

# Infobulletin ECAHO decisions AGM Paris 2020

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

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

## **European Championships for Arabian Sport Horses:**

- In 2019 a new Pleasure Champion title was given at the European Championships event. and will continue again in 2020
- NEW for 2020 are the E Ch Titles for categories Hunter Pleasure, Ranch Riding. Cross will be back again with E Ch title
- A Junior Horse Championship and Junior Horse Classes was created for 4 & 5 year old horses
- Austria will be again the host for 2020 European Sports Championships, 23.-26. July 2020, info@chat-horses.at

## **Partbreds at ECAHO affiliated events:**

- In Purebred Arabian Sportclasses no Partbreds can participate to be affiliated with ECAHO.
- Separate Partbred classes may be organized on the same event, depending on the member of ECAHO.

## **Education:**

- Sport Judges Education Level I and II will be organized in Wiener Neustadt, Austria from 3 to 5 April 2020 and 17 to 19 April 2020. Members, please inform your constituents about this opportunity. **(UPDATE 16.3. – COURSE POSTPONED)**

## **AHPHA:**

- In 2019 ECAHO sponsored €10.000,- € Prizemoney was paid to the owners, certificates were awarded, and trophy jackets were given to the winning riders
- ECAHO had decided to give for the Annual High Point Horse Award (AHPHA), not only very nice certificates & trophy-jackets like in 2017 & 2018, three levels with 8 disciplines each, for 2019 first time also a prize-money is offered
- Please check that the event where you participate is ECAHO affiliated for the Sport, possibly also for Halter-shows with some Pleasure classes.
- In 2020 ECAHO will sponsor again € 10.000,- and we are working hard to acquire external sponsors to raise the prizemoney to a total of €20.000,- for even more possibilities like Hunter Pleasure, Ranch Riding and Cross.

## **Green Book Updates:**

- Time out, in case of a technical problem, the judge will give a timeout of 5 minutes. For a maximum of 3 horses per class.
- Different disciplines, same level (Master) different rider
- Hand Trail in all 3 levels, with whip optional, without touching the horse.
- Hunter Pleasure, Sitting trot in Advanced on the discretion of the judge, in Master has to be shown
- Pleasure Champion Title, all Master results of an event in Classic or Western count together with result of Type & Conformation, with same Rider/handler
- Junior Horse Classes only for 4 & 5 year old horses, with same rider
- Junior Championships all results count as in AHPHA, Novice 1x1, Advanced 1x2, Master 1 x 3, with same rider
- More possibilities for splitting classes in the invitation:
  - Junior classes 4 & 5 year old horses
  - classes for young riders
  - classes for senior riders
  - classes for horses 18 and over
  - on the need of the event, decided by the organizer.
  - Minimum participants in Pleasure classes: 3.
  - All other classes: minimum 1
  - Maximum of 20 horses in Pleasure classes

**EU Equine Passports:**

- *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
- *Entries in passports DC team jurisdiction boundaries*
  - Passport "Verification"
    - Verify Identification Markings a/o Transponder number -> Any DC member
    - Check Vaccination pages -> Any DC member
    - Verify Medication page -> Any DC member
  - Passport "Entry" regarding:
    - (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 entry form  
The person who enters the horse signs for the correctness of the form.

**Change to the Equine Influenza booster schedule for showhorses:**

- The annual booster will keep the horse correctly vaccinated against Equine Influenza after having completed the primary course and the first 7-month booster.
- However, horses that are competing must have been vaccinated within 6 months +21 days of arriving at the show.

**Zootechnical documents review:**

- Every exported Horse, Embryo or Semen needs to be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate signed of by the competent authority; usually the studbook
- All relevant model-forms are available for download on the ECAHO website
- For the benefit of studbooks that also register partbreds, the oocytes zootechnical certificates are also available but on request of WAHO clearly marked to be for partbreds only as oocyte transfers are not WAHO compliant
- All WAHO approved studbooks outside the EU can apply to get on the "The list of breeding bodies published in accordance with Articles 34(1) and 64(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012" through an email to [WAHO@BTconnect.com](mailto:WAHO@BTconnect.com) to be become authorized to distribute zootechnical certificates

**European Horse Network:**

- ECAHO became a member after the previous AGM
- A non-profit network of stakeholders acting at a World-, European-, National- or Regional-level within the European horse sector and new lobbying body for the European Parliament
- Over 30 members of which FEI
- Collaboration with new Member of European Parliament Horse Group - Mrs. Vautmans
- Follow-up and promotion of practical solutions regarding Brexit
- Workgroup planning arguments for future Common Agricultural Policy

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

Under the Show Commission responsibility courses for Judges and DC members were conducted in 2019. ECAHO congratulates Eric Gear (FRA) to the B list of judges and Obada Zabadi (KSA), Waleed Al Haddadi (KSA), Suzanne Hennekens (GBR) and Miguel Llorca (ESP) to the B List of DC members.

The Show Commission also approved Nashaat Hegazy (EGY), Anna Stefaniuk (POL) and Koenraad Detaillieur (BEL) for upgrade to the A list of judges.

In the past year the Show Commission convened 3 times; in February 2019 in Rome, in October 2019 in Warsaw and in November 2019 in Paris. A summary of the most important decisions made by the Show Commission and were incorporated in the 2020 Bluebook:

- The **maximum number of horses shown** shall not exceed **100** per day (BB p. 4)
- Pregnancy will have to be declared on the entry form. **Pregnant mares may not be shown if they are beyond 40 weeks** of last covering. Proof by valid covering certificate must be available at the showground in case of doubt. (BB p. 4)
- European show- and European Championship affiliation rules are clarified further regarding European nationality *and* citizenship of the lessee or owner of the horse (BB p. 8 and p. 18)
- Clearer rules were introduced regarding restrictions of **judging of multiple events at a single venue** (BB p. 29)
- 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 (BB p. 29)
- Clearer rules were introduced regarding visiting farms and accepting gifts by officials:
  - **Officials will not visit exhibitors' premises or accept exhibitors' hospitality during a 30 day period before or during the show concerned.** (BB p. 30)
  - Officials will not accept benefits or gifts that could bring into question the Official's integrity or honesty. (BB p. 30)
- A new restriction regarding the circling of a horse: **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. (BB p. 31)
- A restriction for length of lead was incorporated. The **lead reins for all horses must be no longer than 3 m.** (BB p. 31)
- A **€1000 fine was introduced for handlers** who receive a red card or accumulating 5 yellow cards in a single calendar year. (BB p. 33)
- Procedures were agreed upon to prevent owners of circumventing fines and penalties by selling horses to a different entity (BB p. 43 and p. 45)
- Two DC probationers are now set as the maximum allowed per show (BB p. 52)
- More restricted requirement for Equine Influenza vaccinations for horses at ECAHO affiliated events in line with FEI and most evaluated member countries: **Horses that are competing must have been vaccinated within 6 months +21 days of arriving at the Show.** (BB p. 31)
- **Trial of the Judging system with highest and lowest marks excluded is extended for 2020 with the restriction of a minimum of 7 judges in the ring.**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : IMPORTANT INFO**

Most notable agreements of the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM in Paris on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2020:

- Syrian Arabian Horse Association was voted to reinstate their full Membership of ECAHO
- The Arabian Horse Society of Australia was voted to be an associated member of ECAHO
- Mr. Jerzy Bialobok was reappointed for a new term as Treasurer and EC member
- Dr. Abdelwahab Amira was reappointed for a new term as SDC member

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