



DESIGNATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

TEAM COMPOSITION

TEAM

Shall be defined as all members who present themselves for uniform check / inspection and who enter no-man's land prior to entry into the demarcated areas for the display. This will include the leader, sub-leaders and squad members in Small and Large Drill.

SQUAD (Small and Large Drill)

Shall be defined as all members of the team, excluding the leader and sub-leaders, who do not carry maces.

LEADER (Small and Large Drill)

Shall be defined as the chief member of the team, throughout the routine. The leader is generally identified by her individual skill, showmanship and uniform. She shall carry a mace for the majority of the display.

SUB-LEADERS (Small and Large Drill)

Shall be defined as all members of the leader group, excluding the leader, throughout the routine. Each member of this group shall carry a mace for the majority of the display. The sub-leader group is additionally identified by a distinctive uniform.

OFFICIALS

COACH

Shall be defined as a person, or persons, in charge of, and responsible for, a specific team. He/she will be required to train and develop the team to competitive levels of Majorettes/Cheerleaders, whilst observing the laid down rules and regulations governing conduct.

A qualified coach is a person who has completed the required SAMCA Trainers' Courses. Trainers who have not attended the required SAMCA courses may not accompany a team to the National Championships. A date by which this qualification is to be completed will be set at the AGM each year.

DIRECTOR OF JUDGES

Shall be defined as a person appointed by nomination and vote at the Annual General Meeting, this person should also be a qualified current adjudicator.

His / her duties shall be:

1. To ensure all judges, penalty judges, competition marshals and scorers are informed of the relevant details applicable to their appointed duties at each competition, and to brief them as a group when necessary;
2. To ensure all judges, penalty judges, scorers, marshals and runners are advised of the exact times they are required to be at their posts prior to the commencement of the competition, and to ensure that punctuality is strictly observed;
3. To attend to, and advise on, all queries and matters of adjudication at competitions, in consultation with the Executive Committee if necessary;
4. To liaise with the Adjudication Manager Scorer, Penalty Judges and Competition Marshals, when necessary, throughout the competition;
5. To check, in liaison with the Scorers, any discrepancies or anomalies which may occur on score sheets and to take the necessary action;
6. To present seminars on a standardised basis under the auspices of the Executive of SAMCA;
7. To maintain a comprehensive record of all National Competition results;
8. To maintain a comprehensive record of national adjudicators;
9. To evaluate and select adjudicators for national competitions on the basis of experience, qualification, conduct, training and demonstrated ability, through a

procedure determined by SAMCA (e.g. in consultation with a Panel specifically appointed for this purpose).

10. To hold briefings and de-briefings at all competitions, as necessary;
11. To stop the music and request a team's exit from the display areas where a display is 30 seconds in excess of the maximum permitted audio time.
12. To stop the music at any point of the display if necessary, e.g. In the event of a girl having to leave the area owing to injury;
13. To appoint a competent person to stand in his / her stead should he / she absent himself / herself from the competition area.

NATIONAL ELITE PANEL SELECTION COMMITTEE

- The selection panel consists of the Director of Judges, the 2 SAMCA deputy Chief adjudicators, SAMCA National Coaches Representative and the 2 SAMCA deputy Coaches Representatives.
- The purpose of the panel is to select the National Elite Panel at a selection competition, set out by the Director of Judges.

SCORE SHEET JUDGE

Shall be defined as a person who has been appointed by the National Chief Adjudicator as a result of the following. He / she:

1. Has been actively involved in his / her appointed duties for at least one year after qualifying;
2. Has attended 80% of all seminars in the current year as laid down by the SAMCA through the National Chief Adjudicator;
3. Has judged all the score sheets in Large Drill and / or Small Drill, Groups and Cheerleading. The scoresheet will not be counted for qualification purposes should there be fewer than three teams in the competition;
4. Has met all the criteria governing the evaluation and selection procedure;
5. Is recognised as an experienced and qualified adjudicator in his / her region, and whose participation at a competition would benefit the teams taking part
6. If for any reason, the judge has not judge within a 12 month period, he / she will have to be re-evaluated and the novice test passed before he / she can judge again.

PENALTY JUDGE

Shall be defined as a competent person appointed by the Director of Judges, and who meets the criteria detailed under the heading “Score Sheet Judge” - at National Level (points 2, 5 & 6). His /her duties shall be:

1. To record all time allowances as detailed in the Rules under the heading “Time Limitations”
2. To note all infringements of the rules on the appropriate team’s penalty sheet;
3. To liaise with the Adjudication Manager on all matters related to penalties;
4. To hand each penalty sheet to the Adjudication Manager at the end of a display for assessment and approval;
5. To assist any competitor who requires medical attention during the display, and signal the Adjudication Manager to stop the audio.

ADJUDICATION MANAGER

Shall be defined as a competent person appointed by the Director of Judges to manage the competition. Must meet all criteria as detailed under “Penalty Judge”. His/her duties shall be:

1. Runs the individual competitions.
2. Make sure all penalties are recorded by the penalty judges on the check sheet and then combined on the announcement sheet.
3. Assist in all Marshal issues at check and chill areas, and refer any queries to the Director of Judges.
4. Attend to any music/audio issues, if otherwise instructed by the Director of Judges.

COMPETITION MANAGER

Shall be defined as a competent person appointed by nomination and vote at the Annual General Meeting and his/her duties shall be to check:

1. The dimensions at uniform inspection area, waiting areas, no-man’s land and the demarcated area prior to the competition;
2. That a suitable and satisfactory public address system and separate tape playing and CD facilities are available;
3. The availability of a secure area for scorers, well away from the sound system, and to ensure that this area is used only by the Chief Scorer, the Scorers, their assistants and the Chief Adjudicator.

4. That suitable elevated seating is available for stand judges, in a well cordoned-off area, in a direct line with the centre of the demarcated area;
5. That a covered area, with seating, for judges and officials to use for comfort purposes at suitable breaks in the competition is available;
6. That adequate refreshments are on hand for judges and officials during programmed breaks;
7. The availability of keen, agile runners for the duration of the competition, who will carry out their duties under the supervision of the Chief Scorer;

In the event of any problem arising in respect of 1 - 7 above, the Competition Manager shall report to the President.

MARSHAL

Shall be defined as a competent person appointed by the Director of Judges. His/her duties shall be:

1. To attend briefings, de-briefings and all adjudicators' seminars;
2. To complete the Team Check Lists;
3. To control the team's entry into the waiting area;
4. To perform duties in the check and chill area as indicated in the rules section.
5. To direct and place the competing teams in the correct order for the final march-past and to assemble them in formation on the demarcated area for the prize-giving ceremony.

In the event of any problem arising in respect of 2, 3, 4 or 5 above, the Marshal shall report to the Director of Judges.

SCORER

Shall be defined as a person appointed by the Director of Judges. His / her duties shall be:

1. To gather together all completed score sheets and calculate and record points awarded by judges;
2. To complete the master score sheet, including any penalties imposed in a strictly confidential manner;
3. To observe the highest degree of confidentiality at all times
4. To ensure a system of double-checking all calculations is carried out to obviate calculation errors;
5. To seal calculated and recorded score sheets in envelopes bearing the appropriate team's name, and to hand it to the trainer at the designated time;

6. To liaise with the Chief Adjudicator on all scoring matters;
7. To make available fully completed master score sheets of all competing teams, and other relevant persons;
8. To be responsible for the overall preparation and availability of score sheets for each part of the competition;
9. To attend briefings, de-briefings and all adjudicators' seminars.
10. To ensure that the appropriate score-sheets are collated prior to the competition.

RUNNER

Shall be defined as a person appointed by the Competition Manager for the following duties:

1. To collect score sheets from all judges after each team's display and place them securely in the envelope provided;
2. To collect penalty sheets from the Chief Adjudicator after each team's display and place them securely in the envelope provided;
3. To hand the envelope directly to the Scorers and await the return of the emptied envelope in readiness for the next collection.

COMPETITION AREAS

THE COMPETITION AREA

Shall be defined as the demarcated area, no-man's land and the waiting area.

DEMARCATED AREA

Shall be defined as the measured, marked-out area in accordance with the laid-down requirements detailed in Chapter 8.

NO-MAN'S LAND (Large Drill)

Shall be defined as the area around the entire perimeter of the demarcated area, in accordance with the laid-down requirements detailed in **Chapter 8** and shall be used as a passage-way to get to and from the demarcated area.

Only participating teams, judges and runners may use this area. No members of the general public or trainers are permitted into this area.

WAITING AREA (Large Drill)

Shall be defined as the area adjacent to no-man's land on both sides of the demarcated area, in accordance with the laid-down requirements detailed under Chapter 8. Only participating teams and qualified trainers may use this area.

DISPLAY COMPONENTS

PRE-DISPLAY (Large Drill)

The movement to audio of the team from the waiting area, along no-man's land and into the demarcated area.

PRE-DISPLAY (Small Drill)

The movement to audio of the team into the demarcated area.

DISPLAY (Drill)

Shall be defined as the performance of the team which occurs from the time the audio starts, until the last athlete steps off the demarcated area.

DISPLAY (Groups, Baton & Cheerleading)

Shall be defined as the performance of the team which occurs from the time the audio starts until the audio ends.

UNIFORM AND PROP ELEMENTS

UNIFORM

Shall be defined as clothing and trimmings. These should meet the regulations described under "Rules".

MACE (All)

- A mace shall be defined as the compulsory prop to be carried by all leaders and sub-leaders and shall be a minimum of 1000mm (high schools and tertiaries) and 800mm (primary schools) in length.

- A mace shall be understood to be of a traditional shape and have a mace head and tapered shaft. A diagram follows at the end of the rules section.

FLAG (All)

- A flag shall be defined as a pole of at least 1 meter in length for tertiary and high schools and at least 800mm in length for primary schools to which a piece of material at least 500mm x 500mm has been attached. A diagram follows at the end of the rules section.

TWIRLING FLAGS (All)

- A twirling flag shall be defined as a flag (minimum size to be not less than 500mm x 500mm) attached to a shaft bearing a mace head. The shaft should not be shorter than 1000mm (high schools and tertiaries) and 800mm (primary schools). A diagram follows at the end of the rules section.

DUALS (All)

- A dual shall be understood to be a shaft to which a mace head has been attached on both ends.
- A dual shall be at least 800mm in length. A diagram follows at the end of the rules section.

BATON

- Measurements are as follows :
 - Min 0.5m
 - Max 0.6m
 - Stopper : 50mm
 - Diameter of baton : 12mm

RIFLES

- Measurements are as follows:
 - Minimum length of 800mm
 - Butt minimum width of butt of 80mm
 - Barrel minimum width of 30mm

CHEERLEADING PROPS (Only allowed in Group Cheerleading Co-ed & All Girls)

Signs

- Size: Signs must be a minimum of A4 in size and a maximum of 10m X 10m (measured from the outer-most points)
- Materials: Signs may be made of any material except for wood or metal.

Flags

- Size: Flags must be a minimum of A4 in size and a maximum of 10m X 10m (measured from the outer-most points)
- Materials: Flags may be made of any material except for wood or metal. Poles may be made of any material.

Banners

- Size: Banners must be a minimum of A4 in size and a maximum of 10m X 10m (measured from the outer-most points)
- Materials: Banners may be made of any material except for wood or metal.

Megaphones - Must taper from one side to the other.

- Size: Minimum diameter of opening: 9cm, Maximum diameter of opening: 50cm
- Materials: Megaphones may be made of any material. Megaphones may not have any electronic or mechanical components

Pom-Poms

AGE GROUP LIMITATIONS

PRE-PRIMARY

Should the team be competing as a Pre-Primary School, all participants must be under 7 years of age or under on the first day of Nationals and no girl may be in grade 1 or above.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION

Should the team be competing in this section, all competitors in the team must be at primary school (grades 1 –7), and not older than 14 years of age on the first day of Nationals.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Should the team be comprised of competitors registered at a middle school (grades 7 – 9), the team will compete in the high school section.

HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

Should the team be competing in this section, all the competitors in the team must be in high school (grades 8 – 12) and must be registered full time learners in the school, or the equivalent and must be 19 years of age or younger on the first day of Nationals.

TERTIARY SECTION

Should the team be competing in this section, all the competitors must not be registered at a secondary institution. All competitors must be a minimum of 18 years old in the first year of participation.

Participation in teams

- No individual may join another school's team if the school which he / she attends is affiliated to SAMCA through either a Large Drill, Small Drill or Group division (including Cheerleading). Should the school have only a Cheerleading team, participants may march elsewhere in any other section other than cheerleading, should their original school do Cheerleading plus any other category they have to march with the original school.
- Should the participant's school start a team and they are involved in another school's team, they may finish their career with their team. Principal's permission is needed.
- If individuals from a school that does not have a team (in Large Drill, Small Drill and / or the Group divisions - including Cheerleading), wish to participate in another school's team, they may do so provided they have written permission from both principals.
- No participant may march in two teams within the same category ie. Non-prop 1 and Non-prop 2. This will result in disqualification.

INDEPENDENT TEAMS

The teams must comply with the grade divisions above: grades 1 –7 constitute a primary school team, grades 8 – 12 constitute a high school team and post-matric (18 years of age +) constitute a tertiary team.

No individual may join an independent team if the school which he / she attends is affiliated to SAMCA through either a Large Drill, Small Drill or Group division (including Cheerleading).

General :

- Every member of every team must be registered with the provincial association.
- Final cut off for changing members of teams is 30 days prior to provincials.
- Provinces must supply a complete list of ALL registered members on request from SAMCA

ADJUDICATION: AFFILIATION

1. The following relationships will constitute an affiliation.
 - 1.1 Grandparent/grandchild
 - 1.2 Parent/child
 - 1.3 Siblings
 - 1.4 Engaged couples
 - 1.5 Husband/wife
2. The relationships listed above will be valid if one of the parties is an adjudicator or a scorer and the other is a competitor, a coach, or an official of a participating team.
3. At provincial/Regional Competitions the Regional Chief Adjudicator may wave the affiliation rules for reasons acceptable to the Provincial/Regional Executive (e.g. when not enough unaffiliated adjudicators are available).
4. In a National Elite panel, due to the selection process, the rules of affiliation fall away.
5. An Adjudicator may not judge any team's leader or sub-leader trials, as they are considered to be affiliated to that team.