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The initial body to contact, for anyone who wants to become a judge for ECAHO affiliated Arab horse shows, is the national ECAHO member organization (Arab Horse Society) of his country.

Training of Judges

- The Executive Committee will nominate a certain number of senior `A` Judges as instructors to prepare and hold the ECAHO International Judges training workshops, seminars, tests and assessments.
- Judges' workshops, seminars, tests and assessments will follow the same procedure and the same assessment system of theoretical and practical exams, whatever the level of the course.
- Announcement of Judges' training workshops, seminars, tests and assessments: The annual programme of workshops, seminars, tests and assessments year will be announced by the EAHSC online each year with the names of instructors for the different courses and updated as necessary.
- The same assessment principles will be applied at all Judges Courses and Assessments, including documentation, and supporting the topics. The official ECAHO Judges Manual will be available online including a list of other suitable reference sources which will be updated as necessary.
- On the Agenda of the International ECAHO Judges Assessments Level I there will be education plus examination of students, to assess their basic knowledge in horsemanship, conformation, type of the Arabian horse and knowledge and use of English.
- On the Agenda of the International ECAHO Judges Assessments Level II for National Judges to become B-Judges, there will be one theoretical (multiple choice) test in addition to the four practical tests to be taken by all candidates. There will also be an individual interview for each candidate with the panel of Instructors.
- English is the mandatory language for all ECAHO Assessments and Tests.

SUMMARY of the TRAINING STEPS to become an ECAHO JUDGE:

How to become a NATIONAL JUDGE

You have to pass a National Judges Training organized by your National Organization*).

- For National progress evaluation and judging experience development, National Judges may conduct training probations with any ECAHO judge recommended by their National Organization at any ECAHO show, excluding B shows and higher.
- As National Judge you are entitled to judge ECAHO "Amateur", "D regional", "C National", "C International", "European", "Specific Origin", Shows and "National Championships" in your country.

*) A "National Organization" is the Arabian Horse Breeding Association in your country, which is a Member of ECAHO.

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How to become an ECAHO NATIONAL JUDGE

PLEASE NOTE THE TRANSITION PERIOD WHICH WILL BE APPLIED FOR THE AMENDED RULES:
Judges who have been added to their National Judges' lists prior to 30.4.2023 will have until 1.1.2025 to fulfil the new requirements.

Judges (students) who are added to their National Judges' lists after 30.4.2023 will be subject to the new requirements with immediate effect.

A National Judge may become an ECAHO National Judge by passing a Level I assessment.

- 1) You are not a Professional trainer or handler.
- 2) A National Judge should apply to attend the first available ECAHO Level I Assessment with the written recommendation of their National Organization*).
- 3) *National judges who pass the level I assessment, retired ECAHO Judges and other former ECAHO B and A Judges will be placed automatically on the ECAHO National Judges list and remain there as long as they are compliant with their applicable national- and ECAHO rules.*
- 4) As an ECAHO National Judge you are entitled to judge all ECAHO "Amateur", "D regional", "C National", "C International", "European", "Specific Origin", "EAHGC" Shows, "National Championships" and "GCAT" Shows.

Attendance at 1 Level I in the calendar year is permitted.

Candidates who fail the Judges' Assessments Level I on three occasions must wait five years before retaking the test. During this time, they should attend further educational seminars. Any Candidate who fails this final assessment will not be permitted to repeat.

How to become an International ECAHO B JUDGE

To become eligible for ECAHO judge (Level II) assessment the following prerequisites must be fulfilled:

- 5) You are not a professional trainer or handler.
- 6) You must have passed the ECAHO National Judges / Level I assessment and placed on the ECAHO National judges list.
- 7) As an ECAHO National judge, a minimum of three probations, all with different A Judges, at ECAHO affiliated shows, in foreign countries, must be completed, with satisfactory reports.
 - Probations are not allowed at the World Championship, Title shows, A shows and GCAT shows.
 - You must have permission from both the Show organizer and the A-Judge.
 - You must pay all your own expenses, i.e., transportation, hotel, food, and drinks.
 - Only one probationer per show is allowed.
 - For Judging progress evaluation, reports of the probations and all score sheets must be sent to the ECAHO secretary. Reports are not sent to the trainees, but trainees are entitled to a verbal progress report from the trainee's respective A judge.
 - Additional probations may be recommended if considered necessary.
 - For additional requirements consult:
 - i. I. Addendum – Technical guidelines for all Shows
 - ii. Guidelines for ECAHO Officials and Show Organizers, section Probations.

To apply for ECAHO judges level II course (B-Judge assessment):

- 8) You may only apply to attend an ECAHO Level II assessment after you have completed the mandatory three-year experience period starting from the date your Level I Assessment pass was recorded with the ECAHO secretary.
- 9) You are not a professional trainer or handler.
- 10) You must have completed the requirements stated in articles 6 thru 7 above.
- 11) You must have a written recommendation from your National Organization allowing you to apply to the ECAHO judges training program for Level B assessment, sent to the ECAHO Secretary.

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Candidates who fail the Judges' Assessments Level II on three occasions must wait five years before retaking the test. During this time, they should attend further educational seminars. Any Candidate who fails this final assessment will not be permitted to repeat.

To be put on the ECAHO B Judges list:

- 12) You must have passed the ECAHO Judges Level II course.
- 13) You must be proposed by your National Organization at an EAHSC meeting.
- 14) You must be accepted by the EAHSC for the B-list of ECAHO Judges.

As **ECAHO B Judge** you may judge any level of ECAHO shows.

You may lose your title of ECAHO B Judge if you have not judged for three consecutive years or not attended an ECAHO Judges Course Level II as refresher.

The Executive Committee may freely assess if a B Judge not complying with the Constitution, all applicable rules, codes, regulations, and decisions of ECAHO, as well as with his duties and obligations under the Judges Contract, may lose his title of ECAHO Judge, or shall be prevented from being appointed as a recognised Judge, or shall be suspended or expelled.

How to become an International ECAHO A JUDGE

- You must have been on the ECAHO B-list for a minimum of five years.
- You must have judged a minimum of 25 ECAHO international shows
- You must be approved by the ECAHO Judges Instructors Group and the Executive Committee
- You must be proposed by your National Organization at an EAHSC meeting
- You must be accepted by EAHSC for the A-list of ECAHO judges.

As **ECAHO A Judge** you may judge any level of ECAHO shows.

As **ECAHO A Judge** it is your duty to take probationers and to write the corresponding report.

Any Judge who has not judged for 10 years or more loses his title of ECAHO A and B judge automatically and must start again at Level I.

The Executive Committee may freely assess if an A Judge not complying with the Constitution, all applicable rules, codes, regulations, and decisions of ECAHO, as well as with his duties and obligations under the Judges Contract, may lose his title of ECAHO Judge, or shall be prevented from being appointed as a recognised Judge, or shall be suspended or expelled.

Any B list Judge may lose his/her title of B Judge if he/she has not judged for three years or not attended a refresher assessment (International ECAHO Judges Assessment Level II). In such case the Judge may be automatically withdrawn from B list but may remain on their National list after confirmation from his/her National organization.

Any A or B list Judge who has not judged for 10 years or more will automatically lose the title of ECAHO A or B judge and must start again at Level I.

Judge Emeritus / Judge Emerita

Any Judge who has passed the age of 75 years will be moved from A/B list to the list of Judges Emeritus/Emerita. Judge Emeritus/Emerita is entitled to judge all ECAHO "Amateur", "D regional", "C National", "C International", "European", "Specific Origin", "EAHGC" Shows, "National Championships" and "GCAT" Shows.

Judge Emeritus/Emerita previously listed on the ECAHO A list of Judges may accept probationers and write the probationer reports.

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Evaluation of ECAHO Judges

Any Judge scores or preferences from any ECAHO affiliated show can be evaluated. Evaluation should be made by Judges Evaluation Committee, whose members are appointed by the Executive Committee, and should follow its aim and procedure:

Aim (purpose):

- to study and consult scores given by judges at ECAHO shows
- to discuss and evaluate the differences
- to raise questions
- evaluate answers and feedback
- collect facts
- create reports and studies

Members:

- 4 members nominated by ECAHO EC (Judges Instructors, retired judges, current judges, etc.)
- each member is nominated for the period of 2 years
- maximum 2 EC members nominated at the same time

Jurisdiction:

- members of this committee consult any scores given at all ECAHO shows
- members of this committee should also consult individual score cases/examples provided by other ECAHO official bodies (EC, EAHSC, SDC, DC, JIG, etc.)
- members of this committee have the right to question any person linked to any consulted case
- any decision made by this committee should follow all ECAHO rules and regulations and must consist of all facts relevant to the case

Procedure:

- any disputable scores should be studied and evaluated
- if any questionable scores are found, request to contact particular judges together with all raised questions should be send to ECAHO Office, which will immediately require the judge to answer all questions
- judges should reply within 21 days from being contacted by the Office
- acceptance of any other evidence, facts or explanations sent after the given term, are fully under the committee decision
- judges must send their replies in writing
- judge's answers and comments are immediately forwarded to the committee, which should consult them without any delay
- consultation/evaluation report (from separate cases) with full details regarding the case should be send to ECAHO EC with the final recommendation
- ECAHO EC will discuss the report and will decide on any punishment measures, if required
- final report together with any punishment will be communicated as soon as possible to the particular judge

Measures:

- communication/recommendation
- warning
- downgrade
- suspension

Any person affected by any decision of this committee will have the right to use all ECAHO appealing regulations and procedures.