



# General Rulebook



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## **I. VALIDITY**

- 1.1.** The rules and regulations, as indicated here, shall apply and be observed at all IASF/AVS competitions
- 1.2.** Parties can only assert (have asserted) rights as a result of these regulations if the event in question has been organized by the IASF/AVS.
- 1.3.** All participants, horse owners, visitors and officials of IASF/AVS recognized events are deemed to be aware of and agree to these rules and will assume any consequences.
- 1.4.** Show is open only for Purebred Arabian Horses registered in a WAHO approved studbook and Purebred Arabians Horses registered in the ZSAA studbook Germany.
- 1.5.** Including this rulebook, there are 6 rulebooks in total. For additional conditions, check the respective rulebooks:
- Pleasure & Traditional
  - Dressage
  - Show Jumping
  - Western
  - Type&Conformation

## **II. DEFINITIONS**

<b>Handler</b>	A competitor who is next to the horse during the competition event and leads it by the hand.
<b>Rider</b>	A participant who is on the horse during an event.
<b>Participant</b>	A person who has registered with a horse for an event.
<b>Adult Rider/Participant</b>	Participant who is 19 years of age or older on January 1 <sup>st</sup> of the current year.
<b>Youth rider/participant</b>	Participant under the age of 19 years on January 1 <sup>st</sup> of the current year.
<b>Combination</b>	The unit of rider/handler and horse participating in a class.
<b>Discipline</b>	All similar classes combined (e.g., "Trail," which then includes Novice, Advanced and Master).
<b>Level</b>	Group of parts aggregated according to the nature of participants eligible to start herein: Novice, Advanced and Master.
<b>Class:</b>	The riding test as ultimately included in a competition program and run at the competition (e.g., "Advanced Trail" or "Advanced Reining").
<b>Catalog number:</b>	Number issued by IASF/AVS in quadruple that must be worn on the show ground as soon as the horse leaves the stable (see 9.13)
<b>Safety Helmet, Cap</b>	According to NEN standard CE/EN 1384 approved safety headgear. The helmet should fit correctly and be properly attached.
<b>Hat:</b>	Instead of safety helmet a western hat may be worn in the western classes advanced and master but only after signing a disclaimer (see 9.5)
<b>Bodyprotector</b>	If a body protector is worn, it must comply with the safety standard CE/EN 13158:2000, class 3. The bodyprotector must fit correctly and be properly attached.

## **III. GENERAL AND EVENT/SHOW ORGANIZATION**

- 3.1.** Each event/show must be announced separately.
- 3.2.** The starting fees for each class must be announced at the time of show announcement.
- 3.3. Catalog numbers**  
Every combination competing must have an IASF catalog number.

These numbers will be issued at the show office in quadruple and these numbers will be valid for the whole show. (8.13)

#### **IV. PROVISIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**4.1.** Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted. In addition, a copy of the studbook registration paper with pedigree (certificate of origin) of each Arabian horse must be in the possession of the IASF/AVS after completion of the entry form.

**4.2.** Publication of the event/show and show results shall be placed on the IASF and AVS website.

**4.3.** By submitting the entry form, the participant/horse owner acknowledges the rules of the IASF/AVS. Entries will be accepted if they are present at the show office by the entry deadline specified in the announcement. Entries may be accepted up until a week after the closing date, but always at an increased rate of at least €5,00 per start.

Only for Jackpot classes late entry on the day of the show is possible.

**4.4.** In case of illness or sale of a horse it is possible, before the start of the show, to replace the horse entered with a horse in the same discipline and age level, provided that this replacement horse also complies with all rules governing entry. A copy of the horses studbook registration paper with pedigree of the horse must be submitted before the start of the show.

**4.5.** The amount of the starting fees must be announced in the relevant announcement.

**4.6.** Privacy Regulations (AGV): See description on AVS website: [www.avswb.nl](http://www.avswb.nl).

**4.7.** The results will be stored at AVS office on official forms (judge cards/scoresheets) together with a catalog with a complete list of participants (name of horse, rider/handler, owner, date of birth of the horse, sire, dam, catalog number)

**4.8.** The show announcement must mention:

- name of the judge(s)
- full address + phone number where the contest will be held
- date of the contest
- closing date for registration
- entry fees

**4.9.** Timeschedule changes must be announced before the start of the show. Time changes forward may not exceed one (1) hour and must be announced at least one (1) hour before the start of the first class it concerns. Each competitor is then responsible for adhering to the new start time.

**4.10.** The IASF/AVS shall ensure that the judges have received a show program and time schedule and patterns no later than two days before the start of the show.

**4.11.** The IASF/AVS reserves the right to change the show location, date and/or program until the closing date for entries. It must notify participants in writing or via e-mail.

In the following cases, participants are entitled to cancellation free of charge:

- in case of cancellation of the entire show, or of one or more parts for which the participant had entered;
- for time/date changes that result in one or more items for which the participant had entered will be held on a different day than on which parts had already been entered for that participant;
- if registration under the participant's new program becomes contrary to other provisions in this rulebook
- if the new location of the competition is more than 50 km away from the original location.

**4.12.** No contract exists between the IASF/AVS on the one hand and the visitors, horse owners and participants on the other hand. Therefore, any liability for theft and injury to humans and/or animals is excluded. Every horse owner and participant submits by registration, and every attendant and visitor when entering the show area, to the instructions and provisions of the show manager and acknowledges the rules of the IASF/AVS.

**4.13.** The IASF/AVS is responsible for sponsorship arrangements at a show/event. In doing so, it may make commitments to sponsors, exhibitors and the like, provided they do not contradict the IASF/AVS provisions.

## **V. LEVELS, CLASSES, PAYBACK AND MONEY PRICES**

### **5.1 Levels:**

#### **Novice**

- Dressage
- Showjumping
- Classic Pleasure
- Western Pleasure
- Hunter Pleasure
- Showmanship at Halter
- In Hand Trail
- Trail
- Western Horsemanship
- Ranch Riding
- Reining
- Show Jumping

#### **Advanced**

- Dressage
- Showjumping
- Classic Pleasure
- Western Pleasure
- Hunter Pleasure
- Showmanship at Halter
- In Hand Trail
- Trail
- Western Horsemanship
- Ranch Riding
- Reining
- Show Jumping

#### **Master**

- Dressage
- Showjumping
- Classic Pleasure
- Western Pleasure
- Hunter Pleasure
- Showmanship at Halter
- In Hand Trail
- Trail
- Western Horsemanship
- Ranch Riding
- Reining
- Show Jumping

#### **Master FINALS**

- Dressage
- Classic Pleasure

- Western Pleasure
- Hunter Pleasure
- Showmanship at Halter
- In Hand Trail
- Trail
- Western Horsemanship
- Ranch Riding
- Reining

#### Open for all levels

- Traditional Arabian Riding Western
- Traditional Arabian Riding Classic
- Type and Conformation Western
- Type and Conformation Classic
- Jackpot Western Pleasure class
- Jackpot Classic Pleasure class

#### 5.2. Payback/Jackpot classes

Recommended percent distribution for Payback/Jackpot classes:

Number Participants	Location									
	1e	2e	3e	4e	5e	6e	7e	8e	9e	10e
1	100									
2	60	40								
3	50	30	20							
4	40	30	20	10						
5	38	28	19	10	5					
6	36	26	18	10	6	4				
7	34	24	17	10	8	5	2			
8	32	22	15	10	8	5	4	3		
9	31	21	15	10	8	5	4	4	2	
10 and more	30	20	15	10	8	5	4	4	2	2

Example: Payback/Jackpot classes are paid out as follows:

Entry fee	20,00
Number of participants	8
Percentage payout	80%
Total prize money	128,00

Number participants	Location										Total amount	
	1e	2e	3e	4e	5e	6e	7e	8e	9e	10e		
1	128,00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128,00
2	76,80	51,20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128,00
3	64,00	38,40	25,60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128,00
4	51,20	38,40	25,60	12,80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128,00
5	48,64	35,84	24,32	12,80	6,40	-	-	-	-	-	-	128,00
6	46,08	33,28	23,04	12,80	7,68	5,12	-	-	-	-	-	128,00
7	43,52	30,72	21,76	12,80	10,24	6,40	2,56	-	-	-	-	128,00
8	40,96	28,16	19,20	12,80	10,24	6,40	5,12	3,84	-	-	-	126,72
9	39,68	26,88	19,20	12,80	10,24	6,40	5,12	5,12	2,56	-	-	128,00
10 and more	38,40	25,60	19,20	12,80	10,24	6,40	5,12	5,12	2,56	2,56	-	128,00

### **5.3 Prize money**

Prize money may be paid to placed competitors in all classes. Prize money can be given in cash or by bank transfer. It will be transferred within 4 weeks after receiving bank details of the competitor.

## **VI. CLASSES**

**6.1.** The following disciplines are distinguished and offered by level:

**In hand classes (2-year-old horses and older):**

SSH:	Showmanship at Halter
IHT:	In Hand Trail
T&C:	Type and Conformation

**Under Saddle (4-year-old horses and older):**

DR:	Dressage
SHJ:	Show Jumping
CPL:	Classic Pleasure
WPL:	Western Pleasure
HPL:	HunterPleasure
TR:	Trail
HMS:	Western Horsemanship
RAR:	Ranch Riding
REI:	Reining
TCW:	Traditional Arabian Riding Classic and Western

## **VII. ALLROUND CHAMPIONSHIP**

**7.1.** For Allround Champion, a combination must compete in Type and Confirmation and at least 1 different sport discipline. Starting in more disciplines will add to the final result.

**7.2.** Allround Champions will be awarded in the levels Novice and Advanced and at the finals for the Master participants.

**7.3.** Allround Champions will be awarded in Western and Classic disciplines seperately.

**7.4.** Points are awarded according to placing. There must be at least 3 combinations in a class.

**7.5.** At an ex aequo, the decision will be made according to the following method:

- a.** The combination that achieved the same points in fewer disciplines will be awarded Champion

And then, if the score is still the same:

- b.** The combination that defeated the greatest number of other combinations will be awarded Champion
- If the score is still te same,
- c.** The highest points for Type and Conformation will count

**7.6.** The combination that wins the Allround Championship must be present at the prize giving ceremony.

**7.7.** The following classes count for the Allround Championship:

**CLASSIC:**

Type and Conformation (mandatory)  
Dressage  
Show Jumping  
Classic Pleasure  
Traditional Arabian Riding  
Hunter Pleasure

**WESTERN:**

Type and Conformation (mandatory)  
Trail  
Reining  
Ranch Riding  
Western Horsemanship  
Western Pleasure  
Traditional Arabian Riding  
Hunter Pleasure  
In Hand Trail  
Showmanship at Halter

## **VIII. RIBBONS AND PLACEMENT**

### **8.1.** Ribbons and placement

<b>Location</b>	<b>Ribbon color</b>
1st place:	Orange
2nd place:	Red
3rd place:	White
4th place:	Blue
5th place:	Green
6th place:	Pink
7th-10th place:	Brown

**8.2.** The following participants should be placed:

<b>Number</b>	<b>Placement</b>
<b>Participant</b>	until
1 through 5	5
6 to 10	6
11 to 15	7
16 to 20	8
21 to 25	9
26 to 30	10

In Master qualifier 10 participants will be placed.

In case of disqualification and/or 0 score, a participant is not eligible for placement. "Number of participants" here means the total number of participants who had registered for the event and appeared at the start.

**8.3.** In the finals, all participants will be judged again: the score of the preliminary round will not count for the final score.



## **IX. PROVISIONS FOR THE PARTICIPANT**

**9.1.** Competitors wishing to start at a show must submit a fully completed entry form to the show office before the closing date together with a copy of the studbook registration paper with pedigree (certificate of origin).

Applications will be accepted only if:

1. stated on the (digital) registration form:
  - a. name, address, telephone and e-mail of the rider
  - b. name, sex, color, date of birth, sire, dam, breeder and owner of horse
  - c. summary of the classes in which participation will be taken
  - d. digital signature, indicating agreement to the terms and conditions and privacy regulations.

**9.2** The (digital) registration form is received at the IASF/AVS office before the closing date. The judges, ring steward and show manager may not participate in the competition.

**9.3. Vaccination:** Each competitor must be able to show the horse's valid Horse Passport, valid in the Netherlands, and the horse must have been vaccinated according to FEI guidelines. Each participant must be insured for him/herself and for his/her horse for Civil Liability.

All horses must have received an initial Primary Course of two vaccination doses administered a minimum of 21 and a maximum of 92 days apart.

It is under the owners' responsibility if they are shown before the primary course of vaccination is complete.

Any horse receiving a new Primary Course as of 1st January 2024 must receive the second vaccination a minimum of 21 days and a maximum of 60 days after the first vaccination.

The First Booster must be given within 7 calendar months following the date of administration of the second vaccination of the primary course. Horses which have received a correct primary course of vaccinations may arrive at an AVS/IASF event up to 6 months + 21 days months after the second dose of the primary course.

Horses that were correctly certified as receiving the primary course prior to 2009 are not required to fulfil the requirement of the first booster, providing there has been no lapse in their vaccination regime.

Further booster vaccinations must be given within 12 months of the last dose, or shorter intervals where local or national authorities require it. However, horses that are competing must have been vaccinated within 6 months +21 days of arriving at the AVS/IASF event.

No vaccination may be given within 7 days of the day of arrival at the event.

Vaccines must be administered by a veterinarian. The details of the vaccine, serial/batch number and the date of administration must be recorded in the passport, signed and stamped by the veterinarian who administered the vaccination.

The entering of vaccination details in a new passport or a duplicate: if the vaccination history of a horse is very long, the veterinarian may use the following statement "The vaccination history of this horse is correct to date ..... (enter the last vaccination date)", signed and stamped by a veterinarian.

**9.4.** The horses must be free of contagious diseases and come from a stable that is also free of contagious diseases. The owner/manager of the venue where the competition is held and/or the organization may require additional vaccinations.

**9.5** Western riders who have not reached the age of 18 years on the day they appear at the start shall wear a safety helmet.

Advanced and Master competitors may choose between a safety helmet or western hat.

If they want to use a western hat instead of riding helmet, a riding helmet/cap disclaimer must be signed.

For Novice riders and in Novice classes a safety helmet is mandatory.

All riders and handlers are permitted to wear a body protector.

Safety clothing such as helmet/cap and body protector must be correctly fitted and properly fastened.

If during the class a competitor loses any part of his/her safety equipment or any part becomes loose, the judges shall immediately stop the class until the competitor in question has dismounted and left the arena on foot. This participant will be disqualified for this class and will not be entitled to a refund of starting fees etc. Other entered classes may be competed in with replacement equipment.

**9.6.** The competitor who withdraws his/her registration will not be refunded the entry fee, except if handed over a veterinarian- or doctors note for illness or injury to his/her horse or person, or due to a death in the family, which prevents him/her from starting. In this case 50% of the entry fee will be charged. Other costs such as stabling etc. will be charged in full.

**9.7.** To a competitor, owner and/or alternate representing interests of a competitor and who is charged with unsportsmanlike conduct, the association may deny the competitor, owner and/or alternate the rights to start at future competitions as long as the competitor is excluded. Furthermore, the association may exclude all horses owned by such person from all competitions for the duration of the exclusion.

**9.8.** Any competitor will be disqualified who is assisted by anyone from in- or outside of the arena during a class.

**9.9.** In the show/warm-up arenas, only the harnesses listed in the rulebooks are allowed.

**9.10.** A person is recognized as a participant if he/she:

1. Declares him/herself on the registration form as a participant or has authorized another person to do so.
2. signed the registration form him/herself or had it signed by an alternate.
3. Him/herself at the competition leading/riding the horse.

**9.11.** If the competitor named on the entryform cannot fulfill his/her obligations at the show because he/she has to leave the show due to illness, injury or for other reasons, he/she must immediately notify the show manager.

**9.12.** Start lists must be posted at the entry hall at least one (1) hour before the start of the show.

**9.13** The starting order is bindingly prescribed. Failure to adhere to the order may result in disqualification. Deviation from the starting order may only take place at the direction of the doorman/woman, ring steward, D.C. or judge.

**9.14.** Catalog numbers must always be worn clearly visible in the show arena and the warm-up/entry arena(s), seen from both left and right rear. As soon as the horse leaves the stable, the handler/rider/groom etc, must have the catalog number with him/her.

Minimum height of the numbers is 105 mm. For dressage and show jumping number may be worn on the bridle or saddle blanket with a minimum height of 45 mm

Failure to wear the catalog numbers or to wear them clearly may result in disqualification for one class or exclusion from the show/event.

**9.15.** During the show, the participants may not engage into any contact with the judge, under penalty of exclusion.

**9.16.** The participant who fails to appear at a show without reason may be excluded from participation at subsequent events until payment has been made.

**9.17.** Possible judge verdicts:

- single judged, single pointed: 1 judge rating
- double judged, single pointed: 1 judge rating

- double judged, double pointed: 2 judge verdicts

**9.18.** For advertising on competitors and horses in the show arena, rules of FEI must be followed

**9.19.** Any artificial decoration of the Horse is not allowed. It is not allowed to paint any part of the Horse's body nor is it allowed to obscure an existing wound or injury. Contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.

**9.20.** It is strictly forbidden to use any type of substance (like "marshmallow fluff", shaving cream etc.) around the Horse's mouth to imitate foaming; contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.

**9.21.** Fly masks are forbidden in the show arena but may be allowed in warmup and training arenas at the discretion of the Showmanager, D.C. or Judge.

**9.22.** A visual check of horse and rider equipment, before leaving the warm up arena, may be conducted by the D.C. to prevent competitors going into the show arena with any forbidden equipment.

**9.23.** Use of all arenas is only permitted at the place and time indicated by the Organization.

**9.24.** Rules for braiding of manes and tails are mentioned in the rules for each respective discipline.

**9.25.** The hooves of the horse may **NOT** be blackened or shined, but must always be shown naturally.

**9.26.** Any artificial change to the coat, manes or tale of the horse are prohibited.

## **X. PROTESTS**

**10.1.** Protests may be submitted in writing with proper description of reasons to the show office up to half an hour after the end of the last class, against cash payment of the following charges:

€ 25,- for one-day competitions

€ 50,- for multi-day competitions

On the protest, judge, contest secretary and show manager decide jointly. If the protest is granted, the protest costs are reimbursed, otherwise the amount goes to the competition treasury.

## **XI. JUDGE/JURY**

**11.1.** The judge must be a recognized KNHS/FEI, ECAHO, AQHA, ApHC, APHA or EWU judge. If no judge appears to be available from the above recognized judges, IASF/AVS may exceptionally choose to approach a former KNHS/FEI/ECAHO/EWU/ AQHA/ ApHC or APHA judge or a recognized WRAN judge.

**11.2** Should a judge, to whom an organization has already committed, cancel afterwards, he/she must notify the IASF/AVS immediately so another judge can take over.

**11.3** Judges must contact the show manager immediately upon arrival at the show ground.

**11.4** Judges shall enter the arena no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of the first class. He/she is not allowed to judge the starting horses beforehand, discuss with other persons about the participating horses, or express his/her opinion about the horses starting.

**11.5.** During the show/event, the judges must have the rules and regulations with them at all times and assist the show manager in the event of any disagreement, as far as the rules and regulations are concerned.

**11.6.** Placement is solely a matter for the judges; their decision is final. Double placements are not possible.

**11.7** If a class has been judged after completion, it may not be repeated. Once the judge has signed the judge card and scoresheet, it may not be changed. Calculation errors in score sheets may be corrected up to half an hour after the end of the show/event. If official video footage is taken, the judge must be informed in advance.

**11.8.** Each judge must note the correct number of announced and started participants of a class on the judge card/scoresheet. This card and scoresheet must be signed by the judge.

**11.9.** Horses that have been sold or trained by the judges in the last 30 days prior to the competition are not eligible to start. Competitors who have received riding instruction from the judges within the last 30 days prior to the competition are not eligible to start. The judges are obliged to send these contestants out of the arena. If, at the time of the closing date for registration, participants could have known who was judging the competition (for example, by publication on the IASF and AVS website and facebook pages), there is no right to a refund of starting fees, etc.

If there is a judge change after the closing date for registration, the above does not apply to participants who registered before the closing date for registration.

**11.10.** Questions from contestants submitted to the judges by the show manager that concern a contestant's performance(s) will be answered by the judges only in the presence of the ring steward or show manager. Conversation between the judges and the contestant during a class is prohibited.

**11.11.** The judge is free to pronounce a disqualification or - in the case of greater offenses - an exclusion during a class.

Reasons may include:

- a violation of a rule during a class
- an offense during the show/event against a participant, horse or spectator
- lack of control
- lack of good manners

**11.12.** The judges and D.C. are responsible for all that happens inside the show arena. In case of unfair behavior of a rider towards his/her horse a warning will be given. In case of repetition, exclusion for the rest of the show/event will follow. (Also see rule 13.7 and 13.8)

**11.13.** If lameness, injury or obvious signs of illness are suspected in the horse, a decision of the judges will follow after a veterinarian has been consulted.

**11.14.** The judges, after consultation with the show manager, may interrupt or cancel a class if the accommodation no longer allows fair and/or sportsmanlike show/event.

**11.15.** Each judge will receive the expenses established by IASF/AVS at the conclusion of the competition.

**11.16.** A judge is not permitted to judge an IASF show/event more than once per calendar year at the same facility unless the originally booked judge is prevented by unforeseen circumstances.

**11.17.** At each show/event, judges' score sheets must be posted for all sections (except the Pleasure/Traditional classes).

**11.18.** Splitting of classes can be decided by the organization.

## **XII. SHOWMANAGER**

- 12.1** The position of show manager may be held by any adult person who is affiliated with IASF/AVS, can demonstrate the necessary experience and is recognized by IASF/AVS.
- 12.2.** The show manager is responsible for the entire organization of the show/event.
- 12.3.** The show manager has the right and duty to comply with the regulations concerning the show/event.
- 12.4** The show manager shall ensure adherence to the schedule announced to the participants.
- 12.5.** The show manager is responsible for the overall impression of the event and will always endeavor to lend a helping hand to the judges, D.C. and ring steward.
- 12.6.** The show manager shall supervise the competition and ensure compliance with the Rules. It is his/her duty to oversee the event and he/she is authorized accordingly by the AVS Board.
- 12.7** The show manager shall supervise the show office.

## **XIII. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (D.C.)**

- 13.1.** D.C. is approved by IASF/AVS.
- 13.2.** D.C. members invited to officiate at the IASF do so with the integrity and honesty and carry out their duties solely with the welfare of the horses in mind as well in all arena's, the stables and all over the showground.
- 13.3.** The DC will follow the IASF rulebook.
- 13.4.** The organization can also ask the D.C. to help with other duties.
- 13.5.** Passports and horses will be checked by the D.C. (latest) 1 hour before the class. We prefer that the horses are checked the afternoon/evening before the first classes in the stables.
- 13.6.** If the D.C. has any doubts about the health of a horse during the stay of the horse on the showground, at any time, they can obligate a competitor to let the horse be checked out by a veterinarian before the class starts. The veterinarian must give his/her approval to start or continue the competition.
- 13.7.** It is possible for a D.C. to give a warning (yellow card) if a competitor does not apply to the IASF/AVS rulebook.
- 13.8.** A second yellow card results in a red card and means disqualification/exclusion for the whole competition/show.
- 13.9.** A competitor is responsible for his/her own trainer/groom/family/friends/etc who are present at the showground. For unacceptable behavior by either of these persons, the competitor will be held accountable.

## **XIV. RINGSTEWARD**

- 14.1.** A ring steward approved by the National Federation (WRAN or DAWRA) is required for all recognized shows/events. The organization appoints the ring steward.  
The ring steward must wear appropriate and neat clothing. This includes (for the western classes) a western hat, western boots (also western "boot-shoes" that reach above the ankle), a blouse, blazer or jacket, but always with long, not rolled up, sleeves.  
In extreme weather conditions, modified clothing is allowed in deliberation with the judges.
- 14.2.** A good ring steward eases the work for the judges while solving minor problems him/herself. He/she sees to it that each part is completed without loss of time and that no long pauses occur between parts.

**14.3.** The ring steward will inform the judges when all horses are ready for the class or which horses will not start.

**14.4** The ring steward must remember that he/she is helping the judges, not improving them. He/she must avoid discussing participating horses and riders with the judges. The ring steward must not judge in any way. If the judges do not need the ring steward, he/she should move to a place in the arena where he/she does not disturb either the judges or the spectators.

He/she must not allow participants to gather in the arena and must constantly ensure that the chances of an accident are minimal.

**14.5.** The ring steward is responsible for the activities inside the arena. He/she represents the liaison between the judges and the competitor. The judges tell the ring steward how the horses are to be set up and how they are to be placed.

**14.6.** It is necessary to engage a ring steward who is in control of the horses in the arena, oversees the smooth running of the event and is well aware of the rules and regulations.

**14.7.** The doorman, show manager, D.C. and ring steward have the right and duty to warn contestants who behave unsportsmanlike inside and outside the arena and inform the judges.

**14.8.** The ringsteward will receive the expenses established by IASF/AVS at the conclusion of the competition.

## **XV. E.H.B.O.**

**15.1.** In the interest of all who participate in the show/event, the organizer must provide an E.H.B.O. service or E.H.B.O. helper as prescribed.

## **XVI. VET/DOPING**

**16.1.** A licensed veterinarian must be present or at least reachable by telephone at each show.

**16.2.** Only healthy horses may compete. This will be monitored by all the show officials.

**16.3** The IASF/AVS shall comply in all respects with the doping rules as established by the FEI.

**16.4.** By signing the entry form, the participant agrees to have a doping control performed on his horse if needed.

**16.5.** Any horse that has been treated with drugs or by the performance of a surgical procedure to improve performance, change behavior, relieve pain or to alter its natural appearance must be excluded from competing.

**16.6.** DC's, showmanager and judges are allowed, at random and without motive, to request a doping test if they deem necessary.