



2024 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR APPRENTICES

RULES

Ippodromo del Mediterraneo, Syracuse, Sicily – Italy
Sunday 8 December - 4 races

The European Championship for Apprentices is organized under the authority of U.E.T.

Each Federation appoints his representative who, if possible, should be ranked among the first five apprentices of the country (based on the number of victories in the preceding year). U.E.T appoints each year a person responsible for the classification and who - if a situation should arise which is not mentioned in the present regulation - is entitled to take the decisions in accordance with the Organizing Racetrack.

The representative of a country must have the nationality of the country that he is representing.

Only apprentices who are not older than 25 years during the year of the Championship, holding a license delivered by the Trotting Authorities of their country of origin and employed by a professional trainer are admitted to take part in the Championship. They must have at least 5 victories and less than 100 victories.

Each driver participating in the European Championship for Apprentices is obliged - except in case of force majeure - to participate in all races of the Championship, otherwise he will lose his right to participate. A driver, who has not participated the first day of the Championship, will be excluded from the competition. The Federation which has appointed his representative is responsible for the expenses made by the organizing racetrack if the driver does not carry on with the Championship, except in case of force majeure.

The start of each race will be given by autostart or, in case of impossibility, by «flying» start.

To equalize the chances of each driver, every organizing racetrack will divide their horses in 2 groups called A and B. Group A includes horses which are considered by the organizing racetrack as the best and group B includes the horses of a lower category. Each participant will drive the same number of horses from group A and B. The horses will be assigned by public drawing. If necessary, a distribution table of the horses will be made.

The horses should be of equal quality. Horses considered as superior or very hard to handle shall be excluded by the organizing track.

The classification will be made as follows:

For each race, the winner receives 5 points more than the second, the second 3 points, the third 2 points, and from the fifth onwards, each time 1 point less, till the last competitor who receives 1 point. When a horse is stopped or disqualified, or when he passes the post in an irregular gait, his driver will receive 1 point. If a situation not mentioned by the present rules should arise, the National Federation of the concerned country is entitled to take a decision in accordance with the representative of U.E.T.



If a driver cannot participate in a race due to an insufficient number of horses available, he will receive 6 points.

If a driver cannot participate, the organizing racetracks appoints another apprentice driver for this horse entered to the program. This horse will receive no points.

The driver with the highest score after the qualification races, will be declared European Champion. In case of equality of points, the majority of first (second, third...) places obtained in the different races will decide.

Each National Federation will assume the travel expenses of his representative from his residence to the departure of the Circuit and back to his home town.

The organizing racetracks will support proportionally the following expenses:

The travel, hotel and restaurant expenses during the European Championship for Apprentices and one accompanying person, as well as all costs involved by the preparations of this Championship and the honorary prize for the winner.

The insurance expenses for the driver during the Championship will be assumed by the Federation of his home country.

A participant driver has no right to ask for indemnity from the owners or trainers of the horses they drive in the Championship.