



Info-bulletin ECAHO decisions AGM London 2023

*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** will be held in Austria, on 24 – 27 August 2023
- 19 events were affiliated in 2022, 3 were cancelled. 3 events were affiliated as the National Championships, and 1 was the European Championship
- **European Sport Championship 2022:** 60 entries, 55 on the start, 8 nations
- **Annual Hight Point Horse of the Year 2022:** 10 Disciplines (Dressage, Show Jumping, Classic Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Traditional Arabian Riding, Ladies Side Saddle, Reining, Ranch Riding, Trail western, Western Pleasure) in 3 different Levels (Novice, Advanced, Masters); in total €9.600 has been paid as prize money to the owners. Trophy Jackets have been awarded to the winning riders.
 - Rules adapted: Horse & same rider can only get the prize money in the higher level
 - New disciplines included in the AHPHA since 2023: Horsemanship classic & western
- **ECAHO Breeders' Fund:** 3 best placed horses in each category at the National Sport Championships
 - Rules adapted: minimum points for a positive result: Dressage 55 %, Reining + Trail + Ranch Riding: 60 points
 - New for 2023: prize money at the European Sport Championship: €500 for first 3 placed in qualifier classes

Green Book Updates:

- New format: 10 cm x 20,5 cm
- New for try-out: Children on lead, Trail Classic
- Rules adapted: Show Jumping
- *Green Book 2023 is effective since 1st January 2023, for more information please visit <https://www.ecaho.org/sport/green-book>*

Judges' Courses and Tests:

- **In 2022** there were 2 course, 2 Judges passed and were approved on ECAHO lists: Weronika Sosnowska (POL), Magdalena Helak-Kulczynska (POL) and 2 were approved on the list of Guest Judges with ECAHO license: Graham Smith (AUS), Barbara Boben (SLO)
- Test for all approved Judges (refreshment tests) will be held on-line
- **In 2023** no courses are planned. For 2024 plan please contact Mrs. Elisabeth Chat (Chairman of EAHSpC)

REGISTRATION COMMISSION: IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS WHO ALSO ARE WAHO REGISTRIES

- **New EU rules:**
 - all breeding studs must be registered in the National Registry and get the unique number
 - any horse must be registered in the country where it is stabled

- passport must be at any moment available for control (= must be all the time with the horse), and the responsible person is the stable manager
- any medication must be recorded in the passport for the purpose of control whether the horse can be used in food chain (permanent removal from the food chain is possible upon request)
- **Embryo transfer:** WAHO recommends that 2 foals are registered from the same mare per breeding season (1 from ET + 1 natural) – each Studbook may introduce own rules
- **WAHO conference** was held in Jordan in October 2022
 - delegates requested that WAHO database of horses is available on-line (which would – among other – ease the exports/imports control)
 - new breeders mandatory foal registration declaration – non-use of any WAHO unapproved breeding methods

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

Election of the EAHSC Chairman: Mr. Klaus G. Beste (GER) will lead the SC in next years.

Shows and Show calendars

- Calendar 2024 – list of Title and A show was presented; new Title show in the UAE has been approved
- World Championship 2023: Qatar (Doha), World Championship 2024: France (Paris)

Blue Book

- change of the Show pyramid (the World Championship removed from Title shows and placed above as individual category), the rules for affiliation of the World Championship have been approved
- increase of Title show and A shows limit in countries outside Europe (5 Title shows instead of 3, max. 1 per country; 10 A shows outside Europe instead of 5, max. 2 per country)
- entry conditions for the European Championship and European shows have been updated
- horses disqualified for dangerous behaviour will be reported to ECAHO SDC and sanctioned
- hereditary disorders
 - overbite/underbite of more than 1 width of tooth is not permitted. Horses 12 months old and older cannot compete unless they have a veterinary certificate to verify that they do not have overbite/underbite.
 - cryptorchidism: Colts 24 months old and older or stallions cannot compete unless they have a veterinary certificate to verify that they do not have cryptorchidism. If the colt's condition changes, and upon a completed veterinary certificate, the horse is then eligible to compete.
- A/Title/World Championship: any horse leaving the show-ground before their Championship will be disqualified
- possibility of provisional suspension has been added to the Rules for Disciplinary Committees
- First aid: The presence of personnel trained in emergency medical care must be ensured throughout the event. Portable privacy screen must be available to cover the scene in case a person or animal is injured.
- Addendum II: Training and promotion of Judges has been completely updated. For current National Judges there will be a transition period.
- organizers of A/Title/World Championship are obliged to send the proposed list of Judges for approval by the Executive Committee no later than 40 days before the date of the show. If not sent, the EC has the right to appoint them.
- *The Blue Book 2023 becomes effective as of 1st May 2023. All shows that have not yet sent out their schedules by 1st May, or take place after 1st August, are obliged to use the 2023 rules. For more information, please visit <https://www.ecaho.org/shows/blue-book>*

Officials:

- Upgrade to A list of Judges: Josy Everars (BEL)
- Upgrade to A list of DCs: Dr. Abdelwahab Amira (UAE), Dr. Abderrahim Zejjari (MAR)
- Acceptance to ECAHO Ringmasters list: Jasem Al Haddad (KUW)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: IMPORTANT INFO

Most notable agreements of the 40th AGM in London on 30 April 2023:

The AGM elected the President: Mr. Jaroslav Lacina (CZE)

The AGM elected 2 Executive Committee members: Mr. Faleh Al-Nasr (QAT) and Mr. Robijn den Hartog (NED)

- Appointed **SDC members:** Ms. Christine Keyser (NOR)
- Appointed **EAC members:** Mrs. Annette Dixon (GBR) and Mrs. Irena Cieslak (POL)
- Statement concerning the Russian aggression towards Ukraine: although the military conflict is not yet over, the EC revised its decision and decided to lift any measures with immediate effect. Russian organizers are free to affiliate events and NOAL is eligible to ask for EBF donation.
- New look of ECAHO website and mobile App is coming soon
- **2 new Associate Members** have been accepted:
 - Thoroughbred Arabian Horse Breeding Organization in Iraq (IRQ)
 - Association du Salon du Cheval d'El Jadida (MAR)
- **2 Judges' courses** will be organized in 2023 (Germany + Egypt), Workshops for Judges will be organized in Aachen and in El Jadida (during the events), and one more in February 2024 in Abu Dhabi.
- **DC Workshops** will be conducted on-line. DC courses are planned in 2023, the venue has not been decided yet.
- **Judges' Manual 2023** is accomplished and will be translated in Arabic by Emirates Arabian Horse Society and distributed soon. Great thanks to Mrs. Deirdre Hyde, Judges Instructors Group and Emirates Arabian Horse Society for their work on this big topic.
- **ECAHO Honorary Membership** for extraordinary support of ECAHO, shows and Arabian horses in general was awarded to **Mr. Holger Ismer** (in Memoriam).
- The EC presented the idea of **changing the name from ECAHO to ICAHO** ("I" for International) which corresponds to the current composition of the membership base. Draft of the Constitution was presented at the discussion forum the day before the AGM, where also change of the future structure was discussed. Members will be asked to submit their proposals/comments to the EC who will reconsider them and will prepare new draft of ECAHO/ICAHO future structure and its Constitution for another discussion.

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