

**European Arab Horse Show Commission**  
**Blue Book 2010**  
**Rules for Affiliation of Shows**



**The Pyramid of ECAHO affiliated shows**



<b>Show Category</b>	<b>Procedures for Approval of Shows</b>
D	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation which has the right to approve or reject the show.
C national	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation which has the right to approve or reject the show.
C international	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation which has the right to approve or reject the show. If approved, the National Organisation will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval. The organiser must have previously successfully organised (i.e. applied all ECAHO rules) at least one C national show.
National Championships	Only one National Championship per country per year shall be approved. The National Organisation of each country shall nominate the organiser. The show is subject to the approval of the EAHSC.
B	Each show organiser shall make a written application to his National Organisation which has the right to approve or reject the show. The organiser shall have previously successfully organised (i.e. applied all ECAHO rules) two C international shows. The National Organisation shall give its opinion; if favourable, it will forward the application to the EAHSC for approval.
A	In Europe, only five A shows shall be approved, according to their geographic distribution (North, South, East, West, UK). We could accept five A shows outside of Europe (incl. Doha and Sharjah). Any new A show shall only be approved in replacement of another A show which could no longer comply with ECAHO conditions as established under "Rules for Affiliations of A shows". In replacement we must keep geographic respect. The title of A Show shall only be given to a B show of very high standard, having successfully proven its organisational capacities and application of ECAHO rules over at least five consecutive years. Application for A shows must be passed by the National Organisation of the country concerned, but the final decision belongs to the EAHSC.
Title Show	Only five Title shows shall be approved within ECAHO Full Member Countries and only the EAHSC can decide upon a new application from a Member Country. The number of Title shows shall remain limited: 3 in Europe, 2 in Middle Eastern countries, in order to maintain the value of these events. A new Title show shall only be approved in replacement of another Title show which could no longer maintain the standard as required for such an event. Title shows that have had less than 70 horses shown and/or less than 30 % foreign horses shown for two consecutive years may not get the approval for the future.

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#### 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 by the date of the show.

#### Foal Classes

1. Foal classes are recognized by EAHSC.
2. Foal classes are forbidden in Title Shows and A Shows. No foal classes or presentations that are independent of any ECAHO affiliated show shall be held at the same venue to coincide with a Title or A Show, either immediately before, during or after such show. Any show disregarding this rule, may lose its title.

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 one month at the date of the show, and must be shown at foot (with the dam) up to 6 months of age.
- d) The use of metal halters and halters with metal chains is forbidden.
- e) A comparative judging system is recommended.
- h) All the rules pertaining to foal classes must be clearly indicated in the schedule and the catalogue.

#### Championship Titles

The Championships have been modified so that there will now be three prize winners in each category (Junior Males, Junior Females, Senior Males or Senior Females):

*Champion Gold Medal*

*Silver Medal*

*Bronze Medal*

This must be clearly explained in the Schedule and the Show catalogue. (see Rules for Championships, page 20)

#### Top Five System

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

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

- eg:
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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 (Junior Males, Junior Females, Senior Males or Senior Females) 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 to form the Top Five, together with the three medal winners.

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## World Championship Show and All Nations Cup

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

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

- a title of Champion Gold medal or Silver medal winner in a class C Show or a 1st place for yearlings.
- a 1st to 3rd place at an A, B, or National Championship Show.

Horses born or registered outside ECAHO Member Countries must either qualify in an EAHSC 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
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship show.

**Affiliation fee:** € 600,-

### 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 & topline, 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. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of four members, including two veterinarians, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English, is required. One member shall be appointed Chairman, who has to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all four Champions is compulsory. Further horses may be tested at the discretion of the DC or judges (see Rules for Medication Control). Medication test results to be sent by the laboratory, directly to the Executive Secretary of ECAHO (show section).

**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 studbook of a European Member Country of ECAHO (as defined in Art. 3.2 of the Constitution of ECAHO), and in any WAHO recognized studbook by the closing date of entries.

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

- 1st to 5th place in an A or B show or
- 1st to 5th place in a National Championship Show or
- 1st to 3rd place in a C International Show or
- 1st place in a C National Show.

**Affiliation fee:** € 600,-

#### **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 & topline, 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. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of four members, including two veterinarians, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English, is required. One member shall be appointed Chairman, who has to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all four Champions is compulsory. Further horses may be tested at the discretion of the DC or judges (see Rules for Medication Control). Medication test results to be sent by the laboratory, directly to the Executive Secretary of ECAHO (show section).

**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 four champions, the Breeders 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:** Horses should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- 1st to 5th place in an A or B show or
- 1st to 5th place in a National Championship Show or
- 1st to 3rd place in a C International Show or
- 1st place in a C National Show.

**Affiliation fee:** € 600,-

**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 & topline, 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. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of four members, including two veterinarians, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English, is required. One member shall be appointed Chairman, who has to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all four Champions is compulsory. Further horses may be tested at the discretion of the DC or judges (see Rules for Medication Control) Medication test results to be sent by the laboratory, directly to the Executive Secretary of ECAHO (show section).

**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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## Dubai Gulf Championships

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

**Qualification:** Horses should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways (except for yearling classes):

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place in an A or B show or
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place in a National Championship Show or
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a C International Show or
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a C National Show.

Horses born or registered outside ECAHO Member Countries must either qualify in an EAHSC 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 1<sup>st</sup> place at the US Scottsdale Competition
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US "Regional" competitions
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in an official National Championship show.

**Affiliation fee:** € 600,-

**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 & topline, 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. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of four members, including two veterinarians, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English, is required. One member shall be appointed Chairman, who has to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all four Champions is compulsory. Further horses may be tested at the discretion of the DC or judges (see Rules for Medication Control) Medication test results to be sent by the laboratory, directly to the Executive Secretary of ECAHO (show section).

**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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## 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, horses must have qualified at an affiliated ECAHO Show in one of the following ways:

- 1st to 5th place in an A or B show or
- 1st to 5th place in a National Championship Show or
- in a C International or C National Show:
  - 1st place in a class of three horses
  - 1st and 2nd place in a class of four to five
  - 1st to 3rd place in a class of six or more horses.

**Entry Restrictions:** None

**Affiliation fee:** € 600,-

### 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 & topline, 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. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of four members is required, including at least one veterinarian, although two are recommended. At least one member should be able to speak the local language as well as English. One member shall be appointed Chairman, who has to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee.

**Medication control:** The medication testing of all four Champions is compulsory. Further horses may be tested at the discretion of the DC or judges (see Rules for Medication Control) Medication test results to be sent by the laboratory, directly to the Executive Secretary of ECAHO (show section).

**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/or 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 Shows

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

**Entry restrictions:** Title Show and A Show Champion Gold medal winners are not allowed to take part in a B show for the rest of that calendar year and the calendar year following, unless the horse has passed from a junior to a senior category. Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Affiliation fee:** € 460,-

### **Judging system: compulsory**

5 topics - 20 points. Half points are allowed.

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

type, b) head & neck, c) body & topline, d) legs, 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. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of three members is required, including at least one veterinarian, although two are recommended. At least one member should be able to speak the local language as well as English. One member shall be appointed Chairman, who has to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee.

**Medication Control:** The organizers of the show must arrange for a FEI testing vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out.

**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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## National Championship Shows

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in the studbook of the country in which the show is held. The conditions of entry are left to the National Association or Registry. These conditions must be clearly stated in the Show schedule and the catalogue.

**Entry restrictions:** The show organizer may decide whether to impose any entry restrictions. These restrictions must be clearly stated in the Show schedule and the catalogue.

**Affiliation fee:** € 300,-

**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 to be used, only full points are allowed.

**Judges:** Judges must be selected from the EAHSC A and B lists of judges or from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organization. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of three members is required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committees; the other may be chosen from the organizing country's national lists of Disciplinary Committees.

**Medication Control:** The organizers of the show should arrange for a FEI testing vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out.

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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:** Title Show and A Show Champion Gold 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 junior to a senior category. Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of €600 and the horse will be disqualified.

**Affiliation fee:** € 180,-

**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

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

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

**Judges:** Judges must be selected from the EAHSC A and B lists of judges or from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organization. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of two members is required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee, at least one member being able to speak the local language as well as English.

**Medication Control:** The organizers of the show should arrange for a FEI testing vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out.

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### **C National Shows**

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

**Entry restrictions:** Title Show and A Show Champion Gold medal 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 junior to a senior category.

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:** € 180,-

**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

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

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

**Judges:** Judges must be selected from the EAHSC A and B lists of judges or from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organization. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of two members is required, including one veterinarian and one to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee.

**Medication Control:** The organizers of the show should arrange for a FEI testing vet to be available, in case the Disciplinary Committee should request that a drug test be carried out.

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### **D Regional Shows**

**Conditions of Entry:** Open to horses registered in the ECAHO member 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:** € 90,-

**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

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

- a) type, b) head & neck, c) body & topline, d) legs, e) movement. Only full points are allowed.

**Judges:** Judges must be selected from the EAHSC A and B lists of judges or from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organization. Any judge who is not on the EAHSC list of judges must apply for a guest license (see page 14).

**Disciplinary Committee:** A minimum of one member is required, to be chosen from the EAHSC list of members of the Disciplinary Committee and being able to speak the local language.

D Shows are to be held preferably over one day.

Horses participating in D shows do not qualify for Title shows or A shows.

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1. Persons or groups of persons (the show organizer) wishing to organise a show under the rules of the EAHSC may apply for affiliation of their show with the EAHSC, subject to approval of the relevant national organization of the country in which the show will be organised.
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.
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 B shows and higher categories, show organisers will send the written acceptance of the organisation of a show of the indicated category by the relevant national organization of the country in which the show will be organised, as well as a draft of the show schedule, to the Executive Secretary of ECAHO (show section) for approval by EAHSC at least three months prior to the show. The draft of the show schedule for National Championships, C shows and D shows should be sent to the National Association for approval at least three months prior to the show.
5. The approved show schedule shall be published with the public announcement that a show will be organised. 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) An indication that the "Rules for Conduct of Shows" will be applied in their entirety. Copies of the rules must be enclosed with the show schedule and must be printed in the catalogue.
  - d) In the event that prize money is to be awarded, the total amounts as well as their distribution must be published in the schedule.  
In all shows where prize money is awarded and the total prize value is € 5.000 or more, 3 % of the value of all prizes (above the € 5.000 total) is to be submitted to ECAHO as a fee.
  - e) 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.
  - f) 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). Any judge who is not listed in the ECAHO A or B list of judges must apply for a guest license from ECAHO; the show organisers shall be responsible for this. Application forms are available for download at [www.ECAHO.org](http://www.ECAHO.org) (download office). This form to be signed by the judge and sent to the Exec. Sec. (Show Section) of ECAHO at least 3 months prior to the show.
  - g) The members of the Disciplinary Committee.
  - h) For Title, A 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.
  - i) 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 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.

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6. 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 (show section), for approval by EAHSC together with the show schedule. The entry form is a contract between the show organiser and the person who signs it. That person will be held responsible for the horse in case any sanctions have to be imposed. 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.

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

### Requirements after the Show

7. The show organizer will communicate the results of the show immediately after the show to the EAHSC (p/o ECAHO Executive Secretary (show section)) in one of the following ways:
  - using the ECAHO Show Software (available for download from [www.ECAHO.org](http://www.ECAHO.org), "Online Office"), by sending the file called "horses.mdb" by e-mail to the Executive Secretary (show section).
  - using their own software by sending the results as Word.doc or Excel.xls file by e-mail to the Executive Secretary (show section).
  - using any other system, the results should be sent by fax to the Executive Secretary (show section).

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 (show section) by normal mail within one month after show.
8. Failure to comply with article 7 above may lead to a penalty equivalent to the amount of the affiliation fee of the show concerned.
9. The DC will write a report on the show. It will be sent to the EAHSC (p/o ECAHO Executive Secretary (show section)) 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.