



**ANACRHA I**

**ITALIAN NATIONAL HAFLINGER HORSES BREEDING  
ASSOCIATION**

**(Italian National Stud Book Central Bureau)**

**Regulation of Official Shows for the Studbook and Young  
Stallion Evaluation Shows**

**(Translation from Italian official text; only the Italian version is to be considered official)**

**General Directions**

**Art. 1**

1. The National Haflinger Breeding Association Italy (ANACRHA I) (or denomination of the organizing Body), in agreement with ..... organizes at .....on..... an exhibition reserved to Haflinger Breed Horses registered on the Studbook.
2. Even if organized by a Body different from the National Association, the exhibition will take place under the supervision of the Studbook National Central Bureau and will have to conform to the present Regulation.

**Art.2**

1. Only horses registered on the National Haflinger Studbook and with the following qualifications will be admitted to the exhibition:
  - Adults already permanently registered on the Stallions and Mares Registers.
  - Foals and fillies registered on the Foals Register.
2. Only horses born and bred in Italy are admitted to official exhibitions of a National character, with the exceptions contemplated in the following article 3 for OPEN categories.

The Central Bureau has the authority, both for exhibitions organized directly and, after consulting with the organizers, in the case of exhibitions it does not organize directly:

- to limit admittance, in one or more categories, to horses within certain requisites in age, genealogy, morphology, genetic index, passed aptitude field tests as required by the SB;
- to define a minimum and maximum number of admissions for the different Sections and/or Categories;
- to pool Categories 4 and 5 when less than 5 horses are entered in both or in one of the two Categories;
- to pool Categories 6 and 7 when less than 5 horses are entered in both or in one of the two Categories;

### **Art. 3**

1. Horses will be grouped according to the year of their birth in the following sections and categories:

#### **a) SECTION I – MALES**

Cat. 1 - Males born within the year

Cat. 2 - Foals of 1 year

Cat. 3 - Foals of 2 years

Cat. 4 - Stallions of 3 years

Cat. 5 - Stallions of 4 and 5 years

Cat. 6 - Stallions between 6 and 10 years

Cat. 7 - Stallions over 10 years

#### **b) SECTION II – FEMALES**

Cat. 1 - Fillies within the year

Cat. 2 - Fillies of 1 year

Cat. 3 - Fillies of 2 years

Cat. 4 - Mares of 3 years

Cat. 5 - Mares of 4 and 5 years

Cat. 6 - Mares between 6 and 10 years

Cat. 7 – Mares over 10 years

#### **c) OPEN CATEGORIES**

For National Exhibitions only, the Central Board may contemplate OPEN sections for all or part of the aforementioned Categories. Horses born and bred abroad will be admitted within these Categories if complying with the technical qualifications of the Italian Studbook.

#### **Art. 4**

##### **1. SPECIAL CATEGORIES**

- a) **STALLION CHAMPIONSHIP:** reserved to males registered in the Stallion Studbook and participating in Categories 4 and 5. The winning stallion among those registered and classified will be awarded the title of Haflinger Horse Champion for the current year.
  
- b) **BEST IN SHOW:** in all Official contests the best horse within the exhibition, selected from the champion horses in each Category, will be proclaimed BEST IN SHOW.
  
- c) **HOMOTYPIC GROUPS (Male and Female):** composed by at least 4 horses, male and female, fathered by the same stallion. The Central Board can decide to admit within Homotypic Groups only horses of the same sex. If different owners have contributed to the formation of the group, the Trophy will be awarded to the owner who has contributed in a larger measure to the formation of the group. In case of equal contribution between two or more owners, the Trophy will be awarded to the owner with the earliest registration to the SB. A specific Trophy will be awarded to the owner of the stallion fathering the winning group.
  
- d) **FEMALE FAMILIES :** these must be formed by at least three horses comprising a parent Mare and two lineal female descendants. One or more foals and stallions beside the minimum number of two female lineal descendants may also contribute to the family group. Descendants of stallions eventually included in the group are not allowed within the group itself. An additional award will be conferred to the breeder if different from the owner.

#### **Art. 5**

1. Applications, written on pre-arranged forms, are to reach the Central Bureau through the competent local offices where in function.

Registration fees, if due, will be determined by the Organizing Body.

By submitting the application the owner accepts unconditionally the Rules of the Exhibition and all norms and instructions in force.

#### **Art.6**

1. Horses registered to the exhibition must be at .....(place and address) on .....(date) at ..... (hour) and must remain there until .....(hour) on .....(date).

**Art. 7**

1. All horses participating in the Exhibition must be divided in Sections and Categories within the Catalogue and listed in ascending order by age within each category.

The Catalogue will be assembled by the Central Bureau of the National Studbook.

**Art.8**

1. All horses participating in the Exhibition must have been submitted to the due health treatments, to hygienic norms contemplated by the Sanitary Regulations in force, and to additional provisions which may eventually be required by the Organizers.

**Art. 9**

1. Owners will apply on each horse, in a clearly visible position, the corresponding catalogue number assigned by the Central Bureau or by the Organizers.

**Art. 10**

1. Custody, foraging and display of the animals are entrusted to Exhibitors. Staff must be in adequate number to horses on display.
2. Horses must be correctly trained for presentation for safety reasons. Judges have the authority to bar from the competition horses behaving dangerously during display.
3. For safety reasons it is mandatory horses be displayed without rear horseshoes, unless specific exceptions are declared by the Organizer.
4. In compliance with current regulations on animal health it is not allowed to use any kind of medical substance with the purpose of exciting or soothing the horses' natural temperament.
5. It is not allowed to use drugs or other substances with painkilling or anesthetic properties which might conceal articular pain or other painful conditions.
6. It is not allowed to inject or inoculate substances around the eyes and nostrils in order to enhance the horse's expressiveness.
7. It is not allowed to clip horse whiskers around the muzzle and eyes and to clip hair inside the ears. Such hair may be trimmed with scissors only.
8. In order not to impair the Judge's evaluation of mantle quality it is not allowed to use bleaching substances on horsehair to lighten the natural colour.
9. The display of clipped horses is not allowed.
10. The use of tincture to blacken horses' hooves is not allowed.
11. Grooming of the head and trimming of hair in the ears and in the intramandibular space is allowed. Clipping of the fetlock is allowed.

12. Judges may bar from the exhibition horses not complying with these rules.
13. Horses must be uncovered at all times during the opening hours of the Exhibition unless specific exceptions are contemplated by the Organizer or the Central Bureau.
14. The Central Bureau may proceed, directly or through the Organizer, to control and test the observance of all the above mentioned rules.

**Art. 11**

1. The Organizer or Organizing Body must take out a civil liability insurance policy.

**Art. 12**

1. The horses' evaluation is entrusted to a Studbook Inspector
2. The Judge's nomination falls within the competence of the Central Bureau, which may opt to appoint more than one Judge if necessary, on the basis of the number of horses participating in the contest.
3. All National Exhibitions require the presence of the Technical Body's Coordinator or of his Deputy as ring assistant, cooperating with the Judge.
4. Specific resolutions by the National Association Board may allow for the presence of a Studbook Aptitude Field Tests Judge, appointed by the Central Bureau, who is assigned to support and advise on the evaluation of gait.
5. The appointed Inspector is responsible for the final results.
6. Owners of horses participating in the Exhibition may not be appointed as Judges.
7. Judgement must be openly motivated and is unappealable.
8. The judge will comment in detail the first 5 horses in rank in each category and briefly other horses placed sixth and lower.
9. In case safety conditions are not deemed sufficient by the Organizer, all horses must remain within the ring during the Judge's commentary. In any case it is mandatory that at least the first five classified horses be lined up.

**Art. 13**

1. Evaluation must take place before the public, with the animals moving, both in hand and, when prearranged by the Central Bureau or the Organizer, freely.
2. Competing horses will be presented in hand and, well placed, be individually submitted to morphological evaluation. Subsequently horses will be presented on the triangle, always in hand, for the evaluation of conformation faults, walk and trot.
3. In a second phase, if scheduled by the Central Bureau, all or part of the competitors, always according to the dispositions of the National Association Board, will be presented free, in a special enclosed space, for the evaluation of trot, gallop and the horse's natural equilibrium.

4. The Judge may dismiss from the Show horses in inadequate presentation conditions in or when their keeping is not in line with the exhibition's requirements.
5. Presenters not in formal or traditional clothes will be dismissed from the ring. When required by the Organizer, the ANACRHAI uniform will be mandatory.
6. The presence of a second person to attend the horse - aided by the whip - is allowed during presentation in the triangle.
7. Only Judges, officials from the Central Bureau or the Organizing Body and personnel involved in presentation/custody of the horses are allowed within the presentation ring.

#### **Art. 14**

1. A Champion and a reserve Champion, in addition to third, fourth and fifth placed participants will be proclaimed for each category. Each horse will receive a cockade of a different colour, as provided by the Central Bureau.

#### **Art. 15**

1. Results achieved by the first five placed horses in Official Exhibitions organized under the present Regulation must be transcribed on the Studbook forms and cited on the Studbook Certificates. For horses placed sixth and lower only participation in the exhibition will be registered and cited on the Studbook Certificates.

#### **Art. 16**

1. The Organizing Body will not answer for errors in the Catalogue's compilation.

#### **Art. 17**

1. Claims on results cannot be put forward. All other claims will be considered by the Organizing Body only if in written form and presented within one hour of the calling out of the winners. Only owners presenting horses participating in the Exhibition are allowed to put forward such claims.
2. If the Organizing Body is other than the Central Bureau, it will forward the appeal to the Central Bureau itself. In all cases, the Central Bureau reserves the right to examine claims within 5 days from the date of the Exhibition, to gather information on the claims' merit and to rule on the specific claim, informing the claimant in written form.
3. Rulings by the Central Bureau are final and unobjectionable.

#### **Art. 18**

1. The Organizing Body reserves the right to issue further norms of a logistic and organizational character as it deems fit.
2. These will be binding in the same degree as the present Regulation

# Specific Instructions for the Young Stallion Evaluation Shows

## Art. 19

1. The Stallion Show is an official Stud Book show with the aim of evaluating breeding candidates in order to enter them into the Studbook.
2. The Market Show is an official exhibition of the SB , exclusively dedicated to horses within Category n. 3, male section, if taking place in autumn – or to horses of Category n. 4 if taking place in any other season of the year.
3. Both shows are organized by the Central Bureau exclusively, as provided by the SB's Official Shows Regulation, with the exception of what is provided for by Article n. 21 regarding the stallion candidates Show.

## Art. 20

### Admitted Candidates

1. Only horses of the Haflinger breed born in Italy and entered in the Foal Register, or Haflinger horses entered in recognized Studbooks and with the genealogical qualifications contemplated by the Italian Studbook regulations for stallion candidates are admitted to the Show.
2. Only Foals from Category n. 3 are admitted to the Market Show if it is held in autumn, and only Stallions from Category n. 4 male section if it is held in any other period of the year. Horses must be born in Italy and entered in the Stallion Studbook Register.

## Art. 21

Specific organizational and evaluation instructions regarding the Stallion candidates

### 1. Organization:

- During the show, evaluation of the horses is entrusted to one or more Studbook inspectors. Their appointment pertains to the Central Bureau, which may provide for the appointment of additional inspectors if the number of horses participating in the exhibition so requires.
- The Coordinator of the Experts Staff, who cooperates with the appointed inspectors in evaluating participants, must always be present.
- If contemplated by specific CTC resolutions, a SB aptitude field tests judge, appointed by the Central Bureau as well, may be present, with an exclusively supporting and advisory function in the evaluation of gait and movement.
- The appointed Inspector/s is/are responsible for the evaluation.

### 2. Evaluation of stallion candidates

- following identification, horses participating in the show will be officially measured by a Stud Book Inspector appointed by the Central Board. This Inspector may be different from the ones entrusted with evaluations.

- Participants will be presented in hand and be individually submitted to morphological evaluation, well placed. Horses will then be presented – always in hand – on the triangle for the evaluation of conformation faults, walk and trot.
- In a second phase all candidates will be re-examined in free movement within a suitable enclosed space, for evaluation of trot, gallop and the horses' natural equilibrium
- The Inspector will compile an evaluation form for each horse, according to the technical rules provisions and Central Technical Commission regulations.
- In case additional Inspectors are appointed for the gathering, each inspector will be allotted a group of horses for full evaluation both at the triangle and in free movement. Each Inspector will finally compile the corresponding evaluation forms.

**APPROVED**

**By the Italian Ministry of Agriculture**