

# World Arabian Horse Championship

**AFFILIATION NUMBER (067-2023/QAT)**

**06-09 December, Doha, Qatar**

## **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 qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

- **1st to 5th** place at an A or B Show
- **1st to 5th** place in Yearling class at the World Championship, a Title, or A Show
- **1st to 3rd** place at a National Championship, C National, C International or European 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
- a title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship show
- 1st to 3rd place at the US Las Vegas show
- a title of Champion of Reserve champion or 1st to 3rd place in an Egyptian Event
- Horses that have been placed on 1st – 5th place at in their respective age classes at AHO shows.

Only open halter classes will be considered.

Yearlings must be weaned, and they may not be shown with less than 6 months of age.

Registration fees are non-refundable for horse withdrawals from the time of registration closure until 7 days before the show, unless a valid medical certificate is provided. No refunds will be issued within the final 7 days leading up to the event, even with a medical certificate. Owners withdrawing their horses 7 days prior to the show without a valid medical reason will face a 45,000 QAR penalty. Medical certificates must be submitted within 24 hours on the registration portal or to the show's Disciplinary Committee.

## **RULES FOR CONDUCT OF SHOWS:**



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## **RULES FOR QUALIFYING CLASSES:**

Class and age division by calendar year (starting on 1 January, ending on 31 December).

After each qualifying class, horses will be ranked, and the top 4 will secure a place in the championship's Top 10.

Following the conclusion of the two qualifying classes for each championship, horses with the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> highest scores will also join the championship's Top 10 and become eligible for participation.

In cases where there is an excess of horses in the qualifying classes for a championship, the show organizer reserves the right to create three qualifying classes for the championship's Top 10. The top 3

horses from each class, along with the horse with the 10<sup>th</sup> highest score, will qualify.  
The Organizing Committee reserves the right to halt the acceptance of entry forms in any case.

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Yearling males, Yearling females, Junior males, Junior females, Senior males, Senior females, Platinum male and Platinum Female.

### **RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

#### **Open method**

The Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners will be selected from amongst all the horses which have qualified in their respective classes for each championship.

1. The Championships will be judged as follows:
  - a. All the horses qualified for the championship will enter the ring and line up according to the numerical order of their catalogue numbers.
  - b. The horses will be judged individually, standing and trotting.
  - c. Each judge will nominate his choice for gold silver and bronze medals together at the same time, from amongst all the horses qualified for the championship.

Points will be given to the nominated horses as follows:

- A horse nominated by a judge for Gold Medal will receive 4 points.
- A horse nominated by a judge for Silver Medal will receive 2 points.
- A 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 amount of vote for Gold Medal Champion, the Gold Medal will be awarded to the horse with the highest number of championships points.

From the remaining horses:

The Silver Medal will be awarded to the horse with the highest number of championship points.

The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the horse with the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

During the prizegiving ceremony, the horse may only be on the lead of the designated handler or substitute deemed capable at the discretion of the ringmaster/DC.

5. In Title show, A shows and the World Championship all horses that qualified for their respective Championship must remain at the showground until after their championships. Any horse leaving the showground before their Championship will be disqualified.

#### **PLATINUM CHAMPIONSHIP RULES:**

A horse nominated by a judge for a Platinum Medal will receive 6 points.

Two Platinum Championships for Senior males and Senior females will be held.

The title of Platinum World Champion Male or Female can only be awarded to a senior horse that has previously won the title of Gold World Senior Champion in one of the past editions of the World Championship.

These horses will not compete in the qualifying classes but only in the Platinum Championship.

The Platinum Championship will take place separately only if a minimum of two horses are registered for it.

The comparative system of judging will be used in both Platinum Championships. Each judge will nominate their choice for Platinum World Champion, and the horse with the highest number of nominations will be declared the winner.

Other participants in this championship will retain their titles of World Gold Champion and will participate in the Platinum award ceremony.

If only one horse is registered for the Platinum Championship, this horse will directly participate in the World Senior Championship and can be designated as Platinum Champion if it obtains the highest score in the championship.

However, if the horse does not receive the highest score in the championship, its former title of World Gold Senior Champion will be maintained, and it cannot be re-classified as Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

The horse that wins the title of Platinum World Champion will not be eligible to participate again in the World Championship.

#### **RULES FOR SPECIAL TROPHIES:**

All horses that are awarded a special Trophy must participate in the prize-giving ceremony. Unless the Disciplinary Committee decides otherwise, any representative of the horse may accept the medal on behalf of the horse.

#### **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.

If the highest and lowest points are eliminated, only the remaining points for type and movement are considered in the tie break. Failing a decision on either of these, one judge chosen by ballot will name his preference.

#### **RULES FOR TIES IN CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

In the event of a tie in the championships, the higher place will be given to the horse with the highest total points in the qualifying classes. If the highest and lowest points are eliminated, only the remaining points for total, type and movement are considered in the tie break. If there is still a tie, the rules for ties in qualifying places will be applied.

**JUDGING SYSTEM:**

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.

The highest and the lowest mark for each horse is excluded. The final total score is counted from the remaining marks.

**JUDGES:**

A minimum number of 9 judges, of which the majority is chosen from the EAHSC A and B list of judges. Those Judges chosen from non-ECAHO Member country are selected from the judges' panel of a national Arab Horse Organisation.

Probationer judges will not be admitted.

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:**

A minimum number of five members, the majority of which is chosen from the EAHSC A or B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians.

**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.