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Rules for Ties and Championships



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 will be chosen by ballot whose class scores will be used to break the tie.

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.

Rules for Championships

The organizers may decide which method to apply in their Show:

- a) Standard ECAHO method
- b) Standard ECAHO method with a modification
- c) Open method

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a) Standard ECAHO method

1. Championships will be judged as follows:
 - a) The horses placed first in their class line up ordered according to age. The horses placed second in their class line up behind them in the same order.
 - b) The first placed horses will be judged individually, standing and trotting.
 - c) The Champion Gold medal winner is selected from amongst the horses placed first in their class by individual written votes from each judge. The horse with the highest number of votes will be Champion Gold medal winner. In the event of a tie, the horse that received the highest number of points in its class will be declared Champion Gold medal winner. In the event of a further tie, the "Rules for Ties in Qualifying Places" will apply.

If Top 5 system of qualification is used, 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.

The judges will not discuss the horses.

2. The Silver medal winner will be selected in the same way as the Gold medallist from all other horses that have qualified for the Championship.
3. The Bronze medal winner will be selected using the same system used to select the Silver medallist.

The votes of the judges in the Championships will be announced and will be published at the show office immediately after the judging has finished.

4. 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.
5. If a horse placed first in its class is not able to take part in the Championship, the horse placed second in the class will move forward and be judged with the other horses placed first. Should a horse placed first 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 and, therefore, the second placed horse will not be judged with the other first placed horses. Substitutions for absent first-placed or second-placed horses by third-placed or lower-ranked horses will not be permitted.
6. 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 but third or lower placed horses will not be entitled to enter the Championship.
7. 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.

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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.

8. In Title show, A shows, GCAT show 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.

b) Standard ECAHO method with a modification

Each judge nominates his choice for gold silver and bronze medals together at the same time using points.

1. The Championships will be judged as follows:

- a. The horses placed first in their class line up ordered according to age. The horses placed second in their class line up behind them in the same order.
- b. The horses will be judged individually, standing and trotting.
- c. The Champion Gold medal winner is selected from amongst the horses placed first in their class.
- d. The Silver and Bronze medal winners will be selected at the same time from all other horses that have 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 2nd highest number of championship points.

In the case of a tie, the Rules for Ties in championships will be followed.

If Top 5 system of qualification is used, 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.

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. If a horse placed first in its class is not able to take part in the Championship, the horse placed second in the class will move forward and be judged with the other horses placed first. Should a horse placed first 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

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4. 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 but third or lower placed horses will not be entitled to enter the Championship.
5. 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.

6. In Title show, A shows, GCAT 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.

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Standard ECAHO Method with a modification - Championships with Top 5

Art. 1. a – d apply.

4th and 5th place will be selected at the same time from all other horses that have 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 6 points
- A horse nominated by a judge for Silver Medal will receive 4 points
- A horse nominated by a judge for Bronze Medal will receive 3 points
- A horse nominated for 4th place at Top 5 will receive 2 points
- A horse nominated for 5th place at Top 5 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 2nd highest number of championship points.

The 4th place at Top 5 will be awarded to the horse with the 3rd highest number of championship points.

The 5th place at Top 5 will be awarded to the horse with the 4th highest number of championship points.

In the case of a tie, the Rules for Ties in championships will be followed.

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.

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c) 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.

The number of horses qualified from each class will be officially announced by the show organizer in the schedule and the show catalogue.

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 2nd 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.
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5. In Title show, A shows, GCAT 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.

Open method - Championships with Top 5

Art. 1. a – c apply.

4th and 5th place will be selected at the same time from amongst all horses that have 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 6 points
- A horse nominated by a judge for Silver Medal will receive 4 points
- A horse nominated by a judge for Bronze Medal will receive 3 points
- A horse nominated for 4th place at Top 5 will receive 2 points
- A horse nominated for 5th place at Top 5 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 2nd highest number of championship points.

The 4th place at Top 5 will be awarded to the horse with the 3rd highest number of championship points.

The 5th place at Top 5 will be awarded to the horse with the 4th highest number of championship points.

In the case of a tie, the Rules for Ties in championships will be followed.

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.

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