

**European Arab Horse Show Commission**  
**Blue Book 2024**  
**Rules for Affiliation of Shows**



**The Pyramid of ECAHO affiliated shows**



Show Category	Procedures for Approval of Shows
	<p>Procedure for affiliation of shows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ECAHO Exec Sec. will schedule affiliation procedures and deadlines for shows in accordance with the dates of the EAHSC Meeting.</li> <li>No late affiliations are accepted if they coincide with any existing show date in the same area. There will be a 50% surcharge for late affiliations (i.e. received after deadline, see 1.)</li> <li>Any show that is cancelled at any time after approval of EAHSC remains liable to pay full affiliation fee, except in case of force majeure.</li> </ol>
World Championship	<p>Only one World Championship per year shall be approved by the EAHSC within ECAHO Full Member countries.</p> <p>The show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.</p>
Title Show	<p>Only eight Title shows shall be approved within ECAHO Full Member Countries and only the EAHSC can decide upon a new application from a Member Country.</p> <p>The number of Title shows shall remain limited: 3 in Europe, 5 in countries outside Europe, in order to maintain the value of these events. A maximum of 1 Title show per country shall be approved.</p> <p>A new Title show shall only be approved in replacement of another Title show which ceases to exist for any reason.</p> <p>Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.</p> <p>Title shows that have had less than 70 horses shown and/or less than 10 % foreign horses shown for two consecutive years may not get the approval for the future.</p>
A	<p>In Europe (as defined by the Constitution of ECAHO), up to 5 A shows shall be approved by the EAHSC, according to their geographic distribution (North, South, East, West, UK). Outside Europe, up to 10 A shows will be approved by the EAHSC. A maximum of 2 A shows per country shall be approved.</p> <p>Any application for a new A show shall only be approved when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed new A show replaces an existing A show (in the same geographic area) which ceases to exist for any reason.</li> <li>The proposed new A show was previously a B show of very high standard, having successfully proven its organisational capacities and application of ECAHO rules over at least three consecutive years.</li> </ol>

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	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.
Global Champions Arabian Tour (GCAT)	Each show organiser shall make a written application to the GCAT board. If accepted, the GCAT board will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. The approval of the National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) of the country where the show will be organized is required. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.
B International	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given. The organiser of B International show shall have previously successfully organised (i.e. applied all ECAHO rules) two C International/ European shows.
B National Shows	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given. The organiser of B National show shall have previously successfully organised (i.e. applied all ECAHO rules) two C National shows.
National Championships	Only one National Championship per country per year shall be approved. The National Organisation (Full member organization) of each country shall nominate the organiser and the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval.
C International	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given. A new organiser must have previously successfully organised (i.e. applied all ECAHO rules) at least one C national show.
European	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given. A new organiser must have previously successfully organised (i.e. applied all ECAHO rules) at least one C national show.
Emirates Arabian Horse Global Cup (EAHGC)	Each show organiser shall make a written application to the Emirates Arabian Horse Organization (EAHS). If accepted, the National organization will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. The approval of the National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) of the country where the show is organized is required. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.
C National	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.
Specific Origin Shows	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.

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Breeders' Shows	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.
D	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.
Amateur	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given.

**Date of Registration**

The “Date of Registration” is defined as the date at which the relevant national registry declares that the horse has been accepted for registration. National Registries will be responsible for confirming the date of registration. Entries must either present the relevant registration certificate or enclose, with the entry form, a letter by the registrar confirming that registration will be completed before the first day of the show.

• **General Classes**

Classes of the following categories are recognized by EAHSC:

- foals (males and females, or combined; see also “Foal Classes” below),
- colts (junior males, 1-3 years old),
- fillies (junior females, 1-3 years old),
- stallions (senior males, 4 years+),
- mares (senior females, 4 years +),
- geldings (junior (1-3 years old) and senior (4 years+), or combined (1year+)).

The Show Organizers may arrange the age groups within these categories to best suit their entries and to avoid any imbalance in the size of the classes.

The maximum number of horses shown shall not exceed 100 per day.

No horse under 6 months of age may be shown without its Dam.

No pregnant mare will be shown more than 40 weeks after the last date of covering. It is recommended to bring a valid breeding certificate to the show. The Handler must produce a valid breeding certificate upon request of the DC.

All open classes, with the exception of foals, are qualifiers for the World Championship, A and Title shows.

**Foal Classes**

In those shows where foal classes are held:

- a) Foals may not compete in EAHSC Championships, nor will they qualify for any future Title or A Show.
- b) When foal classes are organized at EAHSC affiliated shows, the EAHSC Rules will apply.
- c) Foals must have a minimum age of four weeks at the date of the show and must be shown at foot (with the dam) up to 6 months of age. Orphaned or rejected foals under six months cannot be shown.
- d) The use of metal halters and halters with metal chains is forbidden.
- e) A comparative judging system is recommended.
- f) All the rules pertaining to foal classes must be clearly indicated in the schedule and the catalogue.
- g) With regards to stricter rules for the welfare of foals, organisers may introduce their own rules as long as these are presented to ECAHO for approval prior to sending out the schedule and are clearly stated in the show schedule and catalogue.

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#### **Foals - for identification purposes:**

Foals under six months shown in foal classes with their own mother need no special documentation, but the mother must have all necessary documents.

Foals over six months shown without their dam, foals from Embryo Transplant or foals with foster mothers which are shown in foal classes and do not yet have a passport, must be micro-chipped and in possession of a copy of the official Stud Book Registration form, showing the micro-chip number and the graphic description of the foal.

#### **Championship Titles**

There will be three prize winners in each category - Junior Males, Junior Females, Senior Males, Senior Females and Geldings (junior and senior or combined):

*Champion Gold Medal, Silver Medal, Bronze Medal.*

If there are sufficient yearling entries and the Show Organizer wishes to hold separate Yearling male and/or Yearling female Championships, there will be three prize winners in each of these categories.

The Rules for Championships must be clearly explained in the Schedule and the Show catalogue.

If a category is represented by only one class, the ranking in that class may be used as a Championship ranking for that category.

If a category is represented by more than one class, these are considered qualifying classes for the respective championship of that category. If the top 5 system is not used, then at the discretion of the organizer, the top 2 or the top 3 of each class qualifies for the championship. This choice may vary per category, but it must be stated clearly in the schedule and the catalogue.

#### **Top Five System**

This system is optional for any show, provided there are a sufficient number of horses present:

The top 50 % of each class minus one, but not more than 5 horses, qualify.

e.g.: 5-6 starters → places 1 - 2 qualify  
7-8 starters → places 1 - 3 qualify  
9-10 starters → places 1 - 4 qualify  
11 and more starters → places 1 - 5 qualify

All qualified horses of a category - Yearling Males, Yearling Females (where appropriate), Junior Males, Junior Females, Senior Males, Senior Females or Geldings - come into the ring. All first placed horses stand in the front row, all second placed horses in the second row, all other horses (places 3.-5.) in the third row.

The judges select their Champion Gold medal, Silver and Bronze medal winners according to the rules for Championships. The judges will then select two more from all the remaining horses which together with the three medal winners form the Top Five.

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#### World Championship Show

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- **1st to 5th** place at the World Championship, an A Show, a GCAT show or B Show
- **1st to 5th** place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title, an A Show or GCAT show
- **1st to 3rd** place at a National Championship, C National, C International, European Shows or EAHGC shows
- **1st to 2nd** place at Specific Origin Shows

Horses registered in countries which are not Members of ECAHO must either qualify in an ECAHO affiliated show or may qualify at other shows accepted by the EAHSC, such as:

- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or “TOP TEN” at the US Nationals
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place at the US Scottsdale Competition
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US “Regional” competitions
- 1st to 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup (former US Las Vegas show)
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an Egyptian Event US
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship show

Yearlings do not need to qualify for these shows.

Only open halter classes will be considered.

Class age division: calendar year (starting on 1 January, ending on 31 December)

A list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary **immediately** after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

**Affiliation fee:** € 10000,-

#### **Judging system: compulsory**

5 topics - 20 points. Half-points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of eight judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges (see page 34).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of five members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A or B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

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#### All Nations Cup

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**Qualification:** All horses except yearlings should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- **1st to 5th** place at an A, a GCAT show or B Show
- **1st to 5th** place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title, an A Show or a GCAT show
- **1st to 3rd** place at a National Championship, C National, C International, European Shows or EAHGC shows
- **1st to 2nd** place at Specific Origin Shows

Horses registered in countries which are not Members of ECAHO must either qualify in an ECAHO affiliated show or may qualify at other shows accepted by the EAHSC, such as:

- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or “TOP TEN” at the US Nationals
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place at the US Scottsdale Competition
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US “Regional” competitions
- 1st to 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup (former US Las Vegas show)
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an Egyptian Event US
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship show

Yearlings do not need to qualify for these shows.  
Only open halter classes will be considered.

A list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary **immediately** after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

**Affiliation fee:** € 5000,-

#### **Judging system: compulsory**

5 topics - 20 points. Half-points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of five judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of four members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

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#### European Championships

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses that are registered at birth in a WAHO recognised studbook of a European Country (as defined in Art. 3.2 of the Constitution of ECAHO), and

- breeder and owner (or lessee) must be person(s) with a European country nationality and a European country citizenship
- breeder and owner (or lessee) must be a company exclusively owned by person(s) with a European country nationality and a European country citizenship
- breeder and owner (or lessee) must be a Stud farm exclusively owned by person(s) with a European country nationality and a European country citizenship
- breeder and owner (or lessee) must be a Stud farm exclusively owned by a European country government (state stud)
- breeder does not need to be owner of the horse
- no co-ownership is allowed with a person without a European country nationality or a European country citizenship or a company or a Stud farm that is owned by a person or entity without a European nationality or a European country citizenship
- studbook registration of ownership or lease between a Non-European person or Breeding entity and a European person or Breeding entity, fulfilling the conditions mentioned above, must be at least 6 months before the date of the show.
- anybody entering a horse not fulfilling the entry conditions will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Qualification:** All horses except yearlings should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- **1st to 5th** place at an A, a GCAT show, B show or National Championship Show
- **1st to 5th** place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title, an A Show or a GCAT show
- **1st to 3rd** place at a C National, C International, European Show or EAHGC shows
- **1st to 2nd** place at Specific Origin Shows

Horses that at any time are or were registered in countries which are not Members of ECAHO may also qualify at other shows accepted by the EAHSC, such as:

- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or “TOP TEN” at the US Nationals
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place at the US Scottsdale Competition
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US “Regional” competitions
- 1st to 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup (former US Las Vegas show)
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an Egyptian Event US
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship show

Yearlings do not need to qualify for these shows.

Only open halter classes will be considered.

A list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary **immediately** after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

**Affiliation fee:** € 5000,-

#### **Judging system: compulsory**

5 topics - 20 points. Half points are allowed

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of five judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

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Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of four members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

**National Anthems:** In the case of the champions, the Owners National Anthem should be played.

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#### Middle East Championships

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized studbook of a Middle East or North African ECAHO Member Country by the closing date of entries.

**Qualification:** All horses except yearlings should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- **1st to 5th** place at an A, a GCAT show or B Show
- **1st to 5th** place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title, an A Show or a GCAT show
- **1st to 5th** place at a National Championship, C National, C International, European shows or EAHGC shows
- **1st and 2nd** place at Specific Origin Shows

Horses that have qualified in countries which are not Members of ECAHO must either qualify in an ECAHO affiliated show or may qualify at other shows accepted by the EAHSC, such as:

- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or “TOP TEN” at the US Nationals
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place at the US Scottsdale Competition
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US “Regional” competitions
- 1st to 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup (former US Las Vegas show)
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an Egyptian Event US
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Yearlings do not need to qualify for these shows.

Only open halter classes will be considered.

A list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary **immediately** after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

**Affiliation fee:** € 5000,-

#### **Judging system: compulsory**

5 topics - 20 points. Half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of five judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of four members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

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#### Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Arabian Horse Festival (PSAIAHF)

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized Studbook by the closing date of entries.

#### **Qualification:**

All horses except yearlings should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- Gold, Silver or Bronze medal winner or 1st place to 5th place in class at the World Championship, Title Show, an A show, a GCAT show, B International show or National Championship show.

- **1st to 5th** place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title show, an A Show or a GCAT show

Horses that have qualified before 2009 should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st Place to 5th Place in class at a “Title” Show, International “A” show, International “B” show or National Championship “N” show.

Horses registered in countries which are not Members of ECAHO must either qualify in an ECAHO affiliated show or may qualify at other shows accepted by the EAHSC, such as:

- Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 5th Place in class at: US National Championships, US Regional Championships, Scottsdale Show, Arabian Breeders World Cup (former Las Vegas Show), official National Championship show

No qualifications are necessary for Yearlings. Yearlings must be weaned and they may not be shown with less than 6 months of age.

Championships: Yearling males, Yearling females, Junior males, Junior females, Senior males and Senior females.

Classes: Age groups are determined by date of birth, the year starting on 1st January and ending on 31st December.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the total number of Entries per exhibitor and per class.

(Details will be specified in the Show Schedule).

A list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary **immediately** after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

**Affiliation fee:** € 5000,-

**Judging system:** compulsory

5 topics - 20 points. Half-points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Any divergence from this judging system must be clearly indicated in the show schedule.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of five judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34). Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of four members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

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#### Katara International Arabian Horse Festival (KIAHF)

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized Studbook by the closing date of entries.

**Qualification:** All horses should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- **1st to 5th** place at the World Championship, a Title, an A show, a GCAT show or B Show
- **1st to 5th** place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title, an A Show or a GCAT show
- **1st to 3rd** place at a National Championship, C International, European shows or EAHGC shows
- **1st** place at Specific Origin or C National shows

Horses that have qualified in countries which are not Members of ECAHO must either qualify in an ECAHO affiliated show or may qualify at other shows accepted by the EAHSC, such as:

- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or “Top 3” at the US Nationals
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a “Top 3” at the US Scottsdale Competition
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US “Regional” competitions
- 1st to 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup (former US Las Vegas show)
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an Egyptian Event US
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship show

Yearlings do not need to qualify for these shows.

Only open halter classes will be considered.

A list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary **immediately** after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

**Affiliation fee:** € 5000,-

#### **Judging system: compulsory**

5 topics - 20 points. Half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of five judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of four members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

Title shows that have had less than 70 horses shown and/or less than 10% foreign horses shown for two consecutive years may have their status withdrawn.

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**Abu Dhabi International Arabian Horse Championship**

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized Studbook by the closing date of entries.

**Qualification:** All horses (including Yearlings) should have qualification at any ECAHO affiliated shows in one of the following ways (qualifications must be achieved after 01/01/2022):

- **1st to 5th** place at World Championship or Title Shows
- **1st to 3rd** place at A Shows, GCAT shows or B International Shows
- **1st to 3rd** place at the National Championships or EAHGC shows
- **1st to 2nd** place at B National Shows, C National Shows, C International Shows, European Shows or Specific Origin Shows

Horses registered in countries which are not Members of ECAHO must either qualify in an ECAHO affiliated show or may qualify at other shows accepted by the EAHSC, such as:

- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or “TOP FIVE” at the US Nationals
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place at the US Scottsdale Competition
- 1st to 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup (former US Las Vegas show)
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US “Regional” competitions
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship show

The organizing committee reserves the right to limit the total number of entries per show.  
Only open halter classes will be considered.

A list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary **immediately** after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

**Affiliation fee:** € 5000,-

**Judging system: compulsory**

5 topics - 20 points. Half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of five judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of four members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

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Title shows that have had less than 70 horses shown and/or less than 10% foreign horses shown for two consecutive years may have their status withdrawn.

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#### A Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized studbook by the closing date of entries.

**Qualification:** Organizers may decide if they require qualification for participating horses; if they do, all horses except yearlings should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- **1st to 5th** place in the World Championship, a Title, an A show, a GCAT show or B show
- **1st to 5th** place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title show, and A show or a GCAT show
- **1st to 5th** place in a National Championship Show or
- **1st to 3rd** place in a C International, C National, European Shows or EAHGC shows
- **1st and 2nd** place at Specific Origin Shows

Yearlings do not need to qualify for these shows.

**Entry Restrictions:** None

If qualifications are required, a list of horses entered in the show must be sent to the Executive Secretary **immediately** after the closing date of entries, but no later than 7 days before the start of the Show, to check the qualifications of the horses.

**Affiliation fee:** € 3000,-

**Judging system: compulsory**

5 topics - 20 points. Half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of four judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of four members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be at least one Veterinarian (although two are recommended). One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all Champion Gold Medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

A shows that have had less than 70 horses shown and less than 10% foreign horses shown for two consecutive years may be changed to B Show by EAHSC. After two years the show organizer may again apply for A Show affiliation.

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#### B International Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized studbook by the closing date of entries.

#### Entry restrictions:

- World Championship, Title Show, A Show or GCAT Show Champion Gold and Silver medal winners are not allowed to take part in a B show for the rest of that calendar year and the **two** calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior **or** from junior to a senior category.
- 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.
- **Geldings** that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at the World Championship, a Title Show or an A show cannot be shown at B shows for the rest of that calendar year and **one** calendar year following.
- Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.
- Show organizers should consult with their National Association / Registry in case there are any additional restrictions.

**Affiliation fee:** € 550,-

#### Judging system: recommended

5 topics - 20 points or 5 topics – 10 points. Half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for head and for neck must be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for walk and for trot must be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of three judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of three members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be at least one Veterinarian although two are recommended. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of all Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for a ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

B shows that have had less than 50 horses shown and/or less than 10% foreign entries for two consecutive years may be changed to C International category by the EAHSC. After two years the show organizer may again apply for B Show affiliation.

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#### B National Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in the WAHO recognized studbook of the country in which the show is held, by the closing date of entries.

#### Entry restrictions:

- World Championship, Title Show, A Show or GCAT Show Champion Gold and Silver medal winners are not allowed to take part in a B show for the rest of that calendar year and the **two** calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior **or** from junior to a senior category.
- **Geldings** that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at the World Championship, a Title Show or an A show cannot be shown at B shows for the rest of that calendar year and **one** calendar year following.
- Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.
- Show organizers should consult with their National Association / Registry in case there are any additional restrictions.

**Affiliation fee:** € 550,-

#### Judging system: recommended

5 topics - 20 points or 5 topics – 10 points. Half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for head and for neck must be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for walk and for trot must be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** There shall be a minimum of three judges, of which the majority must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of three members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be at least one Veterinarian although two are recommended. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of all Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for an ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**A person** must be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.

B shows that have had less than 50 horses shown for two consecutive years may be changed to C National category by the EAHSC. After two years the show organizer may again apply for B Show affiliation.

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#### National Championship Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in the WAHO recognized studbook of the country in which the show is held. Any further conditions of entry may be added at the discretion of the National Association or Registry. These conditions must be clearly stated in the Show schedule and the catalogue.

**Entry restrictions:**

- The National Organisation may decide whether to impose any entry restrictions. These restrictions must be clearly stated in the Show schedule and the catalogue.

**Affiliation fee:** € 360,-

**Judging system:** Any judging system may be used, provided that it is indicated in detail in the schedule and the show catalogue. If a points system is used, half points are permitted, but not obligatory.

**Judges:** Judges must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges or National judges' list of the ECAHO Member organisation. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** There will be a minimum of three members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A, B and ECAHO approved National DC lists. Included in the Committee will be one Veterinarian. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. E.g. between 50-100 horses a minimum of 3 DCs, between 100-150 a minimum of 4 DCs.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of all Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for an ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

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#### C International Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized studbook by the closing date of entries.

#### Entry restrictions:

- World Championship, Title Show, A Show or GCAT Show Champion Gold and Silver medal winners are not allowed to take part in a C International show for the rest of that calendar year and the **two** calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior **or** from junior to a senior category.
- Gold medal winners in two B international or two C International or one B International and one 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.
- **Geldings** that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at the World Championship, a Title Show, an A show or GCAT show cannot be shown at C shows for the rest of that calendar year and **one** calendar year following.
- Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Affiliation fee:** € 215,-

**Judging system:** Any judging system may be used, provided that it is indicated in detail in the schedule and the show catalogue.

The English or Comparative judging system may be used, with one judge judging the horses by comparing and ranking them.

If a point system is used, the following system is recommended:

5 topics - 10 points, half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for head and for neck must be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for walk and for trot must be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** At least one judge must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of two members is required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the EAHSC lists of DC members, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. E.g. between 50 -100 horses a minimum of 3 DCs, between 100-150 a minimum of 4 DCs. If there are more than two DCs, the majority should be from the EAHSC lists of DCs. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of all Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for an ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

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#### European Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses that are registered at birth in a WAHO recognised studbook of a European Country (as defined in Art. 3.2 of the Constitution of ECAHO), and

- breeder and owner (or lessee) must be person(s) with a European country nationality and a European country citizenship
- breeder and owner (or lessee) must be a company exclusively owned by person(s) with a European country nationality and a European country citizenship
- breeder and owner (or lessee) must be a Stud farm exclusively owned by person(s) with a European country nationality and a European country citizenship
- breeder and owner (or lessee) must be a Stud farm exclusively owned by a European country government (state stud)
- breeder does not need to be owner of the horse
- no co-ownership is allowed with a person without a European country nationality or a European country citizenship or a company or a Stud farm that is owned by a person or entity without a European nationality or a European country citizenship
- studbook registration of ownership or lease between a Non-European person or Breeding entity and a European person or Breeding entity, fulfilling the conditions mentioned above, must be at least 6 months before the date of the show
- anybody entering a horse not fulfilling the entry conditions will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified

#### Entry restrictions:

- World Championship, Title Show, A Show or GCAT Show Champion Gold and Silver medal winners are not allowed to take part in a European show for the rest of that calendar year and the **two** calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior, **or** from junior to a senior category.
- 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.
- **Geldings** that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at the World Championship, a Title Show, an A show or GCAT show cannot be shown at C shows for the rest of that calendar year and **one** calendar year following.
- Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Affiliation fee:** € 215,-

**Judging system:** Any judging system may be used, provided that it is indicated in detail in the schedule and the show catalogue.

The English or Comparative judging system may be used, with one judge judging the horses by comparing and ranking them.

If a point system is used, the following system is recommended:

5 topics - 10 points, half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for head and for neck must be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for walk and for trot must be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** At least one judge must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

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Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of two members is required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the EAHSC lists of DC members, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. E.g. between 50 -100 horses a minimum of 3 DCs, between 100-150 a minimum of 4 DCs . If there are more than two DCs, the majority should be from the EAHSC lists of DCs. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of all Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for an ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

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#### Emirates Arabian Horse Global Cup (EAHGC)

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses that are registered at birth in a WAHO recognized studbook of a continent (or geographical area) where the particular show is organized.

- breeder and owner must be person(s) with a nationality and a citizenship of one of the countries of the continent or geographical area where the particular show is organized
- breeder and owner must be a company exclusively owned by person(s) with a nationality and a citizenship of one of the countries of the continent or geographical area where the particular show is organized
- breeder and owner must be a Stud farm exclusively owned by person(s) with a nationality and a citizenship of one of the countries of the continent or geographical area where the particular show is organized
- breeder and owner must be a Stud farm exclusively owned by a government (state stud) of one of the countries of the continent or geographical area where the particular show is organized
- breeder does not need to be the owner of the horse
- no co-ownership is allowed except the immediate family members
- entries of leased horses will not be accepted
- studbook registration of ownership must be at least 6 months before the date of the show

#### Entry restrictions:

- owners, who produce more than 15 foals a year (during the three years prior to the show), are not allowed to enter their horses in the show. A declaration, confirming the number of foals produced (bred) and registered during the last three years, must be signed by the horse owner and sent together with the entry form
- individual horses are allowed to participate only at one of the EAHGC show per season, except the EAHGC Final
- World Championship, Title Show, A Show or GCAT Champion Gold and Silver medal winners (or winners of similar category of show in the region/continent) are not allowed to take part in any of the EAHGC shows for the rest of that calendar year and the two calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior or from junior to a senior category.
- anybody entering a horse which is not fulfilling entry conditions/restrictions or an overqualified horse, will be liable to a fine of €600. The horse will be disqualified and will not be eligible for any prize money rewards

**Affiliation fee & contribution from the prize money:** € 15000,-

#### Judging system: compulsory

5 topics - 10 points. Half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-10 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck will be judged as individual criteria. Points for head and for neck will be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot will be judged as individual criteria. Points for walk and for trot will be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** At least one judge must be chosen from the ECAHO A and B list of judges. Those judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation and has to be familiar with ECAHO points system. Any judge who is not on the ECAHO list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO A or B list of judges. The list of judges for any EAHGC show should be accepted by EAHGC Committee.

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of two members are required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the ECAHO lists of DC members, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. One member from the ECAHO lists of DC

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members shall be appointed Chairman.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of all Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for an ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control.

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#### C National Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in the WAHO recognized studbook of the country in which the show is held, by the closing date of entries.

#### Entry restrictions:

- World Championship, Title Show, A Show or GCAT Show Champion Gold and Silver winners are not allowed to take part in a C National show for the rest of that calendar year and the **two** calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior **or** from junior to a senior category.
- **Geldings** that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at the World Championship, a Title Show, an A show or GCAT show cannot be shown at C shows for the rest of that calendar year and **one** calendar year following.
- Show organizers should consult with their National Association / Registry in case there are any additional restrictions.
- Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Affiliation fee:** € 215,-

**Judging system:** Any judging system may be used, provided that it is indicated in detail in the schedule and the show catalogue.

The English or Comparative judging system may be used, with one judge judging the horses by comparing and ranking them.

If a point system is used, the following system is recommended:

5 topics - 10 points, half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) bod, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for head and for neck must be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for walk and for trot must be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** Judges must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges or National judges' list of an ECAHO Member organisation. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of two members is required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the EAHSC A, B and ECAHO approved National DC lists. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. E.g. between 50 -100 horses a minimum of 3 DCs, between 100-150 a minimum of 4 DCs. If there are more than two DCs, the majority should be from the EAHSC lists of DCs. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of four Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for an ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

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#### Specific Origin Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized studbook by the closing date of entries, however, these shows are open only to horses of specific origin (e.g. Straight Egyptian, Egyptian related, Desert bred, Pure Polish, Pure Russian, Crabbet, Pure Spanish, etc.) as defined by the show Organiser in the Show Schedule.

The Show Organizers (Or National Association) are responsible for defining the criteria of the Specific origin, which must be made clear in the Show Schedule. The Show Organizers are responsible for confirming the eligibility of the entries.

#### Entry restrictions:

- World Championship, Title Show, A Show or GCAT Show Champion Gold and Silver medal winners are not allowed to take part in a Specific Origin show for the rest of that calendar year and the **two** calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior **or** from junior to a senior category.
- **Geldings** that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at the World Championship, a Title Show, an A show or GCAT show cannot be shown at S shows for the rest of that calendar year and **one** calendar year following.
- Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Affiliation fee:** € 215,-

**Judging system:** Any judging system may be used, provided that it is indicated in detail in the schedule and the show catalogue. The English or Comparative judging system may be used, with one judge judging the horses by comparing and ranking them.

If a point system is used, the following system is recommended:

5 topics - 10 points, half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for head and for neck must be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for walk and for trot must be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** At least one judge must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of two members is required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the EAHSC lists of DC members, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. E.g. between 50 -100 horses a minimum of 3 DCs, between 100-150 a minimum of 4 DCs. If there are more than two DCs, the majority should be from the EAHSC lists of DCs. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of all Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for an ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**Qualification:** horses placed 1st and 2nd in each class of this show category are qualified for A and Title shows.

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#### ECAHO Breeders' Show

**Conditions of Entry:** Conditions of Entry: Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized studbook by the closing date of entries. The organizers may set their own conditions of entry or further restrictions. The conditions must indicate that the concept of the show is to encourage the breeding of Arabian horses.

#### Entry restrictions:

- World Championship, Title Show, A Show or GCAT Show Champion Gold and Silver medal winners are not allowed to take part in a Breeders' show for the rest of that calendar year and the **two** calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior **or** from junior to a senior category.
- **Geldings** that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at the World Championship, a Title Show, an A show or GCAT show cannot be shown at Breeders' shows for the rest of that calendar year and **one** calendar year following.
- Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Affiliation fee:** € 215,-

**Judging system:** Any judging system may be used, provided that it is indicated in detail in the schedule and the show catalogue.

If a point system is used, the following system is recommended:

5 topics - 10 points, half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for head and for neck must be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for walk and for trot must be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** There must be a minimum of 2 judges. These Judges may be **Breeders** selected from the EAHSC A and B list of judges or National judges' list of an ECAHO Member organisation or from among Breeders who are not on the ECAHO Judges lists or on the Judges' list of any National organization. A **Breeder** is anybody who has bred, as owner or Stud manager, at least one Arabian foal each year for the three years prior to the year of the show. Trainers and Handlers are not allowed to judge.

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of two members is required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the EAHSC lists of DC members, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. E.g. between 50 -100 horses a minimum of 3 DCs, between 100-150 a minimum of 4 DCs. If there are more than two DCs, the majority should be from the EAHSC lists of DCs. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

**Medication Control:** Medication testing of all Gold Medal winners is not compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC. The organizers of the show should arrange for an ECAHO approved sampling vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (page 56).

**Qualification:** Horses participating in a Breeders' shows do not qualify for the World Championship, Title shows, A shows or GCAT shows.

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**D Regional Shows**

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognized studbook of the country in which the show is held by the closing date of entries.

**Entry restrictions:**

- To be decided by the National Association of the country in which the show is to be held. All entry restrictions must be clearly stated in the schedule and the show catalogue.
- Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Affiliation fee:** € 100,-

**Judging system:** Any judging system may be used, provided that it is indicated in detail in the schedule and the show catalogue.

The English or Comparative judging system may be used, with one judge judging the horses by comparing and ranking them.

If a point system is used, the following system is recommended:

5 topics - 10 points, half points are allowed.

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Head and neck can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for head and for neck must be averaged to give one score for b) head & neck.

Walk and trot can be judged as individual criteria. In such case points for walk and for trot must be averaged to give one score for e) movement.

**Judges:** Judges must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges or National judges' list of an ECAHO Member organisation. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of one member is required, to be chosen from the EAHSC lists of DC member, and being able to speak the local language. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. E.g. between 50 - 100 horses a minimum of 3 DCs, between 100-150 a minimum of 4 DCs. If there are more than two DCs, the majority should be from the EAHSC list of DCs. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

D Shows are to be held preferably over one day.

**Qualification:** Horses participating in a D show do not qualify for the World Championship, Title shows, A shows or GCAT shows.

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#### Amateur Classes/ Shows

Amateur classes may be held at any show affiliated to EAHSC or the whole show may be a dedicated Amateur Show. Classes must be of the categories recognised by EAHSC.

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in any WAHO recognised stud book by the closing date of entries.

#### Entry Restrictions:

- World Championship, Title Show, A Show, GCAT Show, B Show or C International Show Gold, Silver and Bronze winners are not allowed to take part in an Amateur Show for the rest of that calendar year and **two** calendar years following, unless the horse has passed from a yearling to junior **or** from junior to a senior category.
- **Geldings** that have won Champion Gold or Silver medals at the World Championship, a Title Show, an A show **or** GCAT show cannot be shown at Amateur shows/classes for the rest of that calendar year and **one** calendar year following.
- The Handler of the horse must not have been paid for showing, training or producing any horse for a third party. This includes any remuneration either as employment, casual showing, or any in-kind benefits whatsoever.
- Horse not to have resided on a professional yard on show or training livery in the current year.
- Horse not to have been shown by a professional handler in the current year.
- Horse not to have received regular training from a professional in the current year.
- Overqualified horses or handlers taking part in a class will be disqualified and liable to pay a fine of €300.
- National organizations can use and/or add their own rules and restrictions as appropriate.

**Affiliation fee:** None

**Judging system:** Any judging system may be used provided that it is indicated in detail in the schedule and the show catalogue.

The Comparative judging system may be used, with one judge judging the horses by comparing and ranking them.

If a point system is used, the following system is recommended:

7 topics – 10 points

Each judge gives 1-20 points for the following criteria:

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body, d) legs, e) movement.

Points for b) head and c) neck must be averaged to give one score for head and neck.

Points for f) walk and g) trot must be averaged to give one score for movement.

Full points are recommended.

**Judges:** Judges must be chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges or National judges' list of an ECAHO Member organisation. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country must be selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must produce a signed and validated Contract for judges not listed on ECAHO EAHSC A or B list of judges. (see page 34).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of one member is required, to be chosen from the EAHSC lists of members of the Disciplinary Committee and being able to speak the local language. If, based on previous years' entries, the show Organizer expects a large number of entries, the number of DCs present must be increased proportionately. E.g. between 50 -100 horses a minimum of 3 DCs, between 100-150 a minimum of 4 DCs. If there are more than two DCs, the majority should be from the EAHSC list of DCs. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed Chairman.

**Ringmaster:** At shows with more than 100 entries two Ringmasters are recommended.

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**Qualification:** Horses participating in an Amateur show do not qualify for the World Championship, Title shows, A shows or GCAT shows

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1. Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation (Full Member of ECAHO) which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. If rejected, the reason for the rejection must be given. Each show organizer must accept without restriction the statutes, regulations and jurisdiction of ECAHO. If a show is disaffiliated for any infringement of these rules no affiliation fees or associated costs will be refunded or waived.
2. EAHSC will decide on affiliation of the show if the conditions laid down in these rules are met. EAHSC may, at its discretion, affiliate a show even if not all the conditions are met, giving the organizer a time limit within which the unfulfilled conditions will have to be complied with. If after that time limit the condition is still not met, disaffiliation of the show may follow in which case no affiliation fees or associated costs will be refunded.

The 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).

3. Affiliation fees are payable to ECAHO not later than 30 days after the receipt of the invoice. If after that time limit the affiliation fee has not been received, EAHSC may refuse affiliation or disaffiliate the show.
4. For Breeders' shows, Specific Origin shows, B shows and higher categories, show organisers will send a draft of the show schedule to the Executive Secretary of ECAHO for approval by EAHSC at least three months prior to the show. The draft of the show schedule for National Championships, C shows (national, international and European) and D shows should be sent to the National Association for approval at least three months prior to the show and before the schedule is made public.
5. The approved show schedule shall be published with the public announcement that a show is being organised. Once it has been published, the approved schedule will be posted on the ECAHO website. After its publication, it may not be changed by the show organiser without prior notice to the exhibitors and to EAHSC.

The show schedule shall contain the following information:

- a) Conditions of Entry
- b) The qualifications and restrictions for the entry of horses.
- c) Indication that the "*Rules for Conduct of Shows*" and "*Rules for Conduct of ECAHO Sport Competitions*" (if applicable) will be applied in their entirety. Copies of the rules must be included, in full, in the show schedule.
- d) *In the show catalogue, the rules must be either i) printed in full or, ii) the official ECAHO approved QR code inserted.*

*Only ECAHO approved QR codes are allowed as they guarantee the latest version of the regulations and usage statistics. These QR codes can be downloaded from the ECAHO website.*



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- e) In the event that prize money is to be awarded, the total amounts as well as their distribution must be published in the schedule.  
Where the total value of prizes at any show exceeds €5,000, there will be no fee charged on the first €5,000 but 3% of the value of all prizes above €5,000 will be submitted to ECAHO as a fee.  
The value of free breedings awarded as prizes at the shows will not be included in the total value of prizes and no 3 % contribution will be deducted.
- f) The judging system to be used, including the rules for ties and the rules for championships. Any variation on the usual judging systems or rules for championships must be clearly stated.
- g) The judges, who may not be changed without prior notice to the exhibitors (except in the event of a judge's illness or accident occurring too late for this to be done).
- h) The members of the Disciplinary Committee and Ringmaster(s).
- i) For World Championship, Title, A, GCAT show and B Shows, a person has to be indicated who is responsible for the correct handling and announcement of the points given by each judge.
- j) A statement of the age group definition, as follows:  
Foals – horses born in the current calendar year,  
Yearlings - horses born in the calendar year before the current year,  
Two-year-olds - horses born in the calendar before the one indicated for the yearlings,  
Three-year-olds - horses born in in the calendar before the one indicated for the two-year-olds.  
For shows held in the Middle East, the age of entries may be determined according to the year starting on October 1st of the previous calendar year and ending on September 30th of the current calendar year.
- k) Rules for foal classes (where applicable)
6. Any judge who is not listed in the ECAHO A-, B- list must produce a signed and ECAHO validated contract for National-, Guest or Breeders' show judges; the show organisers shall be responsible for this. The Contract is available for download at [www.ecafo.org](http://www.ecafo.org) (Download section). The Contract must be signed by the judge and sent to the Exec. Sec. of ECAHO at least 3 months prior to the show.
- i) Judges from ECAHO Member countries listed on National Judges' panel are only allowed to judge at "Amateur", "D Regional", "Breeders'", "C National", "C International", "European", "Specific Origin" shows and "National Championships".
- ii) Judges from non-ECAHO Member countries must be on the judges' panel of their National Arab Horse Organisation.
- iii) Professional trainers/handlers are not allowed to judge any ECAHO shows.
- iv) Non-ECAHO judges not listed on the National lists of ECAHO Member Organisations (students) may participate as trainees at the following ECAHO show categories: Amateur, D, C National, European, C International, Specific Origin, National Championships. Approval from the National organization and the Show organizer is needed.
7. The entry form, together with the show schedule is a contract between the show organiser and the person who signs the entry form. That person will be held responsible for the horse in case any sanctions are imposed. The entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the identification document of the person who signs it.
8. Show organisers using entry forms other than the official EAHSC entry forms, will send the draft of their entry form to the Executive Secretary of ECAHO, for approval by EAHSC together with the show schedule. Entry forms other than the official EAHSC entry forms must contain at least the same information. The entry form should contain a space for the billing address as well as for show results of the horse that may be relevant for its entitlement to participate, to be completed by the responsible person. The entry form should also contain the information that horses must be accompanied at the show by a horse passport to facilitate verifying the identity of the horse. Those horses coming from a country which does not issue a passport must be accompanied by an official Registration document which includes a graphic description.

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A description of the show ground and facilities will be sent to the ECAHO Executive Secretary for easy verification by the EAHSC.

**Requirements after the Show**

9. The show organizer will communicate the results of the show immediately after the show to the EAHSC (p/o ECAHO Executive Secretary) in one of the following ways:
  - Using any scoring system that is compatible with the ECAHO online database through JSON format.
  - Using the compatible, stand-alone direct scoring system available supported and approved by ECAHO against a fixed fee.

In any case, a printout of the show results as well as the show catalogue and show the schedule have to be sent to the Executive Secretary by e-mail or normal mail within one month after the show. A list of all Officials (DCs, Judges, Ringmaster and any probationers) present at the show must be sent to the ECAHO Office together with the results.

10. Failure to comply with article 9 above may lead to a penalty equivalent to the amount of the affiliation fee of the show concerned.
11. The DC will write a report on the show. It will be sent to the EAHSC (p/o ECAHO Executive Secretary) as soon as possible, but not later than one week after the show. It should contain a general description of events of the show, as well as detailed reports on any complaints having been made. It may also contain criticism on any element regarding the show as well as suggestions for improvement.