

Infobulletin ECAHO 2021

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

ECAHO ARABIAN HORSE SHOW COMMISSION : (EAHSC):

In the past year the show commission convened 2 times online; in December 2020 and February 2021.

A summary of the most important decisions made by the Showcommission and were incorporated in the 2020 Bluebook:

- The show-commission approved Mrs. Martine van Hee (Belgium) to the B list of judges and Mr. Sayed Hashemian (Iran) to B list of DC's
- **Use of QR codes** (RAS 5d, RCS 4 and ADD I)
Instead of having to print all the rules of Conduct of Shows (and Sports, if applicable) the show commission approved to allow organizers to substitute above mentioned rules by **publishing the ECAHO approved QR codes** which, when scanned, will present the official rules as a pdf on Apple and Android operated smartphones and tablets.
This saves unnecessary printing cost and we help the environment. The approved QR Codes are available on the ECAHO website under *Downloads >> Catalogue* ([QR Code for Shows](#) / [QR Code for Sports](#))
What still needs to be printed are:
 - The names of all the Officials
 - The judging system used, i.e.
 - 5 or 6 topics
 - Comparative, 10 pt or 20 pt system
 - Whether highest and lowest marks will be excluded
 - Rules for Ties in Qualifying Places
 - Rules for Ties in Championships
 - The Rules for Championships method **chosen by the Organizer**
 - Rules for foal classes if applicable
 - For Shows where prize money is awarded: the total amount and distribution of the prize money.
 - Any other national or organizers' rules that apply in the show
- **Decisions, application and rulings regarding conflicts of interest** (RAS 12f)
 - Before or during a show, conflicts of interest are reported to and handled by the **Disciplinary Committee ONLY!** (Organizers are never authorized make any decisions or rulings regarding the validity of a conflict of interest)
- **Unruly horses** (RCS 20 and 24a)
 - Unruly horses in the ring that are ordered to withdraw **are automatically disqualified as well**
 - Horses that are not under control and/or display dangerous behavior **anywhere on the showground** will be disqualified
- **Rules for adapting score sheets**
- If paper score sheets are used, organizers need to provide scoresheets with pre-printed score-options which judges can circle to indicate their scores. **Under 2021 BB rules Judges are not allowed to write scores anymore.**
- 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.
- Once the judge has submitted a score, **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.
- **Influenza vaccination in line with FEI**
 - Some textual changes were necessary to correspond to the **FEI standard**
 - An extra page was added showing a **useful graphic** overview of the vaccination requirements

- **Judging system with highest and lowest marks excluded**
 - This system is now a **permanent option** in the new Bluebook
 - To allow this system the **minimum amount of judges in the ring must be at least 7**
(Organizers are recommended to invite enough judges for margin and have the option with the scorekeeper to cancel the exclusion of the highest and the lowest points in each class where the amount of judges drops below 7)

ECAHO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: (AGM)

Postponed UFN

ECAHO REGISTRATION & IDENTIFICATION COMMISSION: (EAHRIC)

Equine Passports:

- **Reminder: Change of markings:**
No member of the DC may make changes to the identification pages of the equine passport. The horse owner should file a request to fix any discovered identification errors to their respective studbook within 30 days. Source: EU regulation 2015/262
- **Reminder: Verification and Entries in passports; DC team jurisdiction boundaries**
 - **Passport “Verification” by DC**
 - Verify Identification Markings a/o Transponder number -> Any DC member
 - Check Vaccination pages -> Any DC member
 - Verify Medication page -> Any DC member
 - **Passport “Entry” Vet Only:**
 - (II) Medication registration -> Vet (DC member) only
 - (III) Registration infectious diseases Vet (DC member) only
 - (X) Basic health declaration -> Vet (DC member) only
 - Control of prohibited substances -> FEI-/ECAHO Approved vet only
- **Proof of ownership:**
 - “Owner” in an Equine passport is NEVER proof of legal ownership
 - Owner on the registration certificate in some countries may be proof of legal ownership
 - EAHRIC recommends that organizers accept the declared owners-name on the entryform
The person who enters the horse signs for the correctness of the form.

New EU rules regarding Registration and Identification :

- On the 21st April 2021 the EU regulation 2016/429 will be in effect regarding Registration and Identification of EU horses
- Main changes affecting the Arabian Horse Scene are:
 - **For each horse kept on an establishment for a period exceeding 30 days**, it’s information and location it is mandatory to be recorded in a national database, except in the following cases:
 - for equine animals participating in competitions, races, shows, training and hauling for a period not exceeding 90 days;
 - for male equine animals for breeding kept during the breeding season;
 - for female equine animals for breeding kept for a period not exceeding 90 days
(please inform at your national ministry for access to - and procedure for this database)
 - **Foals that are travelling at the foot of their dam across EU member state borders** that are not yet in possession of their own equine passport need to be microchipped and chip to be registered at the national database
(EAHRIC has objected to this legislation through our lobby-membership of EHN in Brussels, as this would mean that in some cases 4 weeks old foals would need to be chipped when traveling from one member state to another for shows or other reasons, which contradicts animal welfare guidelines. Answer is pending)

European Championships for Arabian Sport Horses:

- **Date:** 22.-25.July 2021 (Early arrival by appointment possible)
- **Venue:** Austria, Wiener Neustadt WTC Schulz (Close to Vienna)
- **Organizer:** FAS www.friends-of-arabian-sporthorses.at
- **Contact email:** info@chat-horses.at
- **Disciplines:**
 - Dressage
 - Show Jumping
 - Classic Pleasure
 - Hunter Pleasure
 - Western Pleasure
 - Traditional Arabian Riding
 - Ladies Side Saddle (Classic and Western)
 - Reining
 - Trail
 - Ranch Riding
 - Handtrail
 - 3 Championships are awarded: European Championships, Masters Championships & Newcomer Championships. Classes in all 3 levels from N, A to M & E Ch.

Education:

- **Course:** Sport Judges course I & II
- **Date:** 29 and 30 may 2021
- **Venue:** Austria, Wiener Neustadt WTC Schulz
- **Dates:** Arrival 28 may, departure earliest 30 may 17:00 hrs

National Sport Championships with prizemoney by ECAHO Breeders Fund:

- Same as for Halter National Championships in the same disciplines listed under AHPHA:
 - Classic Pleasure
 - Western Pleasure
 - Hunter Pleasure
 - Traditional Arabian Riding
 - Ladies Side Saddle
 - Dressage
 - Show Jumping,
 - Reining
 - Trail
 - Ranch Riding
- Minimum Level A, if no M is organized in this year in this ECAHO member country.
- If both A and M are organized, title and prizemoney are awarded to the higher level
- In each discipline a minimum of 3 participants.

AHPHA 2020 summary:

- Almost the same number of participants as in 2019
- € 10.000,-- agreed for the prizemoney by EC; € 8.680.-- was awarded
- Participating countries: DEN, AUT, NED, GER, POL
- For all the 2020 results click [HERE](#)

GreenBook updates:

- Proposed Green Book 2021 will be sent to the Sport-commission delegates for approval and then to EC for finalization.