



2026 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR APPRENTICES

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Dundalk Stadium Ireland

RULES

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

Each Federation appoints its 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.

- Each country organizing the championship will have the right to have a representative participating in the championship.
- The representative of a country must have the nationality of the country that he/she is representing and must be employed by a professional trainer.
- Only apprentices who are not older than 30 years and who are holding a license delivered by the Trotting Authority of their country of origin for no longer than 9 years in the year of the Championship are admitted to take part in the Championship. They must have at least 5 victories and less than 100 victories.

If the total amount of nominations exceeds the maximal possible number of starters (12) in the organising country, a selection committee (President, General Secretary and Technical Advisor of the UET) will then appoint the participating drivers, according to the following specific ratio:

The total number of starts during the career of the driver will be divided by the total number of winners during the career from said driver.

The drivers with the best start to win ratio will then be allowed to participate

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 racetrack 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.

In case a horse is disqualified after the end of a championship by the national federation where the championship was conducted (e.g. because of a positive doping test), the driver concerned will lose the points received in that race and will be awarded one point (for the disqualified horse). The point score of all other drivers in this race will be adjusted accordingly. If this procedure changes the final result of the championship all drivers having received honorary prizes for their final ranking will have to give back their prizes, if they do not match with the new ranking, to UET Secretariat. The prizes will then be distributed to the drivers according to the new result.