SAEF (not the disciplines) with one registration point at SAEF.

The definitions in the constitution of SASCOC & the SAEF , SASCOC & the national federation is the REGULATORY / governing body of sport and NOT the administrators or management of each sport code.

The SAEF do not have the capacity or resources to administer and manage all 14 sport codes.

All 14 discipline chairs had prepared a memorandum explaining our intentions and confirming our willingness to comply with all the political requirements however needed to keep managing and administering the sport. The Discipline heads made it clear to the SAEF Council that we want to negotiate in good faith. Our aim was to reach an amicable solution.

The MEMO was considered by the SAEF Council (9 Provincial Chairs) and the majority still voted against our recommendation. It is worth noting that the vote was not unanimous. There were some council members who were in favour of the suggestions presented by the Disciplines.

All fourteen Disciplines decided that there was no longer common ground to work with. We again appealed to the SAEF to please reconsider but sadly they refused. We then all decided to walk out of the meeting as one. ALL Disciplines are in agreement that they must retain their legal entities and continue to manage and administer their sport codes for all members. On our departure we again appealed to the SAEF Council to reconsider.

We firmly believe that the decision taken by the SAEF President and five council members today is regrettably NOT in the best interest of any sport codes and its membership and may probably result in a drastic increase in costs to the independent member to finance the 'new' SAEF structure, which is similar to the old SANEF structure, and each discipline will lose running of its sport code, the SAEF even went on record saying that the SAEF Provincial Council will run all disciplinary actions.

Finally, it is worthy of note that for the first time in history of Equestrian sport, all 14 sport codes were in total agreement on the way forward of equestrian sport in South Africa which is an indication that all sport codes are united and cannot be wrong.

It is our conviction that the entire process to date has fallen far short of being constitutional and will endeavour to set it right, but this is your sport and we are committed to continue representing you and get the best deal and maintain the integrity and management of your sport.

