

European Conference of Arab Horse Organizations

Offenses and Sanctions at a show

DC at a show can impose **any** sanction from **article 16** of Rules for DCs. It is important that all DCs understand the penalties that they may impose for offenses at a show.

RDC Penalties and Measures (Blue Book 2020)

16. a) Red and Yellow Cards may be shown as an immediate, visible and public warning of an offence having been committed.

*When as a result of an investigation the DC is satisfied that any person has committed an infringement, it has the power at its discretion to impose **any one or more** of the following penalties or measures:*

- b) A verbal warning;*
- c) A written warning;*
- d) A fine not exceeding €300.- or its equivalent in local currency;*
- e) Disqualification of the horse;*
- f) Suspension of the person responsible and all his horses from taking part in the current show.*
- g) Spare;*
- h) A ban from the showground and/or the stables and/or other respective premises for a period of two months;*
- i) Any equipment intended to alter the natural appearance of the horse, and any equipment being used to inflict pain, intimidation or noise may be confiscated.*

If a fine is imposed by a DC, this must be paid by the implicated party or the horse cannot be shown. If the fine is imposed after the horse has been shown and it is not paid, the horse will be disqualified.

If the fine is not paid before the end of the show it must be received in full by ECAHO before that horse or any other horse owned by the person responsible, stud farm or breeding entity concerned can be shown in an ECAHO Affiliated show.

Should the horse /horses be sold to another person/stud farm/ breeding entity, the amount of the fine must be received in full by ECAHO before the horse/horses can be shown in an ECAHO Affiliated show.

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Tactile hairs and clipped out ears

*RCS 31 a) a) In halter classes horses may be fully or partly body-clipped, subject to eyelashes being left uncut, hair inside the ears left unshaved and tactile hair left **intact** around the nose, muzzle and the eyes. Horses not fulfilling these criteria will not be allowed to participate. “Balding” is not encouraged.*

We propose that in 2020 – DCs start by giving fines during the year – everyone must be informed – All DC members, National Associations/Stud books, Handlers/ETHA and Show Organizers so it can be written in schedule and catalogue.

If all tactile hairs are removed/cut/shaved, or if there are no tactile hairs above the eyes the horse must be disqualified immediately and fined. If hairs are present but cut the horse may be shown, but Owner/Handler will be fined. The names of horses fined or disqualified will be circulated to DCs so that it is known at the next show – in the same way the names of Owners /Handlers who have had horses disqualified or have been fined for this reason will also be circulated to DCs to control repeat offenders – next offence (in another show) a higher fine – third offence automatic disqualification.

If the ears are clipped too closely the Owner / Handler will be fined and the horse may be shown. Next offence (in another show) a higher fine – third offence automatic disqualification.

Working towards 2021 when the horses will be immediately disqualified if the tactile hairs are not **intact** and/or ears have been shaved or clipped too closely.

Proposed Fines

- Horses with ALL tactile hairs cut must be **disqualified**.
- Horses with hairs under the chin but cut/shaved on the top of the nose and around the nostrils and one or two hairs or bits of hairs left over the eyes. **100-150€** Increase for repeat offenders.
- Excessively clipped ears. **100-150€** Increase for repeat offenders.
- Hair extensions. **100-150€** Increase for repeat offenders.



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Fines for Yellow/Red cards

- Handlers who get 2 Yellow card or direct Red card at a show – **1000€** and will be banned for the rest of the show.
- A fine for accumulation of 5 yellow cards during the calendar year - **1000€**.

In both cases the fine must be paid before the Handler can present horses again at any ECAHO affiliated show.