

General rules for organizing European Championships for Gentlemen and Ladies as well as for World Championships

Participants

The organization paying the membership fee to FEGAT has the exclusive right to choose who will represent them in all FEGAT events; namely European Championship for Gentlemen, European Championship for Ladies and World Championship.

Organization

FEGAT delegates at a General Assembly (GA) the arranging of a European Championship (EC) or a World Championship (WC) to a member or to an overseas country. ECs are organized every year. Mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) WCs are organized every two years.

The Amateur association of the organizing member country carries out the EC or WC together with the national principal association as well as the racecourses responsible for the meeting. The races are driven under the national regulations of the organizing country.

At every race event an official representative of FEGAT is to be asked in every matter concerning things that can turn up during the race day. At every ceremony for the winners at least one representative for the FEGAT Executive Board must attend.

The participating countries must provide that either their driver or their official representative or other accompanying person who speak English.

The organizing country has to provide a person, responsible for each driver, who can speak English.

FEGAT members who, following the list of organizers decided by the FEGAT GA, can or do not want to organize an EC are not allowed to participate in any FEGAT Championship or event the whole following year although they still have to pay the membership fee for that year. The following GA will then decide about further sanctions.

Programme

The races are driven with standard bred horses provided by the organizing country. If more countries have announced participation than the organizer can provide horses for in one race, in extraordinary emergencies a change in the picking of drivers for each race can occur – but only after approval by FEGAT. The model 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 in an EC should have the opportunity of participating in minimum 4 races (more if possible) with auto-start. In a WC every driver must participate in no less than 6 races, if possible more. In a WC the organizer decides the distance of the races. As a rule all races are driven over middle distance (2 000 metres)

The draw of the horses has to be executed in the presence of a nominee from the Amateur association of the organizing 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 cannot be done the horses in each race shall be divided into 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 at least half of the races from the first row behind the mobile gate.

If all horses start in the first row the draw of the horses is also done in two groups, so that all drivers start in the inner half at least half of his/her races driven. As inner half is meant half and in cases with uneven number of starters half + 1.

No reserve horses are allowed in FEGAT Championships, meaning Gentlemen's EC, Ladies' EC and the WC.

Participants

Participants are nominated by the qualified FEGAT member countries. The overseas nations (WC) decide themselves who will represent them.

Every participant must prove that he/she has won no less than 10 wins to participate in the European Championship and 25 wins to participate in the World Championship.

Wins have to be taken in official races and with warm blood or cold blood horses in trotting gait. Wins earned in pony, monté or pacer races are not counted. Also wins taken before the age of 16 are not counted.

For overseas countries wins earned in pacer races are counted.

Every driver must have a valid Amateur drivers' license and a valid insurance.

The races are driven in national colours (national dress).

A change of driver is possible if the matter occurs that a driver cannot participate because of unpredictable matters (for example his/her own illness or a near relative's illness or death). In these cases the FEGAT Executive Board takes the decision if a change can be approved or not. The decision of the FEGAT Executive Board cannot be appealed.

Whip

All FEGAT Championships are driven without a whip.

The organizer is responsible for controlling that no whip is brought by any driver. Violation of this rule is disqualification, regardless if the whip is used or not.

This rule is not valid in the WC.

Nomination

The nomination of drivers must be given on the FEGAT official form in two copies. The nominations are accepted if sent by post or e-mail. One copy remains with the national Amateur association and one is forwarded to the FEGAT Secretary-general. The entry date must be so early that it is possible for FEGAT to notify the members as to the names of the participants no less than 3 weeks before the event.

Score system

The European or World Champion is selected through a score system which declares the driver who has reached the highest score as the winner. The winner in each race gets 1 bonus point. From the second 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 point system with the highest number of participants will be used for all races. If drivers are not driving the same amount of races the new FEGAT system with dividing the result with the number of races driven shall be used due to a decision taken at the GA 2016 §12.

Disqualified and not placed drivers, who do not turn up in the official valuation are given 1 point. If more than one driver has the same number of points, 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 if they have been driven over the same distance. Otherwise the final placement will be shared. All drivers must compete over the same distance. If different distances are used every driver shall drive the same number of races over the different distances.

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

Example with 14 participants:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Points	15	13	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 dealt out are 106; 106 divided by 14 (number of participants) = 7.57 = 8 points. When deciding a decimal digit, up to 0.49 is reduced to the nearest low full number and from 0.5 elevated to the nearest high full number.

FEGAT – punishment point system

FEGAT lays stress on fair and clean races and has therefore a punishment point system that will run in co-operation with the stewards during every Championship.

To use this system the stewards must contact the responsible FEGAT representative immediately after each race telling what sanctions were imposed. The stewards only have to communicate whether a passing/foul/failure was classified as “light” or “severe”.

FEGAT asks the responsible Stewards for the following data:

Racetrack/Place of event				
	Driver		Passing/foul/failure	
Race Nr.		Place	light	severe

- For a light passing/foul/failure 1 point is subtracted (for example: late to the presentation depending of the driver, responsible for a false start). For punishments not caused by the driver no points shall be subtracted.
- For a severe passing/foul/failure 3 points are subtracted (for example: interference with another driver or causing a dangerous situation).

This form must be filled out and signed immediately after every race and then be passed to the official representative of FEGAT.

Result list

For every race driven the organizer has to present a result list that shall be handed over to the FEGAT representative responsible for the results as soon as possible after each race, showing at least the names of the horses, the names of the drivers and the time used for every driver who has completed the race. It must also show any punishments given. The distribution of and final decision about points has to be performed under the supervision of a FEGAT Executive Board official.

Punishment/sanction

A given fine must be claimed by the organizing racecourse in cash.

Driving ban or other sanctions are, due to U.E.T. regulations, to be respected in all U.E.T. member countries.

A fine must be paid before a member country can participate in another U.E.T. event.

Prices

The purse of the race is provided by the arranging racecourse or the principal organization in the member country. FEGAT awards gold, silver and bronze for the first three in the total summary.

When a WC is held FEGAT only awards the medals when a FEGAT member country is the organizer.

The organizer has the responsibility to provide honorary prices in all separate races as well as for the first three total summary winners.

The FEGAT Executive Board also hopes that all drivers are given a small souvenir of remembrance that they have attended a Championship.

Economy

The organizer gives the possibility for no less than 3 persons from each participating country to attend (driver with follower and official representative for the member nation).

The cost for participation shall be paid in advance.

Four FEGAT Executive Board officials are invited free to all European Championships and further officials pay half the price. All costs including lodging, but not travel, are the responsibility of the organizer.

In a WC two officials from the FEGAT Executive Board are invited in the same way.

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

Cost shall be paid in advance.

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

- A. Costs for participants
- B. Costs for other attending persons and for FEGAT officials
- C. Currency used
- D. Holders account number and number for transfer, BIC and IBAN

Memorandum for events

1. Opening speech by a representative for the arranging country. If the organizer so wishes a FEGAT official will also make a speech. However, if so wished, this has to be announced in advance.
2. Presentation of drivers, the FEGAT Executive Board and the responsible organizer will be held at the opening ceremony.
3. It is mandatory for all drivers to attend the whole programme of the Championship including all official ceremonies and dinners. If not the country concerned will be banned for one year of participation in the corresponding FEGAT event and the driver for 3 years.
4. An official from the FEGAT Executive Board has to be present at the briefing of the drivers.
5. A budget has to be sent in to the FEGAT Secretariat before the invitation is sent out to members if the price per person exceeds €800 for an EC and €1 000 for a WC.

Application

If any uncertainty or occurrence in these General rules turns up, the FEGAT Executive Board makes the interpretation and decides what to do to solve the situation. For the interpretation of these General rules as well as for its supplements this English version is normative.

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