



4th SOPOT Arabian Horse Show

22nd-23rd JULY 2023

ECAHO Breeders' Show

Closing date of Entry: **6th July 2023**

Venue: **HIPODROM SOPOT Sp. z o.o.**

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Ring steward: Gerard Oben (Belgium)
Judges: Marianne Tengstedt (Denmark),
Janice McCrea (USA),
Mohamed Zaghoul Omar (Egypt),
Chris Lowe (UK),
Elisa Grassi (Italy)
& James Swaenepoel (Belgium) as probationary judge

Announcer: Mirosław Kołodziej (Poland)
Music: Alizée Huet (France)
Scorer: Wiesław Pawłowski (Poland)

Livestream: Arabian Essence (Italy)
Photographer: Ricard Cunill (Spain)

Entry Fee: PLN 350
Stable Fee (straw): PLN 400

**Entries not accompanied by entry fees will not be accepted.
The fee should be paid to the following account:**

Beneficiary: Hipodrom Sopot sp. z.o.o.
Bank: PKO Bank Polski SA o/POB
PLN: 73 1440 1101 0000 0000 1146 9353
EUR: PL 54 1440 1101 0000 0000 1268 9567 (SWIFT – BPKOPLPW)

All entries must be filled out legibly and completely.
All entries must be accompanied by a copy of the passport.

Stable reservations are to be made along with the entries and will only be accepted upon receipt of 400 PLN (including 1x bedding with straw) per stable. Entry fees and stable money will not be reimbursed after the closing date. Additional bedding and hay may be purchased on the showground. Equipment must be brought.

Conditions – Breeders’ Show

Conditions of Entry:

Open to horses registered in any studbook recognized by WAHO by the closing date of entries. All entered horses must have their vaccinations up to date in accordance with the ECAHO Blue Book.

Entry restrictions

‘Title Show’ or ‘A Show’ champions that are 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 the yearling to junior OR junior to senior category. Anybody entering an overqualified horse will be liable to a fine of EUR 600 and their horse will be disqualified.

Judging system

Four out of five judges in a rotation system will judge each class independently of each other and without access to the show catalogue, giving 1-20 points (half points are allowed) for the following criteria:

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1. type
 2. head and neck – judges give two notes, one for head (2a) and one for neck (2b), divided by 2
 3. body and topline
 4. legs – judges give two notes, one for front legs (4a) and one for hind legs (4b), divided by 2
 5. movement

Rules for Ties in Qualifying Places

In the event of a tie in the qualifying places of a class, the higher place will be given to the horse with the most points for type. If there is still a tie, the higher place will be given to the horse with the most points for movement. Failing a decision on either of these, one judge chosen by ballot will name his preference.

Classes and Championships

The following championship finals are scheduled:

- CM1** – Yearling Female Championship
- CM2** – Junior Female Championship
- CM3** – Senior Female Championship
- CM4** – Yearling Male Championship
- CM5** – Junior Male Championship
- CM6** – Senior Male Championship
- CM7** – Gelding Championship
- CM8** – Bogdan Maślanka Amateur Championship

In each age-group (with the exception of CM7 and CM8), the horses will be divided into 2 equal classes A & B according to their age. Qualifying classes are scheduled for each championship, as follows:

- For **CM1**:
Class 1A & 1B – Yearling Fillies aged 1 year (born in 2022)
- For **CM2**:
Class 2A & 2B – Junior Fillies aged 2 to 3 years (born in 2020 & 2021)
- For **CM3**:
Class 3A & 3B – Senior Mares aged 4 years and over (born in 2019 & before)
- For **CM4**:
Class 4A & 4B: Yearling Colts aged 1 year (born in 2022)
- For **CM5**:
Class 5A & 5B: Junior Colts aged 2 to 3 years (born in 2020 & 2021)
- For **CM6**:
Class 6A & 6B: Senior Stallions aged 4 years and over (born in 2019 & before)
- For **CM7**:
Class 7 – one class for geldings, young to old
- For **CM8**:
Class 8 – one class for presenters-amateurs, horses from young to old

The Yearling Fillies and Colts classes will be held subject to the condition that a minimum of 14 horses are registered in each category (Fillies & Colts). Otherwise, the championship finals **CM1/CM4** will not be held, and the horses registered in the Yearling classes will join the classes scheduled for the Junior Championships **CM2/CM5**.

In the Gelding Championship, the horses will receive prize money in the amount of EUR 5,000 to be divided amongst **CM7** participants.

Entries to the Bogdan Maślanka Amateur Championship will be accepted until 6:00 pm (18:00) on Saturday, 22nd July 2023, and the championship is open to any and all amateurs wishing to present a horse. The **CM8** part of the show will be judged by four judges and supervised personally by Bogdan Maślanka. The judges will evaluate the horse's presentation and the relationship between the presenter and the horse being shown – criteria divided equally: 50%. Prizes are for participants only, and all participants will receive prizes. Only non-professional presenters, i.e., people who have never shown horses professionally, may participate in this championship.

Participants who come specifically to the show for the **CM8** part of the show are to follow the same rules as CM1-CM7 participants in terms of entries and payments. Amateurs who will show horses previously presented at the show

do not have to pay additional fees to participate in the championship. Only horses that did not qualify for **CM1-CM6** can be presented once again by amateurs – horses that qualified for the championships in their respective age groups are not eligible for the amateur class.

After each class, the horse with the highest score, both European-bred and European-owned, will be awarded a special prize for the highest scoring European horse in class. Both the breeder and owner of such a horse must be the same person or entity. This award is independent from class top 5 ranking.

[None of the classes in this Breeders' Show are qualifiers for A and/or Title Shows.](#)

Rules for Championships

Open method

The Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners will be selected from amongst all the horses to have qualified in their respective classes for each championship. The first-, second- and third-placed horse in each class will qualify for the championship.

All horses participating in the championship will be judged as follows:

- All the horses qualified for the championship will enter the ring and line up according to the numerical order of their catalogue numbers.
- The horses will be judged individually, trotting, walking, and standing.
- Each judge will nominate their choice for gold, silver, and bronze medal together at the same time, from amongst all the horses qualified for the given championship.

Points will be given to the nominated horses as follows:

- The horse nominated by a judge for Gold Medal will receive 4 points.
- The horse nominated by a judge for Silver Medal will receive 2 points.
- The horse nominated by a judge for Bronze Medal will receive 1 point.

The Gold medal will be awarded to the horse with the most votes for Gold Medal Champion. In case of an equal number of votes for Gold Medal Champion, the Gold Medal will be awarded to the horse with the higher number of championships points.

From the remaining horses:

The Silver medal will be awarded to the horse with the 2nd highest number of championship points.

The Bronze medal will be awarded to the horse with the 3rd highest number of championship points.

In the case of a tie, the Rules for Ties in championships will be followed. The judges will not discuss the horses.

A fourth horse will be selected, which will become the Bronze medal winner should one of the three medal winners be disqualified. If this exhibit is not apparent from the voting papers, the judges will be asked to nominate one. This horse will not be announced. In the event that two or more of the medal winners are disqualified, no further substitution will be made.

Out of the six horses that won championship titles (yearling, junior, and senior champions), the judges will independently select the horse to be awarded the Best in Show title. The judges will not discuss the horses.

Furthermore, the horse with the highest score, both Polish-bred and Polish-owned, will be awarded the special prize for Best Polish Horse. The horse's breeder and owner do not have to be the same person or entity. The award is sponsored by the Polish Association of Arabian Horse Breeders.

A joint panel of judges, members of the disciplinary committee, and the ringmaster will vote for the Best Handler. The handler with the majority of votes will be awarded the special prize.

All horses that qualify for their respective Championships must take part in the Championship. Unless a certificate from the DC veterinarian is produced, failure to compete will disqualify the horse from the show, with its record of score and class placing being deleted and the horse being disqualified from showing for the period of one year as from the date of the show. In the event of a disqualification, horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up a place in the class. Should a horse be sent out of the ring by the judges or taken out by the handler for any reason, it will be deemed to have taken part in the championship.

All horses that are awarded a medal in their respective Championships must take part in the Championship prizegiving ceremony. Unless the DC decides otherwise in which case any representative of the horse may accept the medal without the horse being present, absence of the horse or any representative to appear in the prizegiving ceremony will disqualify the horse from the show with its record of score in the class and championship placing being deleted and the horse being disqualified from the showing for the period of one year from the date of the show. In the event of a disqualification, all horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up one place in the Championship.

Rules for Ties in Championships

In the event of a tie in the championship, the higher place will be given to the horse with the highest total points in the qualifying classes. If there is still a tie, the rules for ties in qualifying places will be applied.

The rules set down in the Blue Book 2023 of the EAHSC apply in every aspect. In case of doubt or differing opinions, the original English version applies.

Apart from that, the following ECAHO rules apply:

- Rules for Conduct of Shows,
- Rules for Ties in Qualifying Places,
- Rules for Championships,
- Rules for Disciplinary Committees,
- Rules for Medication Control.

ECAHO Blue Book 2023

Basic Rules

1. The ECAHO show rules and regulations apply in their entirety (enclosed).
2. On submitting the entry forms, all exhibitors, their agents, and associates agree to accept these regulations and to follow the organizer's instructions.
3. All exhibitors will accept the judges' decisions, which are limited to this show and based on the judging system laid down in the regulations. The judges are invited by the organizer, are not paid, and are not commissioned by their breed societies.
4. The judges' decisions are final and will not be contested. The judges are not liable for any consequences resulting from their decisions.
5. All horses must be free of contagious diseases and come from a non-infected stable.
6. They must be effectively vaccinated against equine influenza (see ECAHO Blue Book 2023 IV. Equine Influenza Vaccination page 59 or 11 => IV. Addendum)
7. The equine passport must be presented at the show office. In case of a missing vaccination pass, or any suspicion of contagious disease, the organizer may have the horse examined by a veterinarian at the owner's costs. The organizer is entitled to have the horse quarantined according to the veterinarian's decision. It is strongly advised to vaccinate against virus abort.
8. ECAHO Rules for Medication Control (see Blue Book 2023 page 47 on Medication Control) will apply.
9. The organizer accepts no responsibility for accidents, illnesses, theft, fire, or any kind of damage, whether to people or to animals and objects, in particular, no third-party liability for any damages. The owners of all horses or other animals at the show must have legal liability. Everyone is personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by himself, his associates etc., or his horses.
10. Start numbers will be given out at the show office.
11. There will be no compensation for transportation costs.
12. Presentation: All horses are shown in hand. One assistant handler with a whip from the DC is allowed.
13. Stallions and colts aged three years and over may be shown wearing bridles and bits that are both secure and comfortable for the horse. All bridles without bits are equally to be both secure and comfortable for the horse. Any horse that is not under control will be removed from the show ring and disqualified.
14. Horse becoming loose:
 - a. Any horse becoming loose in the collecting ring is subject to a penalty (of a fine not exceeding 100€) at the discretion of the DC.
 - b. Any horse becoming loose in the show ring will immediately continue to be shown and is subject to a penalty (of a fine not exceeding

100€) at the discretion of the DC.

c. Should the horse become at any time loose a second time it will be disqualified.

15. All horses that are awarded a ranking in their respective class must take part in the Class prize giving ceremony. Unless the DC decides otherwise in which case any representative of the horse may accept the medal without the horse being present. Absence of the horse or any representative to appear in the prize giving ceremony will disqualify the horse from the show, with its record of score in the Class being deleted and it will be sanctioned according to Rules for Disciplinary Committees article 16.

16. In the event of a disqualification, all horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up one place in the Class ranking.

17. Exhibits that appear to be lame may be assessed and placed by the judges. Judges may exclude any horse so lame that assessment will inflict pain.

18. No alteration of the basic colour of the skin, coat or hooves is permitted. Hoof paints, colourless varnishes, coat dyes, glitter spray and cosmetic operations including skin grafts are forbidden. Tail and mane hair extensions are forbidden. Colourless hoof oils, Vaseline or oil and white chalk used on white legs will be accepted.

PARTNERS:

