



Info-bulletin ECAHO decisions AGM Doha 2024

*Including important changes for Exhibitors,
Organizers, Officials and Handlers at affiliated events*

SPORT COMMISSION: MEMBERS. PLEASE RELAY THIS INFO TO YOUR SPORT COMMISSIONS AND RIDERS

Sport season:

- **ECAHO Sport European Championship** will be held in Austria, on 29 August – 1 September 2024
- 15 events were affiliated in 5 countries during 2023. 6 events were affiliated as the National Championships, and 1 was the European Championship
- **European Sport Championship 2023:** 48 entries, 464 starts, horses from 6 countries
- **Annual Hight Point Horse of the Year 2023:** 10 Disciplines (Dressage, Show Jumping, Classic Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Traditional Arabian Riding, Ladies Side Saddle, Reining, Ranch Riding, Trail, Western Pleasure) in 3 different Levels (Novice, Advanced, Masters); in total €10250 has been paid as prize money to the owners. Trophy Jackets have been awarded to the winning riders.
After evaluation of the APHA over past years the Executive Committee decided to stop this project and find other ways how to support sport competitions.
- **ECAHO Breeders' Fund:** 3 best placed horses in each category at the National Sport Championships get € 200 and first 3 placed in qualifier classes at the European Championship get € 500. In total the National Championships were awarded with €16600 and the European Championship with €13000

Green Book Updates:

- New for try-out: National rules for specific disciplines (Tent pegging, Equitation)
- *Green Book 2024 is effective since 1st January 2024, for more information please visit <https://www.ecaho.org/sport/green-book>*

Judges' Courses and Tests:

- In 2023 there was no course
- In April 2024 one course was organized with 5 participants, another course is planned in 2025

REGISTRATION COMMISSION: IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE ASLO WAHO REGISTRIES

- **BREXIT**
 - As reported by the GBR delegate, the export/import of horses is nearly impossible, and it is very costly; it is recommended to hire an agent to help with the paperwork
 - AHS together with EAHRIC will draft a supporting letter to the EU responsible bodies to explain the position of Arabian horses travelling to shows (similar to sport events)
- **EU rules:**
 - All horses must be insured (liability insurance) and it is the responsibility of the owner
 - All horses must be entered in the central registry
 - Owner change must be announced to central registry within 7 days
 - Death of the horse must be announced to central registry within 7 days

- Passports must be at disposal with the horse for control – possibly, the passport may be shown electronically in app (possibility of electronic data makes the situation easier).
- **WAHO conference** will be organized in Abu Dhabi/United Arab Emirates in April 2025
- IAHS Israel presented an **online Studbook registration software** which is available for all interested organizations
- **Transformation into Registration, Identification, Education and Training Committee**
 - new vision: incorporate other scopes of activities and use the knowledge and experience of the delegates and expert within the National organizations
 - introduction of education plan for all interest groups (Officials, breeders, exhibitors, Handlers)

SHOW COMMISSION: IMPORTANT INFO FOR OFFICIALS, EXHIBITORS AND SHOW ORGANIZERS:

Shows and Show calendars

- Calendar 2025 – list of the World Championship, Title, A and GCAT show was presented
- World Championship 2024: Paris (France), World Championship 2025: Doha (Qatar)
- Recently accepted show categories (GCAT, EAHGC) have been already in the show calendar; EAHGC shows were approved also in non-ECAHO countries
- The SC approved upgrade of El Jadida International Show from A to Title (from 2025)

Blue Book changes and adaptations

- Affiliation rules for Global Champions Arabian Tour (GCAT) and Emirates Arabian Horse Global Cup (EAHGC)
- Pregnant mares shall not be examined at the showground
- For shows with more than 100 horses 2 Ringmasters are recommended
- Adjusted entry restrictions for European shows/European Championship
- Additional criteria for Specific origin shows may be introduced by the Show organizer
- Splitting of classes – change of the rules (no class may be split unless there are more than 15 horses entered, with exception of Yearling and Gelding classes)
- If the number of entries exceeds 20 horses, the class must be split
- Adjustment of daily fees paid to show Officials
- Hereditary disorders: update of the wording and specification of penalty
- Ban for aggressive horses: The SDC has the power to apply disciplinary measures for horses that have been disqualified for dangerous and/or aggressive behaviour, the suspension from taking part in any EAHSC affiliated event, for a period of up to five years, regardless of any change of ownership.
- Stewards to collect Judges' papers to be arranged by the Show organizer
- Reimbursement and hospitality - adjustment of the guidelines
- Conditions for DC assessment applicants: to have extensive practical experience with horses and to have successfully completed one Workshop organized by the National association or assisted a DC from the ECAHO list in at least two shows.
- Vaccination – adjustment (unification with FEI rules)
- *The Blue Book 2024 becomes effective as of 1st May 2024. All shows that have not yet sent out their schedules by 1st May, or take place after 1st August, are obliged to use the 2024 rules. For more information, please visit <https://www.eaho.org/shows/blue-book>*

Officials:

- Upgrade to A list of Judges: Robbie den Hartog (NED)
- Acceptance to ECAHO B Judges list: Caroline Reid (GBR)
- Acceptance to ECAHO B DC list: Umar Raza Gill (UAE), Gijs Salleveld (NED), Reihaneh Rashidfarokhi (IRN)
- Acceptance to ECAHO Ringmasters list: Ahmed Albadi (UAE)
- New member of the Judges' Instructors Group (JIG): Helen Hennekens-van Nes (BEL)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: IMPORTANT INFO

Most notable agreements of the 41st AGM in Doha on 28 April 2024:

The AGM elected the Treasurer: Mrs. Anna Stojanowska (POL)

- **Membership changes**
 - The AGM approved transfer of Membership rights from Royal Cavalry Oman to Oman Equestrian and Racing Federation (OERF)
 - New **Associate Member** has been accepted: **Australasian Arabian Breeders Coalition (AABC), Australia**
- **2 Judges' courses** were organized in 2023 (Ströhen DE and Rabab EG).
- **Workshops for Judges** were organized in Aachen DE and in El Jadida MO; one exceptional workshop was on-line for those who could not attend any of the previous workshops. Judges who have not attended any workshop (even the on-line) have been removed from the Blue Book. One workshop was organized in February 2024 in Abu Dhabi.
- **DC courses** were organized in Rabab EG and in Abu Dhabi UAE.
- **DC Workshops** were conducted on-line in September/October 2023, and one additional in February 2024. DC members who have not attended any workshop have been removed from the Blue Book
- **Judges' Manual** in English and Arabic has been published on ECAHO website
- **ECAHO Honorary Membership** for extraordinary support of ECAHO, shows and Arabian horses in general was awarded to **HRH Princess Alia Al Hussein (JOR)** and **Willem + Nettie van Beelen (NED)**
- **Travel insurance** will be added to the liability insurance and will cover all Officials (who sign the contract) travelling to ECAHO shows

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