

EVENTING SOUTH AFRICA COACHING PORTFOLIO

NEWS UPDATE #2

DEVELOPMENT OF THE EVENTINGSA MASTER COACH LEVEL

The Coaching Portfolio Chairman with the Interim Coaching Panel wishes to recommend the introduction of Eventing Master-classes to be held at strategically placed Eventing facilities throughout South Africa commencing later in 2014.

The selection of this “Coach Educator/Master Coach” will be done via a tender document (in the interest of transparency and communication) to find an International credited coach who has the knowledge and skills necessary to Coach South Africa’s top level Eventing Coaches (and their pupil riders) in order to improve and gain knowledge. Essential skills for the Educator are based on the UK British Eventing Accredited/Master Coach Level descriptions i.e. should have competed recently at least at 3* level, where possible be on the Credited Eventing Directory or recommended by their Coaching Steering Committee, communicate in good English, be available and come at a price that EventingSA can afford!

The Programme is anticipated to comprise 2 x 5Day Master-Class workshops a year at a Derby-type venue where a small group (recommended 4-6) of High Performance Coaches can work with and learn from each other and the Educator who will provide assistance, suggest alternatives and changes to the exercises taught and where appropriate bring improvement and knowledge to the current Coaching methodologies used. The Rider pupils (may be FEI 1*-3*) will ride different exercises – jumping skinnies, corners, banks, water combinations, jump combinations, supported with course walks, course design features etc, the coach will give feedback and the Master Coach will then agree, change, repeat or go on to the next exercise. Electives for the Eventing Coach development Programme will comprise exercises and their assessment criteria typical of those mentioned above to bring training and skills transfer to a local level.

The Master-classes will be open for people to pay as Observers and horse owners/trainers/supporting participants will have the opportunity to pay a levy to watch their horses perform in the Classes.

The benefits of the Master-class are as follows:

- Marketing Exposure for Eventing SA and EQASA particularly if there is sponsorship for the Event (Clubs and training organizations may have an opportunity to have stands or representatives present) plus articles/feedback interview in HQ, Farmers Weekly, etc
- A cross-section of invited SA “Master coaches” have the opportunity to develop and learn in front of a representative Stakeholder audience as in the future they will be top of the Coach Development structure and representative of EventingSA Accredited Coaches
- Talented SA Event riders/pupils have the opportunity to develop and learn
- International exposure of current Eventing teaching and coaching methods to SA Eventing Stakeholders and Observers

Attendant Coaches will be by invitation only, based on criteria developed by the Coaching Portfolio Committee and the interim panel. Coaches wishing to join the Master-class must meet the basic entry criteria to the Programme (see Update #1) and are invited to submit a request via their Provincial Committee Chairman for an entry form. A final recommended shortlist will be posted for comment.