

## Info-bulletin ECAHO AGM Warsaw 26.-27.4.2025

*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**

#### **Sport season:**

- **ECAHO Sport European Championship 2025** will be held in Vienna/Wiener Neustadt/Austria, on 28 – 31 August 2025
- **ECAHO Sport European Championship 2024:** 51 participants, 438 Starts, 8 nations (AUT, BEL, CZE, GER, GRB, POL, SLO, SUI)
- **2026 edition of the Sport European Championship** will be held in Michalów, Poland (Austria is still an option in case Poland will not be available for any reason)
- 15 Sport events were affiliated in 2024, incl. 5 National Championships
- **ECAHO Breeders' Fund:** 3 best placed horses in each category at the National Sport Championships got 200 Euro and first 3 placed in qualifier classes at the European Championship got 500 Euro. In total the National Championships were awarded with 13 400 Euro and the European Championship with 15 000 Euro
- **From 2025 ECAHO Breeders' Fund will donate 300 Euro for 3 placed horses at the National Championship classes and 500 Euro for horses placed 1st till 5th at the European Sport Championship.**
- **Newly approved Sport Judges:** Karoline Kirchl (AUT), Markus Bäcklund (SWE)

#### **Green Book Updates:**

- Classic Pleasure: no whip is allowed.
- Freestyle classes: optional at all disciplines.
- Ladies side saddles: hybrid saddles allowed. Bridles and attire must fit to the style (Classic/Western)
- Trail in Hand has been added among EBF classes (both National Championships and the European Championship).

#### **Sport Judges' Courses and Tests:**

- April 2024 - one course was organized with 5 participants.
- April 2025 - one course was organized with 2 participants at Level I (both passed with good results).

### **REGISTRATION COMMISSION: IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO WAHO REGISTRIES**

- **WAHO conference** was organized in Abu Dhabi/United Arab Emirates on 7 - 9 April 2025
- Main changes in WAHO Requirements for establishing and keeping a Stud Book:
  - Change of Registering Authority
  - Embryo Transfer – recommendation to produce 1 ET foal + 1 NAT foal per mare per breeding season
  - Export Certificate for exported embryos
- Newly elected EAHRIC Chairman: Barbara Pfistner (SUI).

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

### **Shows and Show calendars**

- Calendar 2026 – list of the World Championship, Title, A and GCAT show has been presented. All show organizers are requested to consider possible clashes and adjust the dates accordingly.

### **Blue Book changes and adaptations**

- Limit of shows per Official will be 15, regardless of the position of the Official.
- Shows organized in one weekend (same show organizer, same venue) will be counted – for the 15-show limit purposes – as 1 event.
- Conflict of interest for Officials who have worked in less than one month (30 days) as DC at a show and then as Judge at another show in the same country (or any GCAT shows), where many of the same horses may be present. All such conflicts must be properly declared.
- Establishing of the Official Emeritus/Official Emerita – Officials who passed the age of 75 years will be moved to the list separate from the ECAHO National Officials' lists to Official Emeritus/Emerita list (Judges, DCs, Ringmasters). As matter of appreciation for their long-term work with ECAHO they will also receive certificate and golden ECAHO pin.
- The system for use of ECAHO National judges at GCAT shows has been updated.

### **Officials:**

- Upgrade to A list of Judges:
  - Ahmed Abdelrazik (EGY)
  - Ahmed Hamza (EGY)
  - Klaus Beste (GER)
  - Michaela Weidner (GER)
- Acceptance to ECAHO B Judges list:
  - Scott Benjamin (AUS)
  - Emma Maxwell (GBR)
  - Christopher Lowe (GBR)
- Upgrade to A list of DCs:
  - Roberto Ceccaroni (ITA)
  - Bassem Badr (KSA)
  - Christine Keyser (NOR)
- Acceptance to ECAHO B DC list:
  - Scott Benjamin (AUS)
  - Allan Preston (AUS)
  - Mia Hvid-Wraae (DEN)
  - Danial Alavi (QAT)
  - Gessica Sorio (KUW)
  - Razan Mohamed (OMA)
  - Yousef Abusamra (QAT)
  - Hamed Alharthi (UAE)
  - Salem Alhatheeri (UAE)
- Acceptance to ECAHO Ringmasters list:
  - Bart Beckers (BEL)
  - Jean-Marc Dubois (FRA)

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

Most notable informations and agreements of the 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM in Warsaw on 27 April 2025:

**The AGM (re)elected 2 Executive Committee members:** Ahmed Abdelrazik (EGY) and Mohamed Al Harbi (UAE)

- **Membership changes**
  - New Associate Members have been accepted:
    - Antalya Arabian Horse Society, TUR
    - China Arabian Horse Promotion Association (CAPHA), CHIN
    - China Horse Industry Organization (CHIA), CHIN
    - Iraq Arabian Horse Organization (IAHO), IRQ
    - Združenje rejcev in ljubiteljev arabskih konj Slovenije (ZRLAKS), SLO
  - Associate Membership of the following organizations have been terminated:
    - ANCALPE Spain,
    - AHA Libya
    - RAHBA Russia
- **2 Judges' assessments** were organized in 2024 (Ströhen, GER, and Abu Dhabi, UAE). For 2025 two assessments are planned – in Michalów (POL) and Doha (QAT). Dates will be announced later.
- **Workshops for Judges** were organized in 2024 - Abu Dhabi (UAE) and Aachen (GER).
- **DC 2024 assessment** was organized in Tarnow (POL). So far, no fixed plans have been made for DC assessment in 2025.
- **DC Workshop** was conducted on-line in February 2024.
- **ECAHO Breeders' Fund 2024:** In 2024 ECAHO donated prize money to 16 National Championship (92 200 Euro), 5 Sport National Championship (13 400 Euro), European Championship (36 500 Euro) and Sport European Championship (15 000 Euro).
- **ECAHO Breeders' Fund 2025:** In 2025 the donation at the National Championship will be increased from 200 to 300 Euro for horses placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sport European Championship qualification classes – 500 Euro to 1.-5.placed horses in each class.
- **ECAHO Honorary Membership** for extraordinary support of ECAHO, shows and Arabian horses in general was awarded to **Marianne Tengstedt – In Memoriam (DEN)** and **Francesco Santoro (ITA)** who kindly accepted the invitation to the AGM and has been awarded in person.
- **Constitutional changes:** proposal to cancel the EAHRIC (ECAHO Registration and Identification Commission) did **NOT** receive requested amount of votes (2/3 majority).
- “ECAHO Handlers' Academy” – future plan targeted on education and training of the trainers and handlers.

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