

European Arab Horse Show Commission

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Procedure of Affiliation priorities of ECAHO Shows

Stage A preliminary calendar (until the 31st of January)

World Championship, Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows only

The Organizers of the World Championship and all Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows shall declare their planned date and send their affiliation form for the following year before the 31st of January, so the dates can be discussed and confirmed during the SC meeting at the yearly AGM, usually held in February.

After completion of the **Stage A preliminary calendar** at the AGM, the Executive Secretary will publish it on the ECAHO website, visible for all show organizers. The dates of the World Championship, Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows will be blocked for all other international shows on the same continent (European or non-European).

Rules for selection of Judges for the World Championship, Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows

- No more than 2 judges who are currently members of the Executive Committee shall be selected.
- No more than 2 judges from each country in the show ring during the class/Championship shall be permitted.
- If the judge, due to conflict of interest, is not able to judge more than 50 % of the classes, this judge must be replaced by a different judge from the approved list of judges.

Timing – selection and approval of Judges for the World Championship, Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows

The show organizers are obliged to send the proposed list of Judges for approval by the Executive Committee no later than 40 days before the date of the show. If not sent, the EC has the right to appoint the Judges.

Any changes to a list approved by the EC requires renewed screening and approval by the EC.

Show Organizers must not invite the Judges until the list of Judges has been approved by the Executive Committee.

Rules for selection of DC responsible for the DC report for the World Championship, Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows

The Show organizer proposes the DC members. The EC selects the DC members from the proposed list who shall be responsible for the DC report.

The EC reserves the right to **not approve** any Official from the proposed team (Judge, member of DC, Ringmaster)

Stage B preliminary calendar (1st of February – 30th of April)

B International shows only

After publication of the **Stage A preliminary calendar**, all International B Show organizers and organizers wishing to upgrade to International B Show requests can send their planned date and affiliation form to ECAHO until 30th April, respecting all blocked dates by higher level shows, so the dates can be discussed and confirmed during the next SC meeting, usually held in May.

After completion of **Stage B preliminary calendar** in May, the Executive Secretary will publish it on the ECAHO website, visible for all show organizers. The dates of the World Championship, Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows will be blocked for all other international shows on the same continent (European or non-European) and the dates of B International shows will be blocked for all other international C and European shows and late affiliations of any level which may be in conflict in the opinion of the Show Commission.

If any International B Show is not affiliated by the 30th of April, it may be affiliated in **the late affiliation window of Stage D 1st of September till 31st of Oct**

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Stage C preliminary calendar (1st of May- 31st of August) B National, National Championships, C International, European, EAHGC and S shows only

After publication of the **Stage B preliminary calendar**, all B National Show, National Championship show, International C Show, European Show and Specific Origin Show organizers and organizers wishing to upgrade to International or European Show requests can send their planned date and affiliation form to ECAHO until 31st August, respecting all blocked dates by higher level shows, so the dates can be discussed and confirmed during the next SC meeting, usually held in September.

After completion of the **Stage C preliminary calendar** in September, the Executive Secretary will publish it on the ECAHO website, visible for all show organizers. The dates of the World Championship, Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows will be blocked for all other international shows on the same continent (European or non-European) and the dates of all other International/European/Specific Origin shows will be blocked for all other National-, D shows and late affiliations of any level who may be conflicting by judgment of the Show Commission.

If any International C Show/European Show is not affiliated by the 31st of August, it may be affiliated in the **late affiliation window of Stage C** (1st of September till 31st of October)

Stage D preliminary calendar (1st of September- 31st of October)

D Shows, Breeder's Shows, Amateur Shows and late affiliations

After publication of the **Stage C preliminary calendar**, all D Show, Breeders' Show and Amateur Show organizers and late affiliation requests can send their planned date and affiliation form to ECAHO until 31st October, respecting all blocked dates by higher level shows, so the dates can be discussed and confirmed during the next SC meeting, usually held in November.

After completion of the **Stage D preliminary calendar** November, the Executive Secretary will publish it as the **Final Show Calendar** on the ECAHO website, visible for all show organizers. **Any changes, upgrades or late affiliations to the show calendar submitted after 31st of October may be accepted only in special circumstances.**

Principles of affiliation priority

- 1) Category of show World Championship > Title > A > GCAT > B Int > C Int > Eur > EAHGC > S, ...
- 2) History of show tradition, cooperation with ECAHO, no. of horses, incidents, ...
- 3) Other influences, geographic, background, ...
- 4) With extreme exception a non-affiliated show can be recognized and therefore tolerated by ECAHO as if affiliated.
- 5) Any show, which is not affiliated before the 1st of November **may not be affiliated for the following year.**
- 6) Shows that are not affiliated or recognized **may be black-listed.**
- 7) No ECAHO officials may officiate at a show declared as black-listed. Those who do will be subject to suspension.
- 8) Horses exhibited at a black-listed shows will not be allowed to participate at any ECAHO show for 1 year from the date of the black-listed show.