

RULES OF CONDUCT - SHOW

ADHERENCE TO AHO RULES OF CONDUCT

Organizing Committee members, show officials, judges, trainers, exhibitors and handlers will unconditionally submit themselves and their accompanying persons to the present show rules and will accept the jurisdiction of the Arabian Horse Organization. Regarding veterinary matters, drug administration, and the misuse of banned substances, all show organizing Committee members, show officials, judges, trainers, exhibitors and handlers will unconditionally submit themselves and their accompanying persons to the jurisdiction of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) and all the veterinary regulations upheld by the FEI.

ENTRY REFUSAL

The Show Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or cancel any entries of any exhibitor at their discretion. This refusal will be issued in writing by the Show Organizer.

SCHEDULE

Show Organizing Committee reserves the right to:

- change the arena location of classes with the prior notification to exhibitors.
- split classes with greater than fifteen (15) entries.
- combine classes with adjacent age groups of the same sex with fewer than three (3) entries.
- change the dates and/or the location of the Show or to cancel the show altogether. In the event of a cancellation, all entry fees and stall fees will be refunded (office fees are non-refundable). Neither the Show Organizing Committee nor the AHO shall have any liability to any exhibitor, owner, handler or other person, firm or corporation by reason of any change or cancellation of the show, except for the return of fees as aforesaid.

IDENTIFICATION OF HORSES

All horses entered in the show must possess an official equine passport, or a photocopy of the original registration document with graphic description, to facilitate identity verification of the horse by the show organizing Committee. No announcement indicating the identity, breeding or past performance of any exhibits, or the identity of the owners of the exhibits may be made at any time prior to or during

the judging of an entry. The name, age, breeding, breedership and ownership of the entry may be publicly announced after the scores for that entry have been officially announced and/ or posted.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Every horse entered in the show will be assigned an identification number (entry number) that **MUST** be worn by each horse handler (Exhibitor) when showing in a class.

AGE OF HORSES

Each horse shall be considered to be one (1) year old on the first day of January following the actual date of foaling (birth date).

RING PROCEDURES

Any exhibitor using the wrong number or having no number may be excused or disqualified from the class at the discretion of the Show Organizing Committee. No person other than the officials, Ring Steward, attendants on duty, and the Judge of the class may enter the show ring without permission from the Show Organizing Committee.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

An actual or apparent Conflict of Interest is explicitly defined as any of the following :

- a) a horse is judged that has been bought or sold by the judge either as owner or agent;
- b) a horse is judged that is owned in whole or part by the judge or by a member of the judge's family, or business partner in an Arabian horse business venture;
- c) a horse is judged that has been leased by the judge, at any time;
- d) a horse is judged that has been bred by the judge or is the property of a breeding organization in which the judge is or was an employee;
- e) a horse is judged that has been regularly trained, examined or treated by the judge in a professional capacity;
- f) a horse is judged that is the subject of an on-going negotiation to buy or lease, or a provisional purchase condition to which the judge is a party;
- g) a Judge **SHALL NOT** be allowed to adjudicate any entries owned

by, presented by, campaigned by and/or showing under the name of an Exhibitor (BREEDER, OWNER, TRAINER, AGENT, LESSOR/LEASEE, TRAINING CENTER and/or STUD FARM) to/for whom the Judge has sold horses as AGENT, OWNER, BREEDER, LESSOR and/or LEASEE within the six (6) month period prior to the commencement of the AHO Event at which the Judge will officiating. It is the responsibility of the Judge to advise the Show Organizer and the Disciplinary Committee if such a conflict arises. Any Judge that fails to disclose any such Conflict of Interest, shall be suspended from officiating any AHO show or event in ANY capacity for a period of one (1) year from the date of infraction.

h) a Judge SHALL NOT be allowed to adjudicate any entries owned by, presented by, campaigned by and/or showing under the name of an Exhibitor (BREEDER, OWNER, TRAINER, AGENT, LESSOR/LEASEE, TRAINING CENTER and/or STUD FARM) with which the Judge is knowingly involved in a profit-oriented business relationship of any kind. The Judge shall furthermore be prohibited from adjudicating any entries by any such Exhibitor for a period of six (6) months following the formal termination of the business relationship. Any Judge that fails to disclose any such Conflict of Interest, shall be suspended from officiating any AHO show or event in ANY capacity for a period of one (1) year from the date of infraction. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final should any doubt exist concerning any apparent Conflict of Interest. Exhibitors MUST declare on all show entry forms any actual or apparent Conflict of Interest with any of the official Judges hired to adjudicate the event in question. Show Organizers MAY NOT accept any entries for which any actual or apparent Conflict of Interest exists, unless a Reserve Judge is available to adjudicate on behalf of the Judge with whom the Conflict of Interest exists.

DISCIPLINE

Exhibitors are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the owner, trainer, handler, groom, rider, member of the family or any such persons associated with those participating in the show, will disqualify the horse from adjudication. The Show Organizing Committee reserves to itself the right to remove a trainer, handler, owner, groom, horse, rider or associated persons from the show without being liable for compensation or damages. Excessive use of the whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, show ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds before or during a show, by

any person, constitutes a violation and renders the offender subject to penalty. Judges will be expected to enforce this in the Show Ring. Any action(s) against a horse by an Exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a Judge, DC Member, Ring Steward, Veterinarian or the Show Organizing Committee anywhere on the grounds may be punished by elimination from the show. It is a violation of AHO Rules to commit any act or make remarks during the show that are considered offensive or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the judging, and any Exhibitor may be barred from the show for this offense by the Show Organizing Committee.

PROTEST

All protests MUST BE sent to the Show Organizing Committee contact writing prior to the end of the show and presented to the Disciplinary Committee or sent to the AHO Executive Secretary within five (5) working days following the conclusion of the show. The DC is responsible to present a copy of the protest to the Show Organizing Committee.

INDEMNITY AND NON-RESPONSIBILITY

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the AHO will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any horse exhibited or any article of any kind. All horses shall be under the control and direction of the Show Organizing Committee but solely at the risk of the Exhibitor, who will be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any person, animals or property occasioned by him, his agents or employees, or by any animal owned or exhibited by him, and shall indemnify the AHO against any and all loss, damages and liability thus occasioned, including, but not limited to, any and all legal costs, including attorney fees, which may be incurred as a result thereof. Exhibitors, grooms, handlers, owners, etc. are hereby warned that they may not use any device or conduct which may cause harm to any other person(s) horses, or equipment.

The submission of a signed entry form to the secretary or submission by online entry shall constitute an acceptance by each person of the provisions herein set forth.

DISPUTE NOT COVERED BY RULES

Should any question or dispute arise not provided for in the governing rules, the same shall be referred to the Show Organizing Committee, whose decision will be final.

WELFARE OF HORSES

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations for all entries must be up to date and indicated on the entry form. Twelve (12) month vaccination intervals shall be considered standard, unless otherwise mandated by local/national authorities.

VETERINARIAN INSPECTION

At the discretion of the official Veterinarian of the show, all Horses with any apparent clinical signs of any disease are not allowed to participate at a AHO sanctioned event. Should the official Veterinarian diagnose apparent clinical signs of contagious disease, all subject horses will be immediately confined to quarantine and will not be allowed to participate in the show. All entry and stabling fees as well as prize monies earned will be forfeit.

DISGUIISING OF EXHIBITS

- 1) No alteration of the basic color of the skin, coat or hooves is permitted. Hoof paints, colourless varnishes, coat dyes, glitter spray and cosmetic operations including skin grafts are forbidden. Colorless hoof oils, Vaseline, oil and white chalk used on white legs is permitted.
- 2) Artificial methods of dilating the eyes or affecting the natural action of the horse or otherwise influencing its action or behavior by oxygenating the bloodstream, by the use of weights or artificially weighted shoes, or by electrical or chemical treatment of any kind at any time before or during exhibition are forbidden. Burns, cuts or other marks on the body of any exhibit in such places or positions as indicate prohibited methods have been used, will be regarded by the DC with veterinary advice as full and adequate grounds for exclusion of any exhibit from competition.
- 3) In halter classes horses may be fully or partly body clipped subject to eyelashes and hair inside the ears left unshaven, as well as muzzle, nose and eye tactile hair being intact. Balding around the eyes, nose and muzzle is NOT encouraged. Any excessive act found on the horse the Show Organizing Committee might take penalizing measures.
- 4) No equipment intended to alter the natural appearance of the horse is permitted in the stables, including neck sweats, neck collars, tailracks, hobbles or weights. Clippers are acceptable. Exhibitors using such equipment on the showground will be suspended by the Show Organizing Committee for the period of the show.
- 5) For security reason colts 3 years old and over must be shown with correct and comfortable bridles and bits.

SOUNDNESS

Horses must be serviceably sound i.e., horse must not show evidence of lameness. Horses which appear to be lame, with clear evidence of pain, may NOT be assessed and placed by the judges. Judges must excuse from the ring any horse so lame that assessment will inflict pain. All entries must be in good condition.

STRESS

Horses shall not be punished unnecessarily or severely anywhere on the show grounds. Excessive whipping or shanking, excessive stimulation by noise or intimidation, use of electrical shock devices or infliction of pain by any means is forbidden in all parts of the showground, or stable areas, at all times. Undue stress, inflicted upon horses by handlers anywhere & anytime on the show grounds, is subject to the penalty from the Show Organization Committee. This undue stress is defined as:

- Whipping or shanking of horses standing still
 - Horse crouching or squatting when standing
 - Horse falling to its knees after presentation of the whip
 - Horse running or bolting backwards three (3) or more steps
 - A strike by the horse with the forelegs with ears pinned back
 - An aggressive attempt by the horse to bite
- All abuse and cruelty will be dealt with under AHO rules. All horses artificially, improperly or unfairly prepared or tampered with before coming into the Show Ring will be disqualified. If it is ascertained that an Exhibitor has made, or caused to be made, any false statements in regards to any animal or article exhibited or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the Judge in performance of his/her duties, they shall be excluded from competing or exhibiting.

ADMINISTRATION OF CHEMICAL IRRITANTS/ GINGER

Any trainer, owner, agent or other person who administers, attempts to administer, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer, or employs anyone who administers or attempts to administer a chemical or other irritant of any kind onto the anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area of a horse entered to compete in a class for Arabian horses at any AHO affiliated event shall be subject to penalties as provided for in section (E) below.

A- Show organizing Committee is authorized, at its own expense, to collect swab samples and have tested substances present on the anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area of horses prior to their entry and/ or following their exit from the ring, in connection any Arabian class any AHO affiliated event as follows :

1- Show organizing Committee may choose all horses in such a class to be sampled, or may select one or more placings from the class for sampling, or may select some of the horses from such a class for sampling. In making such selections, Show organizing Committee may act on the request of a judge of the class but is not required to do so.

2- Show organizing Committee shall appoint only a licensed veterinarian or veterinarians to supervise the sampling, who may utilize technicians working under direct supervision of the veterinarian;

3- Show organizing Committee shall implement the chain of custody required by the laboratory for identifying the horse from which each sample was taken;

4- Show organizing Committee is authorized to forward the samples for testing to a reputable laboratory acceptable to AHO, and shall implement the chain of custody required by the laboratory for transporting the samples to and from the laboratory and while at the laboratory.

B- The trainer, owner, and their agents of a horse competing in a class must submit to the above sample collections performed by representatives of Show organizing Committee, and they must do so with no unnecessary delays. They must cooperate with the sample collection personnel as defined above exhibiting polite attitude and actions toward them and must assist them by helping to restrain the horse properly during the sample collection;

C- In the event the laboratory reports to the Show organizing Committee the presence of a chemical or other irritant of any kind in a horse's sample, competition management shall forward to AHO the original copies of the laboratory report, the analytical data, and the documented chain of custody for identifying the horse from which the sample was collected and identifying the laboratory results as being from that horse's sample.

D- Upon receipt of the above documents, AHO shall review those documents, relevant competition and AHO records, and shall determine whether this evidence serves as a basis for charges of rule violation against the horse's trainer, owner, and/or their agents. E- In the event the AHO determines a violation has occurred, the trainer, owner and/or their agents each shall be subject to any and all penalties imposed by the AHO at its discretion, including suspensions, fines, and the revocation and redistribution of winnings, notice or notices of which shall be published on the AHO website..

DRUGS & MEDICATIONS

The drugs and medication rules currently upheld in accordance with the most recent FEI Veterinary Regulations will be enforced. Horses in competition will be subject to examination by the attending licensed veterinarian under the supervision of the Disciplinary Committee (DC) appointed at each AHO

sanctioned event. The examination may include physical, saliva, urine, blood tests, the testing of eyes for the use of mydriatic drugs or any other test or procedure at the discretion of said DC necessary to effectuate the purposes of this rule. These representatives must be treated with respect. Any exhibit may be tested at the request of any judge or DC. Regu-Mate® (altrenogest) may be administered to mares without penalty. Refusal to submit a horse for examination, whether in competition or not, and to cooperate with the veterinarian and technicians until the samples have been taken, constitutes a violation of entry and subjects the horse to disqualification under the rules. Moreover, should the attending veterinarian designated to collect physiological samples from any horse for the purpose of drug testing deem the collection procedure may endanger the horse or the person(s) attending the horse, the DC will be notified and proceed with disqualification of that entry.

In both cases, the disqualified horse will be ineligible to receive any awards, titles and prize money or to compete further at the event in which the infraction occurred.

The intentional or unintentional administration of any substance considered forbidden in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations which may affect the performance, soundness or temperament of any exhibit is strictly prohibited at all AHO Breeders' events. All procedures related to Drug & Medication misuse will be subject to FEI Veterinary Regulations, unless otherwise stated.

Should a positive result of forbidden substance use be acknowledged by the FEI authorized laboratory, the Show Organizing Committee and the AHO will be notified of the infraction. Any forbidden substance positive test result shall be considered incontrovertible evidence that a violation of rules has been committed. This offence will illicit the following official response by the AHO:

1) The owner of the horse will be wholly liable for the infraction unless irrefutable evidence implicating another person can be produced and substantiated

2) All persons involved in administration of and/or approval of the use of the forbidden substance shall be fined five hundred euro (€500) each.

3) Disqualification of the horse from all AHO sanctioned events for a period of twelve (24) months and the name of the horse will be published on AHO web site. All titles and/or qualification achieved by the horse at the event at which the forbidden substance was used shall be forfeit. The incident, listing the name of disqualified horse, the suspended persons responsible and the forbidden substance used, will be published on the AHO website.

SCORING SYSTEM

M1: Mark of TYPE

The assessments proposed choices for Type are

- Ideal or Excellent or Very Good or Good or Rather Good or Satisfactory or Insufficient

M2: Mark of HEAD AND NECK

This score will require separate assessments from the judges - one for Head and one for Neck. This will allow judges to better assess each of the two parts.

M2a – Head: The assessments proposed choices for Head are

- Ideal or Excellent or Very Good or Good or Rather Good or Satisfactory or Insufficient

M2b - Neck: The assessments proposed choices for Neck are

- Ideal or Excellent or Very Good or Good or Rather Good or Satisfactory or Insufficient
- The final score for Head/Neck will be the average of the two marks $(M2a+2Mb)/2= M2$

M3: Mark of BODY AND TOPLINE

The assessments proposed choices for Body and Topline are:

- Excellent or Very Good or Good or Rather Good or Satisfactory or Insufficient or Poor or Very Poor

M4: Mark of LEGS

The judges will give separate marks - one for the front legs and one for the hind legs.

The assessments proposed choices for Legs are

M4a: Front legs :

- Very Good or Good or Rather Good or Satisfactory or Insufficient or Poor or Very Poor

M4b: Hind legs :

- Very Good or Good or Rather Good or Satisfactory or Insufficient

or Poor or Very Poor

The final score for LEGS will be the average of the two marks $(M4a+M4b)/2 = M4$

M5: Mark of MOVEMENT

The assessments proposed choices for movement are:

- Ideal or Excellent or Very Good or Good or Rather Good or Satisfactory or Insufficient or Poor or Very Poor.

COMPOSITION OF THE JURY

Each class will be judged by a jury composed of not less than five members unless a conflict of interest exists.

The jury will consist of experienced international judges and recognized breeders.

CALCULATION OF THE SCORE AND RANKING

For each aspect of the judged horse, the judge's assessments will be turned into marks according to the above mentioned assessment grid. The total score will be the average of the partial marks given by the judges .

However to get a better homogeneity in judgment, each partial mark which will show a 1,5 pts difference from the average score will not be taken into account.

The total score for the horse will result from the addition of marks $(M1+M2+M3+M4+M5)$ Ranking will be made according to the final scores of the horses in the class : the horse with the highest score being first and so on.

According to its final score, each horse will be defined as:

Excellent Horse	More than 90
Very Good Horse	Between 85-90
Good Horse	Between 80-85
Rather good	Between 75-80
Satisfactory Horse	Between 70-75
Insufficient Horse	Less than 70

Here is an example showing how to calculate the final score:

Voici un exemple de la manière dont on peut calculer la note finale :

		Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 5	AVERAGE	AVERAGE +1	AVERAGE -1	CHOSEN AVERAGE		
M1	TYPE	20	18	17	17	17	17,8	19,3	16,3	17,25	Eliminated mark 20	
M2	M2A HEAD	19	18	18	18	16						
	M2B NECK	19	18	18	17	18						
	HEAD/NECK	19	18	18	17,5	17	17,9	19,4	16,4	17,9		
M3	BODY/TOP-LINE	18	19	16	18	18	17,8	19,3	16,3	18,25	Eliminated mark 16	
M4	M4A FRONT LEG	15	16	17	16	14						
	M4B HIND LEG	16	16	16	15	14						
	LEGS	15,5	16	16,5	15,5	14	15,5	17	14	15,5		
M5	MOVEMENT	18	18	18	20	17	18,2	19,7	16,7	17,75	Eliminated mark 20	
										Total adjusted Score	86,65	VERY GOOD HORSE

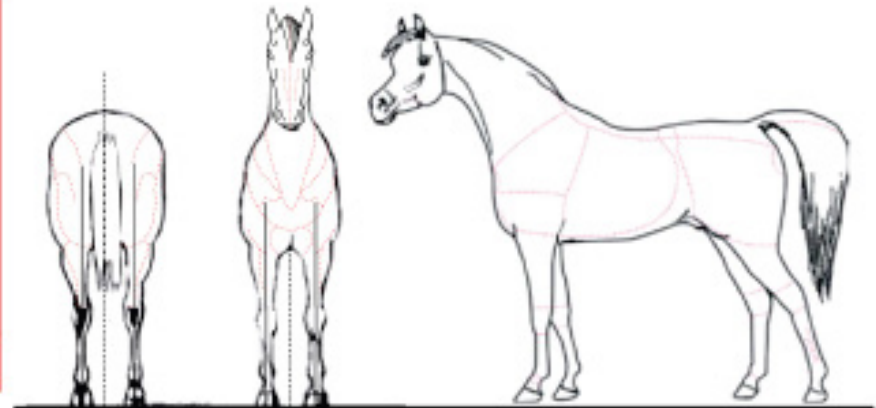
EVALUATION FORM OF HORSE • JUDGE



CLASS

HORSE N° / CHEVAL N°

		OUTSTANDING / IDÉAL	EXCELLENT / EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD / TRÈS BIEN	GOOD / BIEN	RATHER GOOD / ASSEZ BIEN	SATISFYING / SATISFAISANT	INSUFFICIENT / INSUFFISANT	POOR / FAIBLE	VERY POOR / TRÈS FAIBLE
		20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12
M1	TYPE / TYPE									
M2	HEAD and NECK / TÊTE et ENCOLURE									
	HEAD / TÊTE									
	NECK / ENCOLURE									
M3	BODY & TOP-LINE / CORPS ET LIGNE DE DOS									
M4	LEGS / MEMBRES									
	FRONT LEGS / ANTÉRIEURS									
	HIND LEGS / POSTÉRIEURS									
M5	MOVEMENT / MOUVEMENT									



If the judgment concluded is satisfactory or less, the judge will indicate on diagram above, using an arrow, the weaknesses and flaw.
 Si l'appréciation conclue «satisfaisant» ou moins, le juge indiquera par une flèche sur le schéma ci-dessus, les points faibles et les défauts relevés.

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| Power/Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Rather good / Assez bien
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfying / Satisfaisant
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor / Faible | Flexibility/Souplesse
<input type="checkbox"/> Rather good / Assez bien
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfying / Satisfaisant
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor / Faible | Amplitude
<input type="checkbox"/> Rather good / Assez bien
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfying / Satisfaisant
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor / Faible |
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If the movement is satisfactory or less, please check the appreciation boxes on the list above.
 Si le mouvement est jugé satisfaisant ou moins, merci de donner votre appréciations à travers les choix ci dessus.

Comments

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Judge's signature

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CHAMPIONSHIP

Horses aged one (1) year should compete in Yearling Championships, horses aged two to three (2-3) should compete in Junior Championships, whereas horses aged four (4) and over should compete in Senior Championships. For each championship, the qualified horses will be :

- The first and second of the qualifying classes concerned
- The others will be the horses having the highest scores of all classes.

- If the total number of horses in the qualifying classes of a championship is 20 or more, the total number of selected horses for the said championship will be 10.
- If the total number of horses in the qualifying classes of a championship is 10 to 19, the total number of selected horses for the said championship will be 8.
- If the total number of horses in the qualifying classes of a championship is less than 10, the total number of selected horses for the said championship will be 6.

The championship is judged by all judges, unless there is conflict of interest. Each judge will be giving its own TOP FIVE classification and marks will be given as follow :

Top 5 Ranking	Score
1st	20
2nd	16
3rd	14
4th	12
5th	10

The horses will then be classified according to the points obtained :

- GOLD CHAMPION is the horse with the highest point score
- SILVER CHAMPION is the horse with the second highest point score
- BRONZE CHAMPION is the horse with the third highest point score

RULE OF TIES:

Tie in qualifying classes:

In case of a tie, the horse with the highest mark for Type will be nominated. If there is still a tie it will be the horse with the highest mark for Movement. Failing a decision in either of these 1 or 3 judges will be chosen by ballot and will name their preference.

Tie in Championships:

The higher place will be given to the horse with the highest total in the qualifying classes. If there is still a tie, the rule for tie in qualifying classes will be applied.