

European Championship Appaloosa Show accompanied by ERAA-Futurity and -Derby



October 11th – 14th, 2012

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Location:	HorseAcademy Sàrl 19, rue du Golf F-68580 Mooslargue	Registration Office:	Open from October 10 th , 10 am. (Facility use is not allowed without viewable back number!)
Show Date:	October 11 th – 14 th , 2012		
Arrival:	not earlier than Wednesday, October 10 th , 9 am.		
Departure:	not later than Monday, October 15 th , 12 noon.		

Brief Show Information:

European Championship Appaloosa Show (ApHC approved 4 judge show)

These classes will be judged in accordance with current ApHC rules completed by the rules mentioned in this document.

Judges are:

- Butch Carse (USA)
- Sandy Jirkovsky (USA)
- Jim Jirkovsky (USA)
- Jack Zuidema (USA)

Placed participants will be awarded ribbons and engraved medals. Overall Open Halter Grand and Reserve Grand Champions of each sex as well as overall All Around Champions and Reserve Champions will be awarded an engraved sterling-silver buckle from Montana Silversmiths.

Documents to send with your entry form:

- Copy of ApHC certificate of registration. Non-registered horses may only assist in cutting classes as turnbacks or herd holders.
- Copy of exhibitor's and owner's current ApHC membership cards. Exhibitor as well as owner of the horse must have a 2012 ApHC membership. Exhibitors showing in Non-Pro classes must provide a copy of Non-Pro card.

ERAA Futurity and Derby (NRHA approved Open classes)

These classes will be judged in accordance with current NRHA rules completed by the rules mentioned in this document.

Judges are:

- Butch Carse (USA)
- Sandy Jirkovsky (USA)

ERAA Futurity is reserved to 3- and 4-year-old appaloosa horses. Futurity horses can be shown either in bit (one-handed) or in a snaffle-bit (two-handed). ERAA Derby is reserved to 5-, 6- and 7-year-old appaloosa horses. Derby horses can be shown in the bit only.

The Futurity and the Derby will have a go-round and a final. The number of finalists will be determined by the NRHA rulebook according to the number of entries, with the possible derogations incontrovertibly decided by the ERAA for the best outcome of the show.

In both classes, the champion as well as the reserve champion will receive an engraved sterling-silver buckle from Montana Silversmiths. Further, the Futurity Champion and the Derby Champion will be awarded an official NRHA Lawson trophy.

Documents to send with your entry form:

- Copy of ApHC certificate of registration. In contrast to the European Championship Appaloosa Show, non-characteristic horses are allowed to participate without performance permit.
- Copy of NRHA Competition License
- Copy of exhibitor's and owner's current NRHA and ERAA membership cards.

General Provisions Part 1 (read carefully!)

Health Certificates

To comply with state animal health regulations and to ensure the health of your horse, the following two documents will be strictly required for all horses:

- **Horse passport including current vaccination for influenza. Influenza shot must not be older than 6 months and 28 days (almost 7 months) or younger than 7 days in case of booster shot respectively 14 days in case of second basic immunization. Vaccination for herpes and tetanus are not required but highly recommended by the show management.**
- **10-day health certificate issued by the official state veterinarian of your country. The health certificate must be valid from the date of arrival until the date of departure. Health certificates that expire before your departure will be reinstated by the state veterinarian for an additional charge at the show office.**

Both documents have to be brought to the Show Office. No horse will be allowed to participate without the above mentioned documents. The show management refuses admittance to the show grounds if required health documents are missing.

Drug and medications

All horses are subject to inspection by the show veterinarian at any time. Tests (urine and/or saliva and/or blood) for medication can be made at the total discretion of the judge(s), veterinarian(s), show steward(s) or Show Management. If a horse tests positive, the owner or of the horse will be charged with the drug testing fee and disciplinary measures are applied. A horse cannot be shown in any class if that animal has been administered a prohibited substance in any manner. Prohibited substances are those set in the current *ApHC Handbook* (see Rule 40) as well as in the current FEI list of prohibited and reportable substances.

Cash-Only Policy

All fees must be paid in Euros. At the show, payments are accepted in cash only. Before the show, fees must be paid by bank transfer. The payment must be credited to the European Championship Appaloosa Show account by the time the exhibitor checks in to the Show Office. If no payment was received, the exhibitor must pay the entire amount due in cash as a deposit which will be repaid when fees are credited to the bank account. Any exhibitor who refuses to pay the balance due at the show will be subject to disqualification.

Non-Smoking Facility

Smoking is absolutely prohibited in all stalls as well as in all indoor and outdoor riding arenas.

Loading and Unloading Trailers

Arriving and departing horse trailers, trucks and vans will be allowed 15 minutes for unloading and loading and then must move to the designated parking areas.

Dogs

All dogs must be confined or on a leash at all times when on the show grounds. Dogs running free will be caught and impounded by the Show Management. A fee of EUR 50 will apply to get your dog back.

Media Rules

The Show Management has the right to photograph and record any participant, exhibitor and/or spectator during the show. No photos or videos of events or individuals may be contracted for sale other than through the official photographer and video personnel under contract with the Show Management.

Signs, Posters, Advertisement, etc.

Please ask Show Officials where the placement of such materials is allowed. If any promotional material placed on any of the HorseAcademy's property defaces or destroys the property, parties responsible may be charged for the cost of having the property repaired or replaced.

Paid Warm-Ups

Paid practices will be offered for reining, pleasure, hunter under saddle and trail. Training aids are allowed; however, inhumane equipment or treatment is prohibited in accordance with ApHC rules. These practices will be monitored. A maximum of 24 entries per discipline will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

- Reining Warm-Ups: single use of the show arena for 4 minutes.
- Western Pleasure Warm-Up: will be run like an actual class during 15 minutes. Entrance and exit of the warm-up once started is not possible any more.
- Hunter Under Saddle Warm-Up: will be run like an actual class during 15 minutes. Entrance and exit of the warm-up once started is not possible any more.
- Trail Warm-Up: all obstacles that are part of the official trail patterns are provided, though not in the same order. Each group of 3 participants are allowed to work the obstacles for 10 minutes. Groups are arranged by the Show Office on a random basis,

Electronic Devices

Exhibitors using electronic devices or two-way communication devices during the class they are currently judged will be automatically disqualified.

General Provisions Part 2 (read carefully!):

Inhumane Treatment

The ApHC is committed to the humane and proper treatment of all animals. The welfare of the animal is the primary consideration in all activities. Animals will be treated with kindness, respect and compassion at all times. Upon discovery by any show official of inhumane treatment, Show Management reserves the right to immediately disqualify the horse and exhibitor for the remainder of the show and/or remove them from the grounds and shall immediately report the matter to the ApHC for further disciplinary action.

Refunds

If any exhibitor, horse or owner is disqualified from showing by the Show Management or Officials, or if a horse is not entered into a class, all fees will be forfeited. Refunds will be considered only in case of injury or illness of a horse or rider. Refund requests must be received with proper documentation (doctor's or veterinarian's attest) until October 10th, 2012, 9 am. will be entitled to a refund of 50% of class entry fees and stall fees. Administration fees will never be refunded.

Late registration/entry

All registrations handed in after the deadline will be charged an additional late fee of EUR 50 plus EUR 10 per class.

Adding, Changing or Rejecting Classes during the Show

Individuals may add, change or reject a class until 2 hour prior to the start of the class for a fee of EUR 10 per class. No entry fee is refunded when rejecting a class.

Deny of Liability

Each participant is responsible for adequate insurance. The show organizer denies all liabilities. Participation is at one's own risk. This release of liability includes Appaloosa Horse Club Switzerland (ApHCS) and the HorseAcademy, whose officials and employees are not responsible for any accident that may occur to, or be caused by, any horse exhibited at the show or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor is responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person or animal, or damage to any property while on grounds, by any horse owned or exhibited by or in his or her custody or control, and to indemnify and hold harmless the Show Management, ApHC, ApHCS, the HorseAcademy or any other sponsoring organization, if any, from and against all claims, demands, cause of accident, injury, or damage to person or property caused by the ownership exhibition or custody, or control of any animal exhibited.

Show Management reserves the right to cancel, reschedule or rearrange any class or event, or part thereof, when such action is necessitated by a special event or circumstance that is beyond the control of Show Management. Show Management will not be liable to any person or entity for damages of any kind whatsoever, which relate in any manner to, or arise out of, such cancellation or rescheduling. In case, the show has to be cancelled prior to the registration deadline, all fees already paid in are refunded.

Stall Information:

Every horse entered in the show must have one box with the exception of those that are being hauled in just for the day. In this case a facility fee of EUR 30 per day has to be charged. Otherwise the facility fee is already part of the stall fee.

Two weanlings may share one box (the second horse has to pay the facility fee of EUR 30 per day).

Due to the high number of permanently occupied boxes in Mooslargue, only 60 wooden stalls are available for the show. Temporary PVC stalls on hard ground will be installed for all other competitors at the show. Stalls will be assigned through a first-come first-served basis (first wooden stalls then PVC stalls). All entries will be processed in the order they were received. Those who wish to be stalled with trainers or another exhibitor should send in their entry forms on the same day! Desires can be posted. We kindly ask you, to place your entries on schedule. The show management can not guarantee stalls for late entries. Reservation of stalls is not possible without entries.

First shavings are included. Please choose between chipped wood (Allspan) and straw. Additional bedding and hay can be purchased. Shavings and hay are available for sale at specific times only (8:00 – 8:30 am. and 5:00 – 5:30 pm.). Be prepared to bring a first load of feed with you.

When decorating your stall do not use any non-removable items or items that cause damage. Any damage to stalls will be your financial responsibility.

Exhibitors are required to keep their stalls clean and neat and to dispose of the manure in the designated dump area. Stalls may be used only to house horses or tack. Any other (commercial) uses are strictly prohibited. Show management will designate a stable supervisor to patrol the barns regularly.

Placing Procedure and Award Policy:

Approved ApHC Classes

Four sets of ApHC points will be given in all ApHC-approved Youth, Non-Pro and Open events offered. ApHC points will be awarded based on each of the judge's final placings. Ties on each individual judge's card will be broken by the judge's discretion or by flip of a coin.

Placings

Each class is placed through the 8th place. Results for each judge will be announced.

To calculate the European Championship placings the results of each judge will be summed up. The horse with the highest value becomes European Champion, the horse with the second highest value European Reserve Champion and so on. For reining, working cow horse and cutting classes the 4 scores will then be totaled. In all other classes the 4 placings are accredited by the number of captured horses plus one, but maximal 8 and then summed up over all judges. Example: If 5 horses have been entered a class, 5 points for the 1st place, 4 points for the 2nd place, 3 points for the 3rd place, 2 points for the 4th place and 1 point for the 5th place are accredited and then summed up over all 4 judges.

The European Championship is placed as well through the 8th place and awarded with ribbons (with neckband for the European Champion).

The European Champion, European Reserve Champion and Bronze Medal winner will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.

Ties will be broken by the tie-breaker judge determined at the beginning of the show.

Championship Titles

The title of European Champion will be awarded as follows:

- 1 or 2 starters → no titles will be awarded
- 3 & more starters → European Champion (Gold Medal), European Reserve Champion (Silver Medal) and Bronze Medal

All-Around Awards

All-Around Awards will be given for Youth, Non-Pro and Open classes. The horse and rider couple with the highest amount of European Championship points is called All Around Champion. The horse and rider couple with the second highest amount of European Championship points is called All Around Reserve Champion. Both Champions will be awarded an engraved sterling-silver Montana Silversmith buckle.

In the event of a tie for an All-Around Award (both

Champion and Reserve), the following system will be used to resolve the tie.

1. The horse competing and placing in the most categories.
2. The horse earning the most European Championships.
3. The horse earning the most European Reserve Championships.
4. Flipping a coin.

Jackpot Classes

Here no European Championship titles are awarded. Placings are determined by the same method as for non-jackpot classes (rule see above). Payout scheme refers to NRHA rules.

Sponsor Awards

Special awards given by our sponsors may be distributed to horses entered and shown in classes during the European Championship Appaloosa Show.