

European Arab Horse Show Commission

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II. Addendum – Training and Promotion of Judges



The initial body to contact, for anyone who wants to become a judge for ECAHO affiliated Arab horse shows, is the national ECAHO member organization (Arab Horse Society) of his country.

Training of Judges

- The Executive Committee will nominate a certain number of senior `A` Judges as instructors to prepare and hold the ECAHO International Judges training workshops, seminars and tests.
- Judges workshops, seminars and tests will follow the same procedure and the same assessment system of theoretical and practical exams, whatever the level of the course.
- Announcement of courses: The courses for a whole year will be announced by EAHSC at the same time with the names of the instructors for the different courses.
- The documentation, supporting the topics, that is handed out to the participants will be the same on all courses and it will be updated regularly. The reference book will be the Judges Manual (published in 2016), based on P. Upton's `The Classic Arab Horse`.
- On the Agenda of the International ECAHO Judges Courses Level I there will be education plus examination of students, to assess their basic knowledge in horsemanship, conformation, type of the Arabian horse and knowledge and use of English.
- On the Agenda of the International ECAHO Judges Courses Level II for National Judges to become B-Judges, there will be one theoretical (multiple choice) test in addition to the four practical tests to be taken by all candidates. There will also be an individual interview for each candidate with the panel of Instructors.
- The same assessment principles will be applied in all the Judges Courses and promotion of Judges.
- Speaking English is mandatory!

SUMMARY of the TRAINING STEPS for becoming an ECAHO JUDGE:

How to become a NATIONAL JUDGE

- You have to pass a National Judges Training Scheme or you have to pass the Level 0 Course, organized by your National Organization*), conducted by an ECAHO instructor.
- For National progress evaluation and judging experience development, National Judges may conduct probations with any ECAHO judge recommended by their National Organization at any ECAHO show, excluding B shows and higher.
- As National Judge you are entitled to judge ECAHO “Amateur”, “D regional”, “C National”, “C International”, “European”, “Specific Origin” Shows and “National Championships”.

*) A “National Organization” is the Arabian Horse Breeding Association in your country, which is a Member or Associate Member of ECAHO.

How to become an International ECAHO B JUDGE

To become eligible for ECAHO judges training the following prerequisites must be fulfilled:

- 1) You are not or have not been a Professional trainer or handler for the past 3 calendar years.
- 2) Your National Organization has notified ECAHO as soon as you were placed on the National Judges list in your country. The date that ECAHO is informed about your National judges' status will count as the start date of your mandatory three year experience period.
- 3) You must have been on your National List of Judges for at least 36 months, starting from the notification date to ECAHO as described under article 2).
- 4) You must have judged a minimum of three ECAHO affiliated shows as a National judge
- 5) You must have a written recommendation from your National Organization allowing you to apply to the ECAHO judges training program as a Judging Trainee, sent to the ECAHO Secretary.

To apply for ECAHO Judges' level I course:

- 6) You must have completed all requirements as mentioned in articles 1 to 5 above.
- 7) Your National Organization must send-in your application for the first available Level I course.

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To start probationing with A judges and in preparation of the level II course:

- 8) You must have passed the ECAHO Judges Level I course.
- 9) You must have permission from both the Show organizer and the A-Judge.
- 10) You must pay all your own expenses, i.e. transportation, hotel, food and drinks.
- 11) Only one probationer per show is allowed.
- 12) A minimum of three probations in foreign countries, all with different A Judges, must be completed. On the last one your marks are announced to the spectators. More probations are required if recommended. Probations are not allowed at A- or Title shows. For additional requirements consult:
 - I. Addendum – Technical guidelines for all Shows
 - Guidelines for ECAHO Officials and Show Organizers, section Probations.

To apply for ECAHO judges level II course (B-Judge exam):

- 13) You must have completed all requirements stated in articles 8 to 12 above
- 14) Your national organization must send in your application for the first available Level II course.

To be put on the ECAHO B Judges list:

- 15) You must have passed the ECAHO Judges Level II course.
- 16) You must be proposed by your National Organization at an EAHSC meeting.
- 17) You must be accepted by the EAHSC for the B-list of ECAHO Judges.

As **ECAHO B Judge** you may judge any level of ECAHO shows.

You may lose your title of ECAHO B Judge if you have not judged for three consecutive years or not attended an ECAHO Judges Course Level II as refresher.

The Executive Committee may freely assess if a B Judge not complying with the Constitution, all applicable rules, codes, regulations, and decisions of ECAHO, as well as with his duties and obligations under the Judges Contract, may lose his title of ECAHO Judge, or shall be prevented from being appointed as a recognised Judge, or shall be suspended or expelled.

How to become an International ECAHO A JUDGE

- You must have been on the ECAHO B-list for a minimum of five years.
- You must have judged a minimum of 25 ECAHO international shows
- You must be approved by the ECAHO Judges Instructors Group and the Executive Committee
- You must be proposed by your National Organization at an EAHSC meeting
- You must be accepted by EAHSC for the A-list of ECAHO judges.

As **ECAHO A Judge** you may judge any level of ECAHO shows.

As **ECAHO A Judge** it is your duty to take probationers and to write the corresponding report.

Any Judge who has not judged for 10 years or more loses his title of ECAHO A and B judge automatically and must start again at Level I.

The Executive Committee may freely assess if an A Judge not complying with the Constitution, all applicable rules, codes, regulations, and decisions of ECAHO, as well as with his duties and obligations under the Judges Contract, may lose his title of ECAHO Judge, or shall be prevented from being appointed as a recognised Judge, or shall be suspended or expelled.

Any B list Judge may lose his/her title of B Judge if he/she has not judged for three years or not attended a refresher course (International ECAHO Judges Course Level II). In such case the Judge may be automatically withdrawn from B list but may remain on their National list after confirmation from his/her National organization.

Any A or B list Judge who has not judged for 10 years or more will automatically lose the title of ECAHO A or B judge and must start again at Level I.