

**Elran Arabian Cup 107-2020/be****Venue : Castle Alden Biesen /Bilzen / Belgium****Organizer : Kristel Everars- van den Broek and kids / Q trade B**

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**Conditions for Entry**

Open to horses registered in any WAHO accepted studbook by the closing date of entries 06 July 2020. No qualification requirements.

Entry restrictions: Title Show or A Show Champion Gold and Silver medal winners are not allowed to take part in a B show for the rest of that calendar year and the two calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior, from junior to a senior category. Geldings that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at a Title Show or an A show cannot be shown at B shows for the rest of that calendar year and one calendar year following. Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified. All entries on arabian essence website.

**In-hand classes**

1. Fillies born 2020
2. Colts born 2020
3. Yearling Fillies ( \* 2019)
4. Yearling Colts ( \* 2019)
5. Fillies 2 years old ( \* 2018)
6. Colts 2 years old ( \*2018)
7. Fillies 3 years old ( \*2017)
8. Colts 3 years old ( \* 2017)
9. Mares 4-7 years old ( \* 2016-2013 )
10. Mares 8 years and older ( \* 2012 –..... )
11. Stallions 4-7 years old ( \* 2016 – 2013 )
12. Stallions 8 years and older ( \* 2012 – .....)
13. Straightegyptians junior fillies (\*2019-2017)
14. Straightegyptians junior colts ( \* 2019-2017 )
15. Straightegyptians senior mares ( \*2016-.....)
16. Straightegyptians senior stallions ( \* 2016-..... )
17. Geldings
18. Liberty

classes with fewer than 10 entries may not be split. Classes with fewer than 3 horses can be merged. The age groups of classes 9 tot 16 may be re-arranged to overcome any undue imbalance in the size of classes. In mare classes foals will be allowed to accompany their mothers into the ring if suitable halted end led.

**Judges for in-hand classes** Mr Eric Gear  
Mr T Tarzinski  
Mr C Moscini

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**Disciplinary Committee**

Mrs I van Dun  
Dr j Poissonier  
Mrs Vivian van Eerden

Ringmaster  
Speaker  
Scoring  
Music

G Oben  
E Blaak  
Arabian Essence  
Dj Lars

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## **Method of Judging**

(in-hand classes)

10 points system with half-points

Type, head and neck, body and topline, legs, and movement will each be awarded points from 1-10 by each of five judges. The total of points will be divided by the number of judges to give a score out of 50 for the horse. In the event of a tie for, the higher place will be given to the horse with the most points for type. If there is still a tie the higher place will be given to the horse with the most points for movement. Failing a decision on either of these, one judge chosen by ballot will name his preference. 1st and 2nd places horses of each class qualify for their respective championships only if there are yearling championships the first 3 from the respective classes are qualified.

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## **In-hand Championship**      c) Open method

The Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners will be selected from amongst all the horses which have qualified in their respective classes for each championship.

The number of horses qualified from each class will be officially announced by the show organizer in the schedule and the show catalogue.

1. The Championships will be judged as follows:

- a. All the horses qualified for the championship will enter the ring and line up according to the numerical order of their catalogue numbers.
- b. The horses will be judged individually, standing and trotting.
- c. Each judge will nominate his choice for gold silver and bronze medals together at the same time, from amongst all the horses qualified for the championship.

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 highest number of championship points.

The Silver Medal will be awarded to the horse with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of championship points.

The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the horse with the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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. Should a horse 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.
4. In Title and A shows all horses that qualified for their respective Championship must remain at the showground until after their championships.

## Foal Classes

In those shows where foal classes are held:

- a) Foals may not compete in EAHSC Championships, nor will they qualify for any future Title or A Show.
- b) When foal classes are organized at EAHSC affiliated shows, the EAHSC Rules will apply.
- c) Foals must have a minimum age of four weeks at the date of the show, and must be shown at foot (with the dam) up to 6 months of age. Orphaned or rejected foals under six month may not be shown.
- d) The use of metal halters and halters with metal chains is forbidden.
- e) A comparative judging system is recommended.
- f) All the rules pertaining to foal classes must be clearly indicated in the schedule and the catalogue.
- g) With regards to stricter rules for the welfare of foals, organisers may introduce their own rules as long as these are presented to ECAHO for approval prior to sending out the schedule and are clearly stated in the show schedule and catalogue.

## Foals - for identification purposes:

Foals under six months shown in foal classes with their own mother need no special documentation, but the mother must have all necessary documents.

Foals over 6 months shown without their dam, foals from Embryo Transplant or foals with foster mothers which are shown in foal classes and do not yet have a passport, must be micro-chipped and in possession of a copy of the official Stud Book Registration form, showing the micro-chip number and the graphic description of the foal.

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## Documents

A photocopy of the vaccination certificate and the presently valid registration document ( passport) and pedigree showing name of horse, sex and date of birth should accompany the entry for each exhibit so that errors in the catalogue and allocation of horses to classes are avoided. Where the year only is given for date of birth, horses will be deemed to have been born on 1st January. Passports for horses registered in Europe ( or registration Certificate for horses from outside Europe ) with graphic description to be presented at the show.

## ***Blue Book 2020 is fully applicable***

## Conditions of Payment

Entry and stabling fees (if not sent with entry forms) should be paid by Bank-to-Bank draft payable to Q trade B bvba Elderenstraat 57 3700 Tongeren B.  
Bank ref. : BNP Paribas Maastrichterstraat 6 3700 Tongeren B  
IBAN BE59 0016 9176 9926 BIC : GEBABEBB

For foreigners, please add 12,50 € to the total amount payable.

The entry, stabling, publicity fees and sponsoring should be paid before 5 July 2014.

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**Entry Fees**                      Entry fee per in-hand/liberty exhibit                      100 €

(exclusive of VAT)                      Permanent box                      150 €

**The above stabling charges cover up to 4 nights as detailed below.**

Entry forms should be posted to the Secretary :  
Mrs. Everars – van den Broek and Kids  
Elderenstraat 57  
B 3700 Tongeren Belgium.

There will be no refund of entry fees, except when an entry has to be refused because the show is being over-subscribed.

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**Stabling**                      Stabling available 3 nights (10.00 hrs 24th July-10.00 hrs 27th July)  
Straw will be supplied.  
Hay and extra straw will be available for free.  
Horses must be put into the boxes allocated to them.  
**ANY EXHIBITOR'S HORSE OCCUPYING STABLING NOT ALLOCATED TO IT  
(THUS PREVENTING USE OF THE STABLE BY THE RIGHTFUL OCCUPIER), WILL  
NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW.**

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**Starting Order**                      The show organisers will decide the classes. The starting order will be  
decided by lot (and NOT in the order in which entries are received).

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**Dress**                      Handlers in in-hand classes are requested to wear predominantly white clothing. In-hand  
horses must be shown in normally accepted show bridles or headcollars which are of  
sufficient strength to ensure the exhibits do not get loose in the ring. Colts and stallions  
ages 3 years and over must be bitted. The penalty for owners of horses which get loose  
in the ring will be an immediate fine of 75 € for each offence and the horse will be shown  
last in his class.

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**Protests**                      Protests will be handled in accordance with ECAHO Rules except that no  
deposit need be lodged in the event of an alleged incorrect calculation of results.

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**Vaccination against  
influenza**                      All horses have to have their vaccination certificates endorsed by a  
veterinary officer. Horses need 2 or 3 primary vaccinations against  
influenza not less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart.  
Vaccination regulations will follow those of the FEI.(6months interval)  
NO HORSE WILL BE ACCEPTED IF IT HAS RECEIVED AN INJECTION OF INFLUENZA  
VACCINE WITHIN THE TEN DAYS PREVIOUS TO THE SHOW.  
**HORSES WITHOUT A VALID VACCINATION CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE  
ALLOWED TO COMPETE. Original documents have to be presented on demand**

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**Showers**                      Showers for grooms will be available on the showgrounds.

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**Doctor, vet and blacksmith** A doctor, a vet and a farrier will be available throughout the show.



**Advertising in the official catalogue**

- size DIN A4
- additional charge for the litho, if no litho is available

- 1/1 page (4 colours) 750 €
- ½ page (4 colours) 350 €

**VIP-table**

- 1 table + 6 chairs around the main ring 2 days
- free entrance for 6 persons
- 1 bottle of champagne
- Vip PArking 850 €

**Sponsorships**

- sponsor Silver** 1500 €
- 1 Vip table on short side of the showring
- Vip parking space
- 1 page full colour of publicity in the catalogue
- 6 free entries (for 2 days)

**sponsor Gold** 2.500 €

- sponsoring of 1 classe, delivery of the trophy and continual publicity trough the loudspeaker system during the show-event
- 1 page publicity in full colour in the catalogue
- 1 exclusive VIP-table (6 persons) on the long side of the showring
- 6 free entries (for 2 days)
- 1 bottle of champagne
- advertisement board on the show ground
- VIP parking space

**sponsor Diamond** private

- sponsoring of 1 championship or 2 classes, delivery of the trophy and continual publicity trough the loudspeaker during the show-event
- 1 page publicity in full colour in the catalogue
- 1 exclusive VIP-table (6 persons)in the middle of the long side of the showring
- 6 free entries (for 2 days)
- 1 bottle of champagne + all soft drinks included
- 6 persons VIP-menus (for 2 days) + 1 room in hotel (friday + Saturday)
- advertisement board on the show
- VIP-parking space
- Entries all horses and boxes
- Banner with link on live stream

\* **sponsor Best in show Briljant** private

- sponsor elran Best in show + gift to all participants in name of sponsor + advertising on all publicity

- box : 150 € x ..... = .....€  
 horses: 100 € x ..... = .....€

TOTAL : .....€

Signature : .....

All prices vat excl.

## ***IMPORTANT***

- **Please effect all your payments before the 6 th July 2020**
- **Please note that no entry form is valid without signature**
- **Photocopies of the presently valid registration documents should be inclosed**
- **Inscriptions, boxes, Gala Dinner, sponsoring, exc. should be ordered by using the entry form .**
- **Closing date of entries 6.07.2020**

**We wish you a lot of fun during this unforgettable show  
and to all participants**

**GOOD LUCK !!!**

### Rules for Conduct of Shows

- 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".

- Horses must be accompanied at the show by a horse passport containing all vaccination records. Those horses coming from a country that does not issue a passport, must be accompanied by an official Registration document which includes a graphic description and all vaccination records. If, when a horse attends a show, it's passport is at the Registry for any reason, then a letter from the registrar attesting to this must be provided along with a photo-copy of the passport, including the description and the vaccination records.

#### The show organizer

- The show organiser reserves the right to refuse an entry, but must give the reason for refusal in writing.
- 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 judging system used, the rules for ties and the rules for championships, rules for foal classes (where applicable)
  - For Shows where prize money is awarded the total amount and distribution of the prize money.
- No class may be split unless there are more than 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.
  - 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.
    - 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, published or posted on internet more than one day before the commencement of the show.
    - If the same horses participate in multiple events on the same day or consecutive days at the same venue, the following restrictions apply for the judging of these events:

ECAHO Affiliated	Non amateur halter	Amateur halter	Sport
Non amateur halter	2	1	1
Amateur halter	1	2	1
Sport	1	1	1

**1** - Combination is allowed to be judged by the same judge(s)

**2** - Combination is not allowed to be judged by the same judge(s).

- 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.

- No member of the show organising team may judge, or officiate as member of the Disciplinary Committee.
  - If an ECAHO Official or a member of their family is a part of the Organizing Committee of an independent A or Title show, 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 or Title shows.
  - Members of the Organizing Committees of A and Title shows may not enter their own horses in a Show which they organize.
  - No Judge may judge more than one Title Show within Europe and one Title 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 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 ring masters per working day regardless of the actual hours: B International, C International, European and Specific Origin shows: € 100,- / A shows: € 150,- / Title shows: € 200,-.

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.

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.

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 respective championship
- a published reserve judge or another judge from the judges' panel may be used for the class and respective championship
- 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

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- 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.

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

ii) 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 respective championship
- a published reserve judge or another judge from the judges' panel may be used for the class and respective championship
- 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

iii) 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.

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 who has no connection to the Show Organizers will write the Report.

iv) 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.

15. All officials will receive a list of exhibitors and sponsors 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.

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

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

18. 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

19. All handlers at A and Title Shows must be in possession of a valid handlers permit which they must present to the DC in order to participate in the Show.

20. 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.

21. The judge(s) may request that the ringmaster order unruly horses to be withdrawn.

22. The judge(s) may request that the ringmaster ask a handler to open a horse's mouth or pick up its feet for inspection.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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. Any horse that is not under control will be removed from the show ring and disqualified.

b) The lead reins for all horses must be no longer than 3 m.

26. 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.

27. 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.

#### Soundness

28. 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.

29. spare

#### Disguising of Exhibits

30. 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.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. spare

#### Cruelty

34. 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.

35. The above actions will be sanctioned.

#### Enforcement

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

37. **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.

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

39. A **red Card** will be issued if the handler receives a second yellow card for having committed a further handling offense 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.

40. 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

41. 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.

42. 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).

43. 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.

44. 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.

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

#### Complaints

45. 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.

46. 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, article 19 et seq.

#### Rules for Ties in Qualifying Places

In the event of a tie in the qualifying places of a class, the higher place will be given to the horse with the most points for type. If there is still a tie, the higher place will be given to the horse with the most points for movement. If the highest and lowest points are eliminated, only the remaining points for type and movement are considered in the tie break. Failing a decision on either of these, one judge chosen by ballot will name his preference.

#### Rules for ties in Championships

In the event of a tie in the championships, the higher place will be given to the horse with the highest total points in the qualifying classes. If the highest and lowest points are eliminated, only the remaining points for total, type and movement are considered in the tie break. If there is still a tie, the rules for ties in qualifying places will be applied.

### **Rules for Championships**

The organizers may decide which method to apply in their Show:

- a) Standard ECAHO method
- b) Standard ECAHO method with a modification
- c) Open method

#### **c) Open method**

The Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners will be selected from amongst all the horses which have qualified in their respective classes for each championship. The number of horses qualified from each class will be officially announced by the show organizer in the schedule and the show catalogue.

1. The Championships will be judged as follows:

- a. All the horses qualified for the championship will enter the ring and line up according to the numerical order of their catalogue numbers.
- b. The horses will be judged individually, standing and trotting.
- c. Each judge will nominate his choice for gold silver and bronze medals together at the same time, from amongst all the horses qualified for the championship.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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. Should a horse 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.
4. 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 and the horse being disqualified from the showing for the period of one year from the date of the show. In the event of a disqualification, all horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up one place in the Championship.
5. In Title and A shows all horses that qualified for their respective Championship must remain at the showground until after their championships.

#### **Open method - Championships with Top 5**

Art. 1. a – c apply.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place will be selected at the same time from amongst all horses that have qualified for the Championship.

Points will be given to the nominated horses as follows:

- A horse nominated by a judge for Gold Medal will receive 6 points
- A horse nominated by a judge for Silver Medal will receive 4 points
- A horse nominated by a judge for Bronze Medal will receive 3 points
- A horse nominated for 4<sup>th</sup> place at Top 5 will receive 2 points
- A horse nominated for 5<sup>th</sup> place at Top 5 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 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of championship points. The 4<sup>th</sup> place at Top 5 will be awarded to the horse with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of championship points. The 5<sup>th</sup> place at Top 5 will be awarded to the horse with the 4<sup>th</sup> highest number of championship points. In the case of a tie, the Rules for Ties in championships will be followed. 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 and the horse being disqualified from the showing for the period of one year from the date of the show. In the event of a disqualification, all horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up one place in the Championship.

