



Infobulletin ECAHO decisions AGM Munich 2018

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

SPORT COMMISSION:

ECAHO Pleasure classes with not more than 6 nominated horses can be judged by one Judge, this shall be possible at all levels. Splitting of classes is only possible with more than 16 entries.

In Ladies Side Saddle when Western & Classic Riders are combined, Western riders are also allowed to ride with two hands at the discretion of the rider, there is no age limit of the horse and a Bit or Snaffle Bit similar to those allowed by classic combinations are allowed.

National Judges are now also eligible for training as ECAHO Pleasure Judges.

Mrs. Elisabeth Chat was re-elected for a new term of 4 years as Chairwoman of the EAHSpC.

New affiliation forms for ECAHO pleasure sport classes are now available for download. There is no affiliation fee, but affiliation will guarantee your participants to be included in the annual High-Point Horse awards. Results have to reported on the results form (and the guidelines how to fill these out) that are also available online.

REGISTRATION COMMISSION:

Starting the 1st of November 2018 new EU procedures will become in effect regarding paperwork for horses, semen, embryo's and oocytes being transported within, to and from the EU.

For each movement of above mentioned new paperwork is required to be conform to EU regulations.

EU registries and collection centers should have these procedures incorporated in their workflow by the due date. Non EU registries are encouraged to be familiar with these procedures to avoid any unnecessary delays and/or disappointments regarding transport of the above.

IMPORTANT INFO/REMINDER FOR SHOW ORGANIZERS

Show organizers are reminded of the following:

- Have your own indemnity insurance. ECAHO does not cover any damages or claims.
- Be sure to send a list of exhibitors to all your ECAHO Officials after the closing day of entries to comply with all declarations of conflicts of interests by the Judges, DC team members and Ringmasters.
- All show results including a copy the show catalogue need to be sent to the ECAHO office immediately after the show. Contraire what is written in the Blue Book regarding the format of the submitted show results (this text will be revised in the next Bluebook update) all results need to be submitted in JSON format to be compatible with the ECAHO online database. For detailed info [download the format document](#) from the ECAHO website in the Organizer Download section. Shows scored by Arabian Horse Results or Arabian

Essence are automatically compliant. Any cost incurred for non-compliance to this format may be on account of the show organization and may have consequences for future affiliations.

SHOWCOMMISSION:

New affiliation rules:

A new system for affiliation of shows is introduced. Biggest change is a significantly earlier date to send in the affiliations by the organizers. Priority in deadlines is given according to the Show Pyramid.

Deadlines for affiliation:

- At the General Meeting: A and Title shows:
- 30.4.2018: B International
- 31.8.2018: C International, European, Specific Origin, B National and National Championship shows
- 31.10.2018: All other shows (C National, Amateur, D, Breeders')

For the complete procedure see Bluebook Addendum VII.

In addition, because the show calendar has become very full, no new Shows shall be accepted or existing Shows being upgraded unless there is serious reason or some existing show is cancelled/downgraded.

Trial minus point system:

In the USA at halter shows a scoring sheet includes minus points which can be given for incorrect presentation of the horse, poor manners of the Handlers, undue stress of the horse, inhumane treatment, shanking etc. Judges may use -0,5 up to -2,5 points as a penalty which are counted into the total scores of the horse.

The EAHSC approved this as a trial system for season 2018. The proposed shows are Ströhen and Bahrain. Delegates should consult with the show organizers and recommend at least 1-2 shows.

ECAHO appointed DC at Title and A shows:

This item is now finalized. The DCIC will recommend DC's for this task to the Executive Committee. Primarily A DC's are eligible. Appointment will be done in cooperation between the Show organizers and the ECAHO Office. This DC will be a normal part of the required DC team, and will write the DC report. All expenses for this DC are covered by the organizer as usual.

Appointment Show Commission representative for Show Officials:

From several reports there seems a need for one spokesperson that represents the interests of the ECAHO Officials. The Show Commission appointed Mrs. Marianne Tengstedt spokesperson and Mr. Ahmed Abdel Razek as alternate for this position. Officials are free to contact them regarding Show Official issues through officials@ecaho.org.

Blue Book listing of Officials by country of residence:

The Show Commission approved to list A and B list the Officials by country of residence instead of the country of education or National Organization. This makes more sense as some Officials do not necessarily live in the country of the National Organization where they were educated as an official and easier for Show organizers to decide on invitations. This also clarifies the position of the Official and the responsibility of ECAHO once they are placed on the B or A list as with the Officials' Contracts the relation between ECAHO and its' Officials is now clearly defined.

The Show Commission therefore also decided that the removal of ECAHO listed Officials from the National lists (and therefore also from ECAHO lists) can only be done upon explicit request to ECAHO and with given reasons.

A and Title show Judges selection:

A new procedure to appoint judges for A and Title shows is approved by the Show Commission. The Show organizers of Title shows will provide a longlist list of proposed Judges, and after approval by the Executive Committee, the organizers then will communicate with each other to select their final shortlists.

GENERAL MEETING:

Changes in Membership:

- SAHA Slovakia from new to Associate Member
- ANR (Agricultural Property Agency) Poland (Full Member) national/organizational change to KOWR (National Centre for Agricultural Support)
- BREEF Bahrain from Associate to Full Member
- PEF Palestine from Associate to Full member
- SAHY Finland from Full member to termination (own request)

Insurance for ECAHO officials:

With the signed contracts ECAHO Officials are now being insured (from 1.1.2018) for bodily injury, property damage and consequential financial loss caused to a third party, pure financial loss which is not the result of impairment in health of persons or damage to property. For further details or questions please see the [Memorandum](#).

Each Official should have their own travel insurance which is relatively inexpensive but impossible to cover by ECAHO as a group. The insurance also does not cover the responsibility of the Show organizers to have their own event-insurance for all other incidents.

New A-DC's:

Three B-DC's upgraded to the A list by the DCIC in 2017

- Mr. Farhang Fazeli (IRN)
- Mrs. Kerstin Wisniowski (DE)
- Mr. Peter Hegemann (DE).

New SDC member:

Ms. Christine Keyser was appointed by the AGM to the SDC. She was also appointed as the Chairman. In her private life she works as immigration police officer and one of her tasks is the investigation of identities. Current members of the SDC are: Christine Keyser, Abdelwahab Amira, Turki Al Muqbel, Philip Jenkins, Barbara Pfistner.

New EC member:

Mrs. Renata Schibler was elected as Executive Committee member for 4 years. Mrs. Schibler owned her first Arabian Horse in 1977, was an active breeder and competitive rider for 20 years. A board member and secretary of the Swiss Arabian Horse Association in the period of 1990-1998 and currently President of SZAP involved in all aspects of the Arabian Horse in Switzerland. An ECAHO Judge since 1993 and a member of the ECAHO Judges Instructors Group.

ECAHO Honorary members for 2018

- Mrs. Joanna Maxwell (UK)
- Dr. Hans-Joachim Nagel (DE)
- Mr. Peter Upton (UK)
- Mr. Sami Sulaiman Al-Nohait (KSA)

Most important/practical Blue Book changes 2018:

- Gold medal winners in two B International Shows in the same year are not allowed to take part in a B International Show for the rest of that calendar year.
- Gold medal winners in two B international or two C International Shows in the same year are not allowed to take part in a C International Show for the rest of that calendar year.
- Gold medal winners in two European Shows in the same year are not allowed to take part in a European Show for the rest of that calendar year.
- Show organizer agrees to provide event insurance coverage, covering any and all indemnity and/or liability in connection with the conduct of the event. (ECAHO assumes no indemnity and/or liability in connection with the event).
- The person responsible for the horse is the registered owner or the lessee, but the person who signs the entry form, the handler, and other support personnel including but not limited to grooms and veterinarians may be regarded as additional persons responsible if they are present at the event or have made a relevant decision about the horse. Should the person responsible designate someone to represent them (e.g. a lawyer) any correspondence sent to this representative will be deemed to have been communicated to the person responsible.
- The following daily fees are mandatory and to be paid by the organizer to judges, DC members and ring masters per working day regardless of the actual hours: B International and C International shows: € 100,- / A shows: € 150,- / Title shows: € 200,-. For all other shows a daily fee is optional and at the discretion of the show-organization. Material gifts are always allowed, regardless of the category of the show.
- Judges will not visit exhibitors' premises or accept exhibitors' hospitality or gifts immediately before or during the show concerned, or accept any other benefits that could bring into question the judge's integrity or honesty.
- One conflict of interest wording was clarified. An official who received, whilst being involved with the organization of any show or event, sponsorship from an exhibitor at that show or event is considered to have a conflict of interest with that sponsors' horses for a period of one year. This does not apply to those events organized on behalf of a National Association which is a Full Member of ECAHO, as long as the Official has no financial benefit from the sponsorship.
- All officials will receive a list of exhibitors and sponsors from the organizer immediately after the official closing date of entries. Any later entries will be communicated without delay.
- Excessive whipping, excessive stimulation by noise, excessive circling of the horse, intimidation, use of electric shock devices and infliction of pain by any means are forbidden in all parts of the showground or stable areas, at all times. **Abusive shanking is not permitted.**
- Judging system with the highest and lowest mark excluded
 - the show organizer is allowed to use the judging system where the highest and the lowest mark for each horse is excluded and the total score is counted from the resting marks.
 - the conditions to use this Judging system:
 - at least 5 Judges must be in the ring,
 - the system must be clearly described in the schedule
 - the schedule must be approved by ECAHO (schedule to be sent to ECAHO Office at latest 3 months prior to the date of the show)
 - Note: This judging system is approved only for shows held during the seasons 2018 and 2019.