

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

Participants

The national club 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

The FEGAT Executive Board (EB) delegates the organizing of a European Championship (EC) or a World Championship (WC) to a member or to an overseas country. ECs are organized every year. Mixed (Ladies and Gentlemen) WCs are organized every two years.

The responsible 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 EB must attend.

The participating countries must provide that either their driver or their official representative or other accompanying person 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 General Assembly (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. No races with cold blood horses allowed!

The invitation must be sent to the secretariat of FEGAT at least **3 months** in advance of an event stating days of arrival and departure. The FEGAT secretariat

will then forward it to the member clubs. Invitations to Championships **may only be sent** from the FEGAT secretariat.

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 should 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 should be 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 or by livestream. 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 number of good horses. Also, the drivers should have the possibility to start in at least half of the races from the first row behind the mobile gate.

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.

In World Championships (WCs) 8 countries from FEGAT and 4 nations from overseas participate. The **organizing country** is always nominated. FEGAT countries are nominated in the following way: Countries that did not participate in the latest WC driven are automatically qualified. The additional nations are nominated at the last European championship (EC), either Ladies' or Gentlemen's, run before the WC.

The winning country in a World Championship is automatically nominated to participate in the next WC. (Decision of the 2024 GA)

Every participant must prove that he/she has won no less than 10 wins to participate in the European Championship and 20 wins to participate in the World Championship. Drivers must be over **18** years old when the event starts.

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 pacing 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 troubles. In these cases, the organizing country takes the decision if a change can be approved or not.

Whip

All FEGAT European 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 World Championships where the organizing country itself will decide if the whip can be allowed or not. (Decision of the 2024 GA)

Nomination

The nomination of drivers must be given on the FEGAT official form. The nominations are accepted if sent by e-mail to the national Amateur association and 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 horses the highest point system with the highest number of participants will be used for all races. If drivers are not driving the same number of races the FEGAT system with dividing the result with the number of races driven shall be used.

Disqualified and not placed horses, which do not turn up in the official valuation, are given the same points as the last horse in that race would have got. 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 penalty points are counted. Penalty points given for matters not caused by the driver shall not be counted. Otherwise, the final placement will be shared.

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

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. The given points this way is related to the place in the ranking. For example, 8 points are connected to place 7 in this case.

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 local 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: responsible for a false start).
- For a severe passing/foul/failure 3 points are subtracted (for example: interference with another driver or causing a dangerous situation).
- However, a driver cannot get below nil points in the total evaluation of that specific race.

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 and the names of the drivers. It must also show any punishments given. The distribution of and final decision about points has to be performed by a FEGAT EB official.

Punishment/sanction

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

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

Doping, correction of results

Doping is worldwide not accepted. If a horse in a FEGAT Championship race is tested positive and disqualified, organizers must **immediately** inform the FEGAT Executive Board. The driver of the involved horse will get the points of a disqualified horse. The final result of this Championship will be corrected.

Also, other results, non-doping related, can be corrected afterwards following the decision of the organizing authority of the country where a championship takes place.

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 medals for the first three in the total summary.

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

Economy

The cost for participation shall be paid in advance.

Four FEGAT officials are invited free to all European Championships. All costs including lodging, but not travel, are the responsibility of the organizer.

At a WC two officials from FEGAT are invited in the same way **plus two FEGAT officials should get the official participation package with -50 % discount. This rule of discounted price for two FEGAT officials concern only European organizers.**

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
- 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. **Only short speeches are asked.**
2. Presentation of drivers, the FEGAT Executive Board and the responsible organizer will be held at the opening ceremony and nametags shall be distributed. Note; nametags should have the same text on both the sides to avoid a blank side!
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.
6. FEGAT contributes (EC) with €125/horse up to a maximum of 5 horses/driver. For WCs only contribution to organizing FEGAT members
7. Interested people who want to follow a FEGAT arrangement cannot participate in any part of an arrangement prearranged by the organizer of the event without paying the stipulated fee to the organizer. If some supporters want to follow a Championship without paying the cost for the arrangement it will jeopardize the budget for the organizing member. This means transportation, lodging, meals and all other parts of the program. They are of course free to book their own hotel and transport and pay entrance fees to the racecourses.

8. The organizer provides honorary prices in all separate races and also for the first three in the total summary.
9. The FEGAT Executive Board also hopes that all drivers are given a small souvenir of remembrance that they have attended a Championship.

Application

For the interpretation of these General rules this English version is normative.

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