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Judging Committee

Comité des Juges

Mr Ali Al Masrouei	UAE
Mr Santiago Fornieles	Argentina
Mr Eric Gear	France
Mr Terry Holmes	USA
Mrs Martine Van Hee	Belgium
Mr Mohamed Machmoum	Morocco
Mr Joseph Polo	USA
Mr Jonas Salzmann	Kuwait
Mrs Anna Stojanovska	Poland
Mr Ahmed Hamza	Egypt

Disciplinary Committee

Commission Disciplinaire

Dr Malak Benamar	Morocco
Dr Amira Abdelwahab	UAE
Mr Jean Bernard Kupaj	France
Mr Bertrand Valette	France
Mrs Kerstin Wisniewski	Germany

Special Awards

Trophées Spéciaux



Most Beautiful Head
in each qualifying class

Trophy Espoir Male
Trophy Espoir Female

Best Movement Male
Best Movement Female

Best Sire
Best Dam

Best Breeder
Best Breeder Owner
Farm of the Year

Best Straight Egyptian
Best European

Highest Score

Trophée de Paris
Special Award

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Preliminary Show Schedule

Programme préliminaire

Friday December 6, 2024

11.30 am

Female classes

Saturday December 7, 2024

10.00 am

Male classes

Sunday December 8, 2024

10.00 am

**Championships
& Special Awards**



Organization and officials / Organisation et officiels

Director of the Championship

Directeur du Concours

M^F Arnaud Lemoine,
Directeur du CENECA

Show President

Président du Concours

M^F Jérôme Despey
Président du CENECA

Office Manager Show Secretary

Mrs Valérie Baillon CENECA
Mrs Camille Berrel CENECA

Technical Advisors and Consultants

*Conseillères Techniques et
Consultantes*

M^{RS} Christiane Chazel, Event
Consultant SAS

M^{RS} Dominik Briot, APCA

Veterinarian

Vétérinaire

Dr Pierre Valette, France

Ring Masters

Ring Masters

Mr Jean-Marc Dubois France
Mr Eidha Almenhali France

Scorer

Enregistrement des notes
Arabian Essence, Italy

Commentator

Commentateur

M^F Guy de Fontaines, France

Logistic

Logistique

M^{RS} Véronique Oury, SPARC

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World Championship
is a CENECA
official event,
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Rules for the World Championship Show

Conditions of Entry: Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized studbook by the closing date of entries.

Qualification: All horses except yearlings should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- 1st to 5th place at the World Championship, an A Show, a GCAT show or B Show
- 1st to 5th place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title, an A Show or GCAT show
- 1st to 3rd place at a National Championship, C National, C International, European Shows or EAHGC shows
- 1st to 2nd place at Specific Origin Shows

Horses registered in countries which are not Members of ECAHO must either qualify in an ECAHO affiliated show or may qualify at other shows accepted by the EAHSC, such as:

- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or “TOP TEN” at the US Nationals
 - a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place at the US Scottsdale Competition
 - a title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US “Regional” competitions
 - 1st to 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup (former US Las Vegas show)
 - a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an Egyptian Event US
 - a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship show
- Yearlings do not need to qualify for these shows.

Only open halter classes will be considered.

Class age division: calendar year (starting on 1 January, ending on 31 December)

A list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary immediately after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

Affiliation fee: € 10000,-

Judging system: compulsory 5 topics - 20 points. Half-points are allowed. Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria: a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Judges: There shall be a minimum of eight judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges (see page 34).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

Disciplinary Committee: There will be a minimum of five members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A or B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

Ringmaster: At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

Medication control: The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control.

A person must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.



Rules for the World Championships - Paris 2024

The four horses from each qualifying section - 8 horses - will be selected to compete in their respective championships. The horses with the 9th and 10th highest scores will also be selected for the championship.

1. Each judge nominates his choice for gold silver and bronze medals together at the same time using points. Points will be given to the nominated horses as follows:

- A horse nominated by a judge for Gold Medal will receive 4 points
- A horse nominated by a judge for Silver Medal will receive 2 points
- A horse nominated by a judge for Bronze Medal will receive 1 point

The Gold Medal will be awarded to the horse with the most votes for Gold Medal Champion. In case of an equal amount of vote for Gold Medal Champion, the Gold Medal will be awarded to the horse with the highest number of championships points.

From the remaining horses:

The Silver Medal will be awarded to the horse with the highest number of championship points.

The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the horse with the 2nd highest number of championship points.

In the case of a tie, the Rules for Ties in championships will be followed. The judges will not discuss the horses.

2. A fourth horse will be selected, which will become the Bronze medal winner should one of the three medal winners be disqualified. If this exhibit is not apparent from the voting papers, the judges will be asked to nominate one. This horse will not be announced. In the event that two or more of the medal winners are disqualified, no further substitution will be made.

3. If a horse placed first in its class is not able to take part in the Championship, the horse placed second in the class will move forward and be judged with the other horses placed first. Should a horse placed first be sent out of the ring by the judges or taken out by the handler for any reason, it will be deemed to have taken part in the championship and, therefore, the second placed horse will not be judged with the other first placed horses. Substitutions for absent first-placed or second-placed horses by third-placed or lower ranked horses will not be permitted.

4. All horses that qualify for their respective Championships must take part in the Championship. Unless a certificate from the DC veterinarian is produced, failure to compete

will disqualify the horse from the show, with its record of score and class placing being deleted and the horse being disqualified from showing for the period of one year as from the date of the show. In the event of a disqualification, horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up a place in the class but third or lower placed horses will not be entitled to enter the Championship.

5. All horses that are awarded a medal in their respective Championships must take part in the Championship prizegiving ceremony. Unless the DC decides otherwise in which case any representative of the horse may accept the medal without the horse being present, absence of the horse or any representative to appear in the prizegiving ceremony will disqualify the horse from the show with its record of score in the class and championship placing being deleted.

PLATINUM CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

A horse nominated by a judge for Platinum Medal will obtain 6 points.

Two Platinum Championships for Senior males and Senior females will be organized in Paris. The title of Platinum World Champion Male or Female can only be presented to a senior horse having previously won a title of Gold World Senior Champion during one of the past editions of the World Championship. These horses will do not compete in the qualifying classes, but only in the Platinum Championship.

The Platinum Championship will take place separately only if minimum two horses will be logged in it.

The comparative system of judging will be used in both Platinum Championships. Each judge will nominate the Platinum World Champion of his/her choice and the most quoted horse will be the winner.

Other participants of this championship to retain their titles of World Gold Champion intact and will participate in the Platinum award ceremony.

In case there will be logged only one horse in the Platinum Championship, this horse will participate directly in the World Senior Championship and can be chosen as Platinum Champion at the moment of obtaining the highest score of the championship. However, if the horse does not receive the highest score of the championship will be his former title of World Gold Senior Champion maintained and cannot be re-classified as Gold, Silver or Bronze.

The horse that wins the title of Platinum World Champion will not be allowed to participate again in the World Champion.

Addendum – Equine Influenza vaccination

Equine Influenza vaccination for all horses competing in ECAHO competitions

1. All horses (except foals at foot of the dam and/or foals less than 9 months old) must have received an initial Primary Course of two vaccination doses administered a minimum of 21 and a maximum of 92 days apart.

Foals should begin the primary course of vaccination at 6 months of age. It is under the owners' responsibility if they are shown before the primary course of vaccination is complete.

Any horse receiving a new Primary Course as of 1st January 2024 must receive the second vaccination a minimum of 21 days and a maximum of 60 days after the first vaccination.

2. The First Booster must be given within 7 calendar months following the date of administration of the second vaccination of the primary course.

Horses which have received a correct primary course of vaccinations may arrive at an ECAHO event up to 6 months + 21 days months after the second dose of the primary course.

3. Horses that were correctly certified as receiving the primary course prior to 2009 are not required to fulfil the requirement of the first booster, providing there has been no lapse in their vaccination regime.

4. Further booster vaccinations must be given within 12 months of the last dose, or shorter intervals where local or national authorities require it. However, horses that are competing must have been vaccinated within 6 months +21 days of arriving at the Show an ECAHO event.

5. No vaccination may be given within 7 days of the day of arrival at the ECAHO event.

6. Vaccines must be administered by a veterinarian. The details of the vaccine, serial/batch number and the date of administration must be recorded in the passport, signed and stamped by the veterinarian who administered the vaccination.

7. The entering of vaccination details in a new passport or a duplicate: if the vaccination history of a horse is very long, the veterinarian may use the following statement "The vaccination history of this horse is correct to date (enter the last vaccination date)", signed and stamped by a veterinarian.

8. Sanctions for vaccination irregularities:

a) regarding the 6 months + 21 days from last vaccination date:

- Up to 1 week late: a fine of €130. The horse will be allowed to compete.
- Between 1 and 2 weeks late: a fine of € 200. The horse will be allowed to compete.
- More than 2 weeks late or - Last vaccination within the last 7 days of arrival: a fine of € 280, the horse will not be allowed to compete and must leave the show ground as soon as possible.

b) regarding incorrect, incomplete or missing Primary course, Incorrect or missing First booster vaccination and/or Overdue yearly booster:

- where required: a fine of € 280, the horse will not be allowed to compete and must leave the show ground as soon as possible. (The vaccinations must be restarted as in articles 1 and 2).

9. Repeat offenders of any minimum vaccination requirement contravention will be reported to the SDC for consideration of higher sanctions.

ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION WAHC 2024

All the registration éléments are available on the WAHC platform, on this link :

[REGISTRATION/VIP TABLE | Championnat du monde \(arabian-horse-world-championship.com\)](https://arabian-horse-world-championship.com/REGISTRATION/VIP%20TABLE)

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1. By participating at a show, show organisers, judges, exhibitors, owners and handlers agree that they will unconditionally submit themselves and the persons assisting and accompanying them to the "Rules for Conduct of Shows" and, as regards veterinary matters and drug misuse, to the relevant ECAHO Veterinary Regulations and ECAHO Rules for Medication Control. The accompanying persons include e.g. trainers or persons representing the show organizer as well as assistants of any of those persons. They will accept the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Committee (DC), the Standing Disciplinary Committee (SDC) and the ECAHO Appeals Committee (EAC).

The person responsible for the horse is the registered owner or the lessee, but the person who signs the entry form, the handler, and other support personnel including but not limited to grooms and veterinarians may be regarded as additional persons responsible if they are present at the event or have made a relevant decision about the horse. Should the person responsible designate someone to represent them (e.g. a lawyer) any correspondence sent to this representative will be deemed to have been communicated to the person responsible.

These Rules will be interpreted when necessary under the provisions of the laws of Switzerland.

Show organisers are not permitted to introduce rules which are in conflict with the EAHSC "Rules for Conduct of Shows".

2. Horses must be accompanied at the show by a horse passport issued by a WAHO recognized Stud Book containing all vaccination records. Those horses coming from a country that does not issue a passport, must be accompanied by an official Registration document, issued by a Stud Book, which includes a graphic description and all vaccination records. If, when a horse attends a show, its passport is at the Registry for any reason, then a letter from the registrar attesting to this must be provided along with a photocopy of the passport, including the description and the vaccination records.

The show organizer

3. The show organiser reserves the right to refuse an entry, but must give the reason for refusal in writing.
4. The show organizer will issue a printed show catalogue. The name of every horse must be printed in the show catalogue, as well as the names of sire and dam, (and maternal grandsire if possible), date of birth, colour, the names of the breeder and the owner. Should a horse's name not be mentioned in the catalogue, its participation at the show will be allowed only if the exhibitor cannot be blamed for the omission; it will be for the DC to decide.

The show catalogue shall furthermore contain:

- The names of all the Officials,
 - The Rules for Conduct of Shows the respective ECAHO generated QR Code,
 - The Rules for Conduct of ECAHO Sport Competitions or the respective ECAHO generated QR Code if ECAHO affiliated Sport Classes are scheduled,
 - The judging system (i.e. how many topics, 10 or 20 point system and whether halfpoints and deleting highest/lowest point system are used), the rules for ties and championships, the type of championship chosen by the organizer and rules for foal classes (if applicable). For Shows where prize money is awarded the total amount and distribution of the prize money.
5. No class may be split unless there are more than 15 horses entered (Yearling and Gelding classes – 10 horses entered). Combination of a class with the next age group of the same sex is permitted if the number of entries for the class is below three. If the number of entries exceeds 20 horses, the class must be split.
 6. a) No announcement indicating the identity, breeding or past performance of exhibits, or the identity of their owners will be made during judging. It is, however, permissible for this information to be given out after the judges score sheets have been collected for each exhibit.

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- b) Show organisers will not release details of competitors or their exhibits to the press at any time prior to the catalogue being put on sale at the showground. Catalogues will not be offered for sale more than one day before the commencement of the show. Digital publishing, sharing or posting on internet or any other public media of details regarding participating horses in a show in catalogue format, is not allowed until the start of the respective class.
- c) If two ECAHO affiliated In Hand shows (e.g. a B Int and a C Nat) are held at the same venue on the same or consecutive days, in which some of the same horses will be competing, two separate panels of judges must be invited, one panel for each show. The judges of the second event cannot be present at the showground during any part of the first event.
- This restriction does not include ECAHO Sports events, Amateur In Hand classes/shows or non-affiliated events. In these cases, the ECAHO In Hand show(s) must be judged before the others.
7. a) No member of the show organising team may judge or officiate as member of the Disciplinary Committee.
- b) If an ECAHO Official or a member of their family is a part of the Organizing Committee of an independent A, GCAT show, Title show or World Championship, which is not organized by the National Association of the country where the show is held, then that Official cannot officiate at any other A, GCAT show, Title shows or the World Championship.
- c) Members of the Organizing Committees of A, GCAT shows, Title shows or the World Championship may not enter their own horses in a Show which they organize.
- d) No Judge may judge more than one Title Show and one GCAT show within Europe and one Title show and one GCAT show outside Europe during the same calendar year.
- e) No Judge may judge more than 15 Arabian horse halter shows in ECAHO Member countries in the calendar year.
- No Judge from non-ECAHO Member countries (Guest Judge) may judge more than five Arabian horse In Hand shows in ECAHO Member countries during the same calendar year; of the five shows, only one may be a Title Show, one may be a GCAT show and one an A Show.
- f) No Member of the DC / Ringmaster may officiate at more than 15 Arabian horse shows in ECAHO Member countries in the calendar year.
8. The show organizers will ensure a proper rotation of judges.
9. The show organiser will provide appropriate transport, accommodation and meals during the show, for the judges, DC members, ring master and any other ECAHO show officials. If a judge, DC member or ring master cancels the invitation after the travel arrangements have been made, he will pay all the costs arising out of this booking.
10. The following minimum daily fees are mandatory and to be paid by the organizer to judges, DC members and ringmasters per working day regardless of the actual hours:
- Organizers of **B International, C International, European, EAHGC and Specific Origin Shows** without prize money or prizes valued less than Euro 100.000,- shall pay a daily fee of Euro 150,-
- Organizers of **A Shows** without prize money or prizes valued less than Euro 100.000,- shall pay a daily fee of Euro 200,-
- Organizers of **Title Shows, as well as of the World Championship** without prize money or prizes valued less than Euro 100.000,- shall pay a daily fee of Euro 300.-
- Organizers of **GCAT** shows shall pay a daily fee of Euro 500,-
- Organizers of **all shows with prize money or prizes worth Euro 100.000,-** or more shall pay a daily fee of Euro 500,- plus a fee of Euro 150.- per traveling day from home to the final destination and return to compensate the working day loss.

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These fees shall be reviewed regularly.

For all other shows a daily fee is optional and at the discretion of the show organization. Material gifts are always allowed, regardless of the category of the show.

Judges, DC Members, Ringmasters and respective probationers, hereafter referred to as 'Official(s)'

11. Officials invited to officiate at ECAHO affiliated shows agree to do so with integrity and honesty and to carry out their duties solely with the objects of ECAHO and the welfare of the horses in mind.

12. a) Officials appointed at a show will not knowingly officiate in a class in which horses are entered concerning which there may be an actual or apparent conflict of interest. No official appointed at the show may exhibit, ride, drive or handle an entered horse or pursue any other activity not consistent with his duties at the show in which he is officiating.

b) Exhibitors will declare on the entry form any actual or apparent conflict of interest with any of the officials invited for the show. Any exhibitor not declaring an existing conflict of interest, of which he is aware, will forfeit all entry fees and will be prevented from showing the horse.

c) Organizers will not accept any entries for which any actual or apparent conflict of interest with one of the appointed officials has been indicated by the exhibitor, unless a reserve official is available.

d) Officials will not visit exhibitors' premises or accept exhibitors' hospitality during a 30 day period before or during the show concerned.

e) Officials will not accept benefits or gifts that could bring into question the Official's integrity or honesty.

f) Any actual or apparent conflict of interest that arises before or during the show shall be immediately reported to the DC. The DC shall consult all parties involved and use all sources to their disposal to decide as necessary. The DC must include all information in their report and forward to ECAHO after the show. At no time may the organizer take any decision that is in conflict with the jurisdiction of ECAHO and its' rules and regulations.

g) Any actual or apparent conflict of interest that arises after the show shall be reported immediately to ECAHO for consideration by the SDC.

13. a) An actual or apparent conflict of interest may occur if a horse is exhibited that:

- Is being trained or handled by a member of the official's family
- has been bought or sold by an official either as owner or agent
- has been bred or is owned in whole or part by the official or by a member of the official's family, or business partner in an Arab horse business venture
- has been leased by the official, at any time
- has been bred by or is the property of a breeding organization in which the official is or was an employee
- has been regularly trained, examined or treated by the official in a professional capacity
- is the subject of an on-going negotiation to buy or lease, or a provisional purchase condition to which the official is a party.

An actual or apparent conflict of interest may further occur, amongst others, if the Official, irrespective of the payment or receipt of a remuneration or any other consideration, during the period of one year (365 days) before a show at which the Official officiates:

- has entered into any business relationship with an exhibitor at that show,
- Has received, whilst being involved with the organization of any show or event, sponsorship from an exhibitor at that show or event.

This does not apply to those events organized on behalf of a National Association which is a Full Member of ECAHO, as long as the Official has no financial benefit from the sponsorship.

- has performed consulting for an exhibitor at that show,
- has purchased or sold a horse from or to an exhibitor at that show,
- was involved with the breeding of a horse of an exhibitor at that show,
- was involved in similar activities with an exhibitor at that show.
- is employed in any way by the Show organizers.

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In case of doubt, the DC's decision will prevail.

Any Official must decline to officiate if they consider themselves to have a conflict of interests concerning a horse, its' handler or its' owner(s).

13. b) If, during the show a conflict of interests of which the exhibitor was un-aware becomes apparent, the following options are available:

- i) if the official with the conflict of interests is a judge or probationer judge,
- the judge or probationer judge will suspend his/her duties for the duration of the class and the championship where the conflict exists
 - a published reserve judge or another judge from the judges' panel may be used for the class and the championship where the conflict exists
 - if the above mentioned (i) is not applicable and if no reserve judge is available or there are no more members of the judges' panel, the total points in the class will be multiplied by the factor of planned number of judges divided by the actual number of judges, to calculate a comparable score in case of ties in championships
- ii) if the official with the conflict of interests is a DC member, this DC member will not check the horses concerned either in the stables before the show or in the collecting ring or issue any yellow or red cards for the duration of the class and respective championship.

If the DC member is an employee of the Show Organizer, this DC member must not write the DC Report. Another member of the DC from the ECAHO list of DCs, who has no connection to the Show Organizers, will write the Report.

- iii) if the official with the conflict of interests is a Ringmaster, this Ringmaster may be replaced for the duration of the conflict by:
- a reserve Ringmaster
 - a member of the acting DC

All aspects concerning actual conflicts of interests and their consequences will be recorded in the DC report.

14. All officials will receive a list of exhibitors and breeders from the organizer immediately after the official closing date of entries. Any later entries will be communicated without delay.

Judges will not consult the show catalogue before or during the show at which they are judging.

15. In the show ring, all communication between judges and handlers prior to the presentation of prizes will be through the Ringmaster.

16. Judges may withhold any award if in their opinion the exhibit does not merit such an award.

17. The judge, or if more than one, the panel of judges may request that the ring master show a handler a yellow or red card if they consider that there is abuse to a horse or that there is misconduct.

Conduct of Halter Classes

18. All handlers at A shows, GCAT shows, Title Shows and the World Championship must be in possession of a valid handlers permit which they must present to the DC in order to participate in the Show.

19. Handlers will be neatly dressed. They may wear any costume normally worn in their country of origin. Handlers will not wear clothes carrying any form of advertising which discloses the connection of the horse they are handling.

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20. The judge(s) may request that the ringmaster order any horse that is not under control and/or displays dangerous behaviours to be withdrawn and the horse shall be disqualified.
21. The judge(s) may request that the ringmaster ask a handler to open a horse's mouth or pick up its feet for inspection.
22. Exhibits are to be judged standing, walking and trotting. No more than three circles will be permitted in each individual presentation. Handlers who do not comply with the ring master's instructions regarding the above may be given a Yellow/Red card by the ring master.
23. a) Horses will appear in the collecting ring no less than 10 minutes before the start of the class.
b) Exhibits that appear late (missing the walk around the ring) will be excluded from the class.
c) **Procedure in the Collecting ring**
No more than 2 persons are allowed to assist the handler in the collecting ring. These persons as well as the handler should wear the number of the horse, to identify them clearly. Anybody not wearing a number relevant to a horse in the respective class will not have access to the collecting ring. The show organizer must provide three sets of numbers per horse to all exhibitors.
Only one person is permitted to assist the handler during the warm-up, using only a standard schooling whip with an attachment of plastic of max. 10 cm.
All other support or aggravation from inside or outside the collecting ring is prohibited.
Horses may be warmed up in the collecting ring, but to avoid injuries and overstressing the horses, they may only be lunged in big circles at a modest pace. Any chasing, hunting, or scaring of the horse is forbidden.
24. a) Stallions and colts aged three years and over may be shown wearing bridles and bits that are both secure and comfortable for the horse. All bridles without bits are equally to be both secure and comfortable for the horse.
b) The lead reins for all horses must be no longer than 3 m.
c) Any horse that is not under control and/or displays dangerous behaviour anywhere on the showground will be disqualified.
d) Any horse that is disqualified for dangerous behaviour will be reported to ECAHO without delay and will be sanctioned by the SDC as appropriate to the severity and the recidivity.
25. a) Any horse becoming loose in the collecting ring is subject to a penalty (of a fine not exceeding 100 €) at the discretion of the DC.
b) Any horse becoming loose in the show ring will immediately continue to be shown and is subject to a penalty (of a fine not exceeding 100€) at the discretion of the DC. Should the horse become loose a second time it will be disqualified.
26. All horses that are awarded a ranking in their respective class must take part in the Class prize giving ceremony. Unless the DC decides otherwise in which case any representative of the horse may accept the medal without the horse being present. Absence of the horse or any representative to appear in the prize giving ceremony will disqualify the horse from the show, with its record of score in the Class being deleted and it will be sanctioned according to Rules for Disciplinary Committees article 16.

In the event of a disqualification, all horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up one place in the Class ranking.

During the prizegiving ceremony, the horse may only be on the lead of the designated handler or substitute deemed capable at the discretion of the Ringmaster/DC.

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Soundness

27. Exhibits that appear to be lame may be assessed and placed by the judges. Judges may exclude any horse so lame that assessment will inflict pain.

Rules for adapting score sheets

28. Judges may record their scores using paper score sheets or electronic devices. If paper score sheets are used, organizers are expected to provide scoresheets with pre-printed score-options which judges can circle to indicate their scores. Judges are not allowed to write scores.

Electronic devices, for example tablet systems, may be used but can be subject to audit by ECAHO appointed experts to confirm proper functionality and logging at any time.

Regardless of the scoring system used, once the judge has submitted a score, either by handing off a scoresheet or by sending the data from an electronic device, the Judge cannot amend or change the score. Only technical omissions such as missing scores and/or missing signatures may be corrected upon request of the scorekeeper.

Disguising of Exhibits

29. No alteration of the basic colour of the skin, coat or hooves is permitted. Hoof paints, colourless varnishes, coat dyes, glitter spray and cosmetic operations including skin grafts are forbidden. Tail and mane hair extensions are forbidden.

Colourless hoof oils, Vaseline or oil and white chalk used on white legs will be accepted.

30. Artificial methods of dilating the eyes or affecting the natural action of the horse or otherwise influencing its action or behaviour by oxygenating the bloodstream or by the use of weights or artificially weighted shoes, or by electrical or chemical treatment of any kind at any time before or during exhibition are forbidden.

Burns, cuts or other marks on the body of any exhibit in such places or positions as to indicate that prohibited methods have been used will be regarded as full and adequate grounds for exclusion of any exhibit from competition, at the discretion of the DC with veterinary advice.

31. a) In halter classes horses may be fully or partly body-clipped, subject to eyelashes being left uncut, hair inside the ears left unshaved and tactile hair left intact around the nose, muzzle and the eyes. Horses not fulfilling these criteria will not be allowed to participate. "Balding" is not encouraged.

b) No equipment intended to alter the natural appearance of the horse is permitted in the stables, including but not limited to necksweats, neck collars, tailracks, hobbles or weights. Anyone using such equipment on the showground will be sanctioned according to Rules for Disciplinary Committees article 16.

32. Hereditary disorders

a) Overbite/underbite

Overbite/underbite of more than depth of 1 tooth is not permitted. Horses 12 months old and older cannot compete unless they have a veterinary certificate to verify that they do not have overbite/underbite.

Geldings do not need a veterinary certificate of hereditary disorders in order to compete.

b) Cryptorchidism

Colts 24 months old and older or stallions cannot compete unless they have a veterinary certificate to verify that they do not have cryptorchidism. If the colt's condition changes, and upon a completed veterinary certificate, the horse is then eligible to compete.

In case of doubt, the DC is allowed to carry out spot checks.

Anybody submitting an incorrect declaration not corresponding to the true condition of the horse will receive a fine of 500€. The original of the declaration of such horse will be kept by the DC.

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Cruelty

33. Excessive whipping, excessive stimulation by noise, excessive circling of the horse, intimidation, use of electric shock devices and infliction of pain by any means are forbidden in all parts of the showground or stable areas, at all times.

Abusive shanking is not permitted.

34. The above actions will be sanctioned.

Enforcement

35. **Verbal warnings:** DC members, Ringmasters, stewards or show officials may issue verbal warnings. These are not recorded in the DC report.

36. **Yellow and red cards** may be issued by DCs and Ringmaster in the collecting ring and the main ring. They are issued to a handler and are a visible and public indication of an offence having been committed. The date and offence will be recorded in the DC report and must be made public by announcement at the show and/or on the ECAHO website and/or other usual means of communication of ECAHO.

37. **A yellow Card** may be issued if there is a further offence after a warning or it may be issued without such warning.

38. **A red Card** will be issued if the handler receives a second yellow card for having committed a further handling offence during the same show. The offender will then be banned from handling any horses for the rest of the show in which he receives the red card. The horse being shown by a handler when he receives a red card may be shown by another handler at the end of the class. In the event of a serious offence involving mistreatment or dangerous behaviour, DCs may issue a red card without prior warning.

39. a) Any handler disobeying the instructions of any DC member, judge or the ringmaster will be sanctioned. Such sanction can be visibly and publicly indicated with yellow and red cards.

b) Any handler who receives two yellow cards or a direct red card at a show will be fined 1000€.

c) Any handler who accumulates five yellow cards at different shows during the calendar year will receive a fine of 1000€

In both cases the fine must be received in full by ECAHO before handler can present horses again in any ECAHO affiliated show.

Veterinary Matters

40. Horses with apparent clinical signs of a disease may not participate at the show at the discretion of the DC Veterinarian. If the DC Veterinarian diagnoses apparent clinical signs of a contagious disease, the horse must be immediately put into quarantine and may not participate at the show.

41. Vaccination regulations for shows will require 12 months intervals normally, or shorter where local/national authorities mandate it. Such shorter intervals to be shown on the entry form (see Addendum – Equine Influenza Vaccination page 59).

42. All Veterinary treatment necessary at the show ground must be carried out according to ECAHO Veterinary regulations. The person responsible for the horse will ask the vet who treats the horse to complete a treatment form and present it to the DC-vet at the show. Any treatment given to a horse immediately prior to a show should be recorded on a treatment form by the treating vet and presented to the DC upon arrival at the show.

43. a) The administration of any substance not a normal nutrient (including irritants applied to the skin or mucous membranes or mydriatic drugs in the eyes), whether intentionally or unintentionally which may affect the performance, temperament or soundness of an exhibit is forbidden.

b) The DC may order chemical tests on any exhibit.

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c) Judges may request the DC to test any horse.
(See the section on “Medication Control” page 47).

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Complaints

44. A show organiser, appointed judge, ring master, exhibitor, owner or handler of a horse entered at the show may lodge a complaint alleging infringement of the rules of the EAHSC, contained in the “Blue Book”. Any complaint, except concerning a complaint about a judge or any other official including show organisers, is to be made in writing before the end of the show. A deposit of € 200,- or equivalent in local currency will be lodged with the DC and may be retained at the DCs discretion, if the complaint is considered frivolous. Such forfeiture belongs to ECAHO.
45. Any complaint about a judge or any other official including the show organisers is to be made in writing and signed by two individuals. Such complaint must contain any evidence and be sent to the ECAHO executive Secretary with full name and postal address of the complainant within 3 days of the show. A deposit of € 300 must be paid in accordance with the instructions and deadline given by the Executive Secretary. The investigation of the complaint will be conducted in accordance with the Rules for Disciplinary Committees, articles 19 et seq.