

CV & Proposed Vision for the DSA Judges & Officials Portfolio

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CV

Judging Experience

- I have been judging for 23 years, of which 9 years have been as a National List 2 (National A) dressage judge.
- I have judged all South African provincial and national championships, including the DSA Challenge in 2016, 2018 and 2021, along with national championships in Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- I have judged the World Dressage Challenge and South African Champs with visiting FEI Judges.

Committee Participation

- Member of the National Judges Committee under Caroline Potts (National A Judge and FEI 3* Para Judge) for two years.
- Secretary to the Gauteng Provincial Dressage Committee for two years.
- Dressage Judges Portfolio holder for the Gauteng region for two years.

Strengths

- Strong administrative skills from previous corporate work experience.
- Good inter-personal skills.
- Commitment to the sport.
- My 25-year knowledge of dressage.
- International relationships with judges and coaches around the world.
- My ability to work across a broad spectrum of diverse and sometimes conflicting interests to generate solutions in the best interest of the judges and the sport

My Proposed Vision for the Judges and Officials Portfolio

- 1) I aim to provide a unified but adaptable framework in order to standardise and upskill judges and officials in South African dressage. The primary aim is to ensure consistently high standards of officiating while maintaining the welfare of the horse as a central and non-negotiable priority.
- 2) Align with FEI judging strategies, policies and directives and disseminate the information as necessary.
- 3) Develop further on the national education framework with progressive modules for judge candidates, provincial judges, national judges, and FEI pathway judges.
- 4) To invest in people, respecting diversity of provinces, and availability of resources.
- 5) Foster greater involvement between riders, coaches and judges to improve the understanding of the judging process.