

## FEI Level 3 Course Designer

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### Background:

- I was born in Zimbabwe, moved to Durban in 1983 and started Course Designing in 2006. In 2008 I moved to Johannesburg after working in the Computer Industry for over 10 years.
- I competed competitively up until 2007 in KZN, I then chose to focus my attention on Course Designing.
- 2008 - I was offered a position of Dressage Administrator at the Gauteng Horse Society where for six years I was responsible for organising Dressage shows and all administration.
- 2012 – 2013: I was appointed manager for Kyalami Equestrian Park.
- 2013 to present: Moved to start my journey with South Africa Showjumping which officially opened its doors on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2013.

### Experience:

- 2010 - I was invited by the internationally recognised Course Designer Bob Ellis to assist at the prestigious Longines Royal International Show, held at the famous Hickstead show grounds in the UK. I assisted alongside Bob and Kelvin Blywater, Course Designers of the 2013 London Olympics.
- I gained invaluable experience assisting many top international course designers such as Bob Ellis (UK), Kelvin Blywater (UK), Andreas Hollman (GER), Rob Jansen (NED) Bernardo Costa Cabral (POR), Paul Weir (GER), Werner Deeg (GER), Heike Wahlers (GER), Ramin Shafiee (IRN), Marco Hesse (GER), Marco Behrens (GER), Stefan Wirth (GER) & Frank Rothenberger (GER)

- In South Africa, I have Course Designed for most of South Africa's National Shows, including the South African Championship, South African Derby and the South African Outdoor Grand Prix.
- I have Course Designed in Spain, Zimbabwe, Namibia and The Democratic Republic of Congo.
- 2017 – Passed the FEI Level 3 Course Design Seminar held in Bulgaria.
- 2019 – I was awarded my first opportunity to Course Design for a FEI World Cup Qualifier (CSI1\*W), held at Kyalami Equestrian Park, Midrand.
- I have been Course Designer for the following FEI CSI1\*W
  - 2019 – Midrand (RSA)
  - 2021 – Kyalami (RSA)
  - 2021 – Kromdraai (RSA)
  - 2022 – Kromdraai (RSA)
  - 2023 – Brits (Stokkiesdraai) (RSA)
  - 2023 – Brits (Heartlands) (RSA)
- 2014 – I was part of the Organising Committee for the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final, Kyalami Equestrian Park, RSA.
- 2023 – South Africa was once again awarded the bid to host the 2023 FEI Jumping World Challenge Final (WCHA-Final) at The Ranch Resort Polokwane, RSA. I held the position of Show Director and was the official Course Designer for the event.

**Other:**

- 1994 - I passed the SANEF Instructors' exam
- 2008 to present - National Equitation Judge