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Hello! We're are ready for summer and the upcoming show season! This short edition features some helpful reminders looking forward to the summer's events to ensure everyon's success and enjoyment. Best of luck, stay safe and be blessed.

With thanks,

KWPN-NA Harness Committee



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Foal Registration Season Has Arrived

Spring has arrived! With it comes one of the most exciting times of the year- foaling season! As we all watch our foals trot around the fields, envisioning them as the next Keuring Champion, there are a few things we can all do to help the keuring season go more smoothly for all who are involved in organizing it.



First, and perhaps the most impactful, is to register your foals early. Registering your foals well before the keuring entry deadline is a huge help to the KWPN-NA office. The earlier you can get your keuring entry in, the better as well. Allowing the office to prepare as much in advance as possible makes it easier for them to get bridle numbers, ribbons and score sheets in order for the keurings. In fact, if you register your foal within 60 days of it's birth, you will receive a \$50 discount on the registration fee!

If your foal is by a stallion who was not KWPN-NA Activated from 2020 forward, the registration is subject to a \$100 fee. VB, and VB stallions approved with an erkend studbook, as well as "affiliate" stallions (outside stallions approved with an erkend studbook) are eligible for activation. While only KWPN/KWPN-NA stallions appear in the printed Stallion Handbook, affiliate stallions do get a page on the KWPN-NA website.

The form for registering your foal can be found at KWPN-NA.org, and registration can also be done through the KWPN-NA Member Portal. Kelley and Drew, our wonderful office staff, work tirelessly to get these keurings to happen for us, and it is very much appreciated when entries and registrations come in early. Keuring entry numbers were very high last year, and likely will be again this year, let's all do our part to make it as easy as possible to get the keuring tour organized efficiently. Enjoy your foals, and best of luck this year!

PILOT REGULIERE EN ALTERNATIEVE IBOP VANAF 4/23/2023

For several years there has been discussion about the IBOP, whereby the dressage test of the Regular IBOP is usually considered too heavy and the dressage test of the Alternative IBOP is considered too light, and it is also indicated to make it more uniform.

Jury members and inspection generally see this as the net assessment time per horse also deserves attention.

In practice, it often happens that it is not possible to ride the show test with two horses at the same time, which undermines equal conditions.

To guarantee equal conditions, it would be wise to ride both the dressage and show tests individually and consecutively.

In addition, it is desirable from a practical point of view that the inspection committee will be on the track during the entire test.

Proposals for this have been discussed during the various Breeding Councils and the Breeding Council advises starting April 21, 2023 with a Pilot for both the Regular and Alternative IBOP according to the procedure below, which will be evaluated at the end of this year.

Pilot Regular and Alternative IBOP from April 2023:

The dressage and show test is ridden individually and consecutively, with the inspection committee standing in the arena.

DRESSAGE TEST:

- Enter in working trot on right lead
- Once around, line up on the center line with the head towards the grandstand / audience and salute
- Inspection by the inspection committee
- Start on right lead in working trot
- After one round change lead across the diagonal
- Show more action in trot over the long side
- Drive a large circle at the middle of the long side
- Transition to walk and change lead across the diagonal
- Transition to working trot and drive a large circle at the middle of the long side
- Show more action in trot over the long side
- Transition to walk
- Line up on the centerline

SHOW TEST:

- Start on right lead in show trot
- After two rounds change lead across the diagonal
- After two rounds line up on the centerline
- The inspection committee announces the result
- Round of honor in show trot on right lead, change lead across the diagonal and leave the arena

The inspection committee has the right at all times to deviate from the procedure and, if desired, to request additional procedures.

It remains unchanged that the Regular IBOP must be ridden once and the Alternative IBOP twice.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR UPCOMING SHOWS

Keuring season will be here before we know it, and there are a few details regarding turnout for Fine Harness classes and Keuring classes we would like to refresh and clarify.

All horses are required to be driven with a Liverpool bit. The lines must be attached to the bar of the bit, not the ring, so that the curb chain is in use. The lines must attach to the same place on each side of the bit. The lines may have hand stops but cannot have hand holds.

The driver shall be neatly attired with a hat. Appropriate attire can include black pants and shoes, a white shirt with a black vest and a neat hat. **The use of ginger and bag whips are strictly prohibited at shows or keurings.**

While these have been rules all along, enforcement of them will be strict this year, so please do your best to be aware of all the rules and requirements of the classes you are showing in.

A full list of rules can be found at KWPN-NA.org.





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