



General rules to organise World championships Harness Racing for Amateur - Drivers

Organisation

Mixed (ladies and men) World championships are organised every even year.

The amateur association of the organising country carries out the WC together with the national principal association as well as with the race tracks responsible for the meeting. If the organising country belongs to an organisation like AEDAT, FEGAT or NADA the championships are held under their supervision. The races are driven under the national regulations of the organiser.

There will be a council present at the World championships with one member from AEDAT, one from FEGAT, one from NADA and one from Oceania. Every organisation (continent) is free to nominate their own member of this council but the council will consist of no more than four members. This "World council" will discuss eventual problems that turns up during a championship.

On every race event is an official representative for the World championships to be asked in every matter concerning the WC that can turn up during the race day. At every ceremony for the winners must at least one representative for the winning country attend. At the final ceremony of a World championships the entire World council must be present.

The participating countries must provide that either their driver or their official representative or other accompanying person speaks either English or German. The organising country has to provide a person responsible for each driver who can speak either English or German.

Program

The races are driven with horses from the organising country. If more countries have announced participation than the organiser can provide horses for in one race, in extraordinary emergencies a change in the picking of the drivers for each race can occur – but only after approval of all participating countries. For every race there has to be horses enough for every driver and on top of that two reserve horses ready if this is possible due to the organisers national regulations. The mode with more races and fewer starting horses where every driver can not start in every race is accepted but should be an exception. Every driver shall have the opportunity to participate in at least 4 races (the more the better) with auto start. The organiser decides as to the distance of the races. As a rule the races are driven over middle distance (2.000 meters or more)

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The draw of the horses has to be executed in the presence of a nominee from the amateur association of the organising country. If possible, the draw shall be processed by the participants themselves. The quality of the horses offered to the drivers shall be as even as possible in each race. If this can not be done the horses in each race shall be divided in two categories; good and less good. Every driver shall have the possibility to drive the same amount of good horses. Also the drivers shall have the possibility to start in half of his races from an open track.

If all horses start in the first row the draw of the horses is also done in two groups, so that all drivers can start from an inner starting position in at least half of his races driven. As inner half is meant half + 1, with uneven number of starters half + 0,5.

Example: 10 starters = 5 + 1 = 6 inner starting positions
 7 starters = 3,5 + 0,5 = 4 inner starting positions

Participants

The participating countries have the sovereign right to pick their participant. Every participant must prove that he/she has won no less than 10 victories. Every driver must have an official, valid amateur driver license from his own country. He has to be a citizen of the country he represents. The races are driven in national colours (national dress).

Nomination

The nomination of drivers must be given on an official form provided by the organiser. The nominations are accepted if sent by mail, telefax or e-mail. One copy remains with the national amateur association, one is forwarded to the eventual main body for several countries and the third copy is sent to the organiser. The entry date must be so early so that it is possible for the organiser to notify the participating countries as to the names of the participants no less than 3 weeks before the event.

Score system

The world champion is selected through a score system which nominates the driver who has reached the highest score after all races have been driven. The winner in each race gets 4 points more than the second placed who gets 2 points more than the third placed. From the third placed and down the interval is always the same so that the last placed receives 1 point. If races are driven with different number of drivers the point system with the highest number of participants will be used for all races.

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For disqualified and not placed drivers, who do not turn up in the official valuation is given 1 point. If more than one driver have the same score, the number of first, second etc. places are used to determine the rank. If this is not enough to determine the rank the added time used in all races driven will be decisive.

In case of a photo finish of two or more horses sharing the same place, everyone will be given the score he/she would have received if he/she had been alone on that place.

With 14 participants:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Points	18	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Unplaced, disqualified, turned, left the track etc. 1 point

Not participating: example

Formula with 14 participants: the total points delt out are 110

$110 : 14$ (number of participants) = 7,86 = 8 points

When deciding a decimal diget, up to 0,49 is reduced to the nearest lower full number and from 5,0 elevated to the nearest higher full number.

Result list

For every race driven there has to be presented a result list immediately, showing at least the names of the horses, the names of the drivers and the time used for every driver, from the first to the last, who has completed the race. It should also show the odds and punishments given. The distribution of and final decision about points has to be done under the supervision of a fiduciary approved by all countries participating before the races.

Punishment/sanction

Eventual fine must be claimed by the organising race track either in cash or by bill stating name of account holder, bank and account number. Driving ban or other sanctions are, due to U.E.T. regulations, to be respected in all participating countries.

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Prices

The purse of the race is provided by the arranging race track or the principal organisation in the member country. In a WC the organiser gives gold, silver and bronze medals for the first three in the total summary. The organiser has the responsibility to provide honorary prices in all separate races as well as for the first three total summary winners.

Economy

The organiser invites no less than 3 persons from countries participating (driver with follower and official representative from each country). For these 3 persons the organiser pays all costs such as meals, entries, bus transfer and excursions but does not have to pay for lodging. The costs for lodging shall be paid in advance upon demand.

There shall be a final banquet for all attending the event.

For attendants exceeding 3 the organiser is entitled to get full payment for all costs. These costs shall be paid in advance upon demand.

Costs to be paid has to be announced in the invitation to the event stating:

- A/ costs for first 3 participants
- B/ costs for participants exceeding 3
- C/ currency used
- D/ account number holder and account number for transfer.

Application

If any uncertainty or occurrence not described in these general rules turns up, the organising country or its main body makes the interpretation of the rules and decides what to do.

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