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PRELIMINARY TITLE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. These Rules and Regulations endeavor to establish the procedures to govern the organization, operation and smooth running of Conformation Competitions for Purebred Spanish Stallions and Mares (hereinafter PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions or simply Competitions), to establish competition categories and other matters regarding competitions, including but not limited to rights, obligations and responsibilities of both the Organizing Committee and participants.

These Rules and Regulations are reviewed annually by the Conformation-Functional Competition Commission and approved by the Executive Committee.

Article 2. These current Rules & Regulations shall be applied at all PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions, and therefore, must be complied with in full by all those who intervene in competitions, whether organizers, participants or judges, as well as the competent supervisory authority.

Notwithstanding the above, the World PRE Championship Final shall also apply, in an alternative manner, the specific rules that shall be published annually, as would be the case, prior to the conclusion of the entry deadline for said Final.

TITLE I

CONFORMATION-FUNCTIONAL COMPETITION COMMISSION

Article 3. It is the Conformation-Functional Commission that is responsible for the strict compliance and observation of Competition Rules & Regulations and to solve any questions regarding the interpretation that might arise when applying said rules. Likewise, it is responsible for solving conflicts affecting all parties intervening in said competitions.

The Competition Commission shall be made up of a President, designated by the Executive Committee, who shall propose the other components in the number considered appropriate, with these being appointed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors.

The Competition Commission shall solve any and all questions concerning them, and shall consider these within the scope of the responsibilities granted by these current Competition Rules & Regulations.

Said Commission shall meet from time to time, as summoned by the President in agreement with the Executive Committee, as deemed appropriate. They shall adopt agreements based on simple majority, with the President’s vote being the casting vote. Minutes shall be taken of all meetings.
TITLE II

REGARDING CONFORMATION-FUNCTIONAL COMPETITIONS

Article 4. PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions shall be all those competitions that are open to stud farms and horses registered in the Purebred Spanish Horse Stud Book, and that appear on the official PRE Competition Calendar, which is published annually by ANCCE in compliance with the established requirements. Said competitions shall be judged in keeping with these current Competition Rules and Regulations.

Should the Competition Commission have any knowledge of discrimination towards stud farms and/or horses prior to the celebration of a competition, the Organizing Committee shall take immediate measures to remedy the situation or based on the seriousness, said event shall automatically be removed from the Official PRE Competition Calendar. Should the Commission hear about discriminatory attitudes once the event has concluded, the qualifications and classifications of the horses shall be respected, to benefit the participating breeders, but said event may be excluded from the Official PRE Competition Calendar the following year.

Article 5. The main goals sought by PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions include:

   a) Contributing to the promotion, preservation, expansion and prestige of breeding of the Purebred Spanish Horse, both in Spain and abroad.
   b) Facilitating breeders with the possibility of improving their selection of products.
   c) Boosting the acquisition of breeding stock to promote the excellence of the Purebred Spanish Horse.
   d) Ensure the well-being and correct treatment of all horses at competition facilities.
   e) Promote the marketing of the Purebred Spanish Horse.

Article 6. Individual people or bodies wishing to enter a competition on the Official PRE Competition Calendar each season shall present the corresponding request form, filled out in full, before the 31st of December of the previous year. The official form appears in APPENDIX I of these current Rules and Regulations.

Requests to hold competitions outside Spain shall be sent in with the backing of an association recognized by ANCCE in the country where the event is to be held.

To register a competition on the Official PRE Competition Calendar, said body must have no debts pending with ANCCE and/or judges due to events held at previous editions.

Article 7. The Executive Committee, at the proposal of the Competition Commission, shall approve the Official PRE Competition Calendar, which shall be published before the 31st of January of each year, indicating the corresponding categories.

Any variations that may arise on the Official PRE Competition Calendar shall be published in advance.
Article 8. All PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions shall have at least the following:

a) Infrastructures:
   - Competition arena.
   - Adequate covered accommodations and stabling that are safe and suitable for the well-being of the horses.
   - A sufficient number of showers for the number of horses entered.
   - A public address system.
   - Electricity (lighting).

b) Services:
   - Ambulance.
   - Liability insurance.
   - Bedding for the comfort of all horses.
   - Official veterinarian service at the Competition.
   - Farrier service.

The Organizing Committees shall be responsible for obtaining the corresponding permits, authorizations, certificates and licenses that local, regional and state laws may demand for the celebration of such events.

Article 9. All PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions, whether held in Spain or abroad, shall be granted a category:

   - 3*** Competitions
   - 2** Competitions
   - 1* Competitions
   - World Final Championship (SICAB)

The Competition Commission shall present the Executive Committee with the annual categories for all competitions registered for their approval. Said approval shall be granted attending the requirements listed in Article 10 below.

Should an Organizing Committee wish to grant a given competition the name of Regional, National or any other similar reference, said Committee shall present a written authorization from the Competition Commission.

Article 10. The criteria considered for the competition categories held both in Spain and abroad are, in essence, the following:

- 3*** Competitions
  - Seniority: the number of previous editions held shall be taken into consideration.
  - Incidences and breach of rules: not have any incidences in previous seasons.
- Number of horses entered in the previous edition: at least 80 horses.
- Participation in all sections: have horses participating in all sections at previous editions.

**- 2** Competitions.

- Incidences and breach of rules: not have any incidences in previous seasons.
- Number of horses entered in the previous edition: at least 60 horses.

Competitions that fail to comply with the aforementioned requirements shall be considered 1* Competitions. Depending on the actual project, newly created competitions held for the first time may have the consideration of 1* or 2** Competitions.

Historic and relevant specifics may be taken into consideration regarding competitions held in Spain, and the same holds true for those held abroad.

**Article 11.** Depending on their category, competitions shall comply with the obligations indicated below:

**- 3*** Competitions.

- Have a competition arena measuring at least 60 x 20 m (196.8 x 65.6 ft.) and a warm-up arena.
- Hold at least one of the following tests associated with the conformation competition: PSCJ (Young Horse Selection Test), Spanish High School, Dome Vaquera, Carriage Driving, Working Equitation, Show Jumping, Side-saddle, paces at freedom, test for junior riders on PREs, and Eventing. For those events held abroad, holding the associated tests shall be optional. Also, holding Dressage tests shall be optional.
- Have stalls and showers for both stallions and mares with sufficient distance between these.
- Have the capacity to house at least 130 horses.
- Take official photos and videos; live broadcast of the event is optional.
- Include the award as Best Horse of each Section, presented by breeder.
- Hold all of the sections, and with participation in each one, except 5-mare cobra (Section 14), which shall be optional. The sections for yearlings and geldings (Sections 1, 2 and 15) shall not be held.
- Have hotel infrastructure and necessary facilities near-by.
- Provide ANCCE with the preliminary Competition Program before the entry deadline so that it may be published on the web site.

**- 2** Competitions.

- Have a competition arena measuring at least 60 x 20 m (196.8 x 65.6 ft.) and a warm-up arena.
- Have the capacity to house at least 70 horses.
- Take official photographs and videos.
- Hold all of the sections, except 5-mare cobras (Section 14), which shall be optional. The sections for yearlings and geldings (Sections 1, 2 and 15) shall not be held.
- Have hotel infrastructure and necessary facilities near-by.
- Provide ANCCE with the preliminary Competition Program before the entry deadline so that it may be published on the web site.

**1*Competitions.**

- Have a competition arena.
- Have the capacity to house at least 30 horses.
- Hold all of the sections, except 5-mare cobras (Section 14), which shall be optional. The sections for yearlings and geldings (Sections 1, 2 and 15) shall not be held.
- Provide ANCCE with the preliminary Competition Program before the entry deadline so that it may be published on the web site.

Should the Competition Commission have any knowledge of breach of obligations prior to the celebration of a competition, it shall encourage the Organizing Committee to remedy said problem immediately, or, based on the seriousness of the matter or hindrance for the normal running of the competition, said competition shall be automatically excluded from the Official PRE Competition Calendar. Should the Commission have knowledge regarding an incident once the event has concluded, the qualifications and classifications of the horses shall be respected; however, said incident shall be taken into consideration for its category the following season.

**Article 12.** The World PRE Championship Final shall be held to coincide with the International PRE Trade Fair (SICAB) in Sevilla. Only those horses that have previously classified may participate in this Final; only scores earned at PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions shall be taken into consideration.

Each year, the Competition Commission shall propose, before the Executive Committee for approval and ratification by the Board of Directors, the specific structural rules for said Final, which shall be at least similar to what is demanded for all other PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions.

**Article 13.** In general, ANCCE is committed to recognizing, announcing and promoting all those competitions included on the Official PRE Competition Calendar.

Based on its free will and criteria ANCCE shall collaborate with 3*** Competitions held in Spain by providing them with support and economic aid, according to the budgetary allocation assigned annually by the Executive Committee, once the corresponding agreement is signed between the parties. Failure to comply with said agreement on behalf of the Organizing Committee could lead to a category downgrade for the following edition.
**Article 14.** PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions shall include the ANCCE logo on all publicity for the competition so that third parties are aware that said event has been included on the Official PRE Competition Calendar.

**TITLE III**

**ENTRIES & CANCELLATIONS**

**Article 15.** Breeders may only enter horses into a competition those horses that they own, with their breeder code, independently of who the initial breeder may be.

Changes in the ownership of a horse that has been entered into a competition until said horse has entered the competition grounds shall be accepted. Consequently, said horse shall participate under the name of the new owner. Any changes made after the competition has begun shall not be taken into account, under any circumstance, for the competition results.

A horse that changes ownership to later compete in an event shall not compete once again under the name of the previous owner/s that has recuperated said horse for a period of twelve (12) months and one (1) day as of the last competition where said horse participated.

A horse that enters two (2) 3*** Competitions in a single season once the judges have been announced, and that fails to appear at the reception gate of said competitions shall not enter a third 3*** Competition, nor shall it be accepted for the World Championship Final, even if it has qualified to participate.

**Article 16.** A stud farm may enter as many horses as it so desires to a competition, but should that stud farm compete for the Best Breeder or Best Exhibitor Awards, it shall clearly indicate, on the entry form, those horses competing for these awards.

A stud farm competing for the Best Breeder Award shall not seek the Best Exhibitor Award at the same time.

**Article 17.** The entry of horses shall be carried out by filling out and sending the corresponding Entry Form, using the official form found in APPENDIX II of these current Rules and Regulations.

The Entry Forms to participate in 3*** Competitions held in Spain shall be presented before ANCCE online, going to “Access for Breeders” on the PRE Stud Book web site. In this category, the deadline for entries is two Mondays prior to the established date (12:00 noon for the deadline) for the reception of horses at that Competition. The list of participants entered shall be announced once the deadline has been reached.
In the case of 3*** Competitions held abroad, and all 2** and 1* Competitions, the Organizing Committee shall be responsible for handling entry forms and their reception.

The deadline for entries at 3*** competitions abroad and all 2** competitions shall conclude the Friday prior to the week that said competition begins. The Organizing Committee shall specify the calendar on the actual Entry Form.

In the case of 1* competitions, the deadline for entries is one (1) day before the date established for the reception of horses at that competition.

**Article 18.** Should an Organizing Committee cancel a competition, for other reasons than force majeure, participants shall be reimbursed for the amounts paid for the entry of their horses, and compensate, as would be the case, those already present at the venue or in transit for the expenses incurred, notwithstanding other possible disciplinary responsibilities.

**Article 19.** Those breeders who have formalized the entry of their horses in a competition shall have no right to claim reimbursement of the quantities paid once the deadline has concluded.

**TITLE IV**
**REGARDING THE FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITIONS**

**Article 20.** The Organizing Committee of a PRE Conformation-Functional Competition is responsible for the executive management, handling and administration of said event. At all times, said Organizing Committee shall ensure the welfare of all horses housed at competition facilities and the adequate and respectful behavior of the staff.

Organizing Committee obligations include:

a) Draft the preliminary Competition Program including at least the following information:

- The date and location where the competition is held, as well as the dates for the reception and departure of horses.
- Entry deadline.
- Entry fee, as would be the case.
- Health, sanitation and administrative certificates as required by the corresponding Authorities.
- Awards and trophies.
- Composition of the Organizing Committee.

The preliminary Competition Program shall be made available to all participating breeders at the competition secretariat throughout the event.
b) Verify the ownership of the horses registered with the PRE Stud Book. Should there be any doubt, notify the Competition Department so that they may consult with the Stud Book; the response provided by the PRE Stud Book shall be binding and final.

c) Verify any conflicts of interest between the appointed judges and breeders and the horses they have entered.

d) Approve, together with the appointed judges, their fees and pay said fees within a no more than fifteen (15) days after the competition has concluded. Likewise, all economic commitments with staff contracted for the smooth running of the competition shall be met on time and in an appropriate manner.

e) Suspend the competition due to force majeure. Should the suspension take place prior to the commencement of the competition, the Organizing Committee is responsible for notifying breeders, Judges, and any other individual/s or organization/s participating in the event. ANCCE shall publish the suspension notification on its website for greater dissemination.

f) Designate the Admission Jury, the Superior Appeals Panel, as well as contract the team of veterinarians and the necessary staff to carry out administrative and IT tasks.

g) Verify and be aware of any and all disciplinary actions that may be imposed upon judges, breeders and/or horses so that these do not participate in the competition.

h) Send the ANCCE Competition Department the computerized competition results using the established format, within no more 24 hours as of the conclusion of the competition.

i) Organize, carry out and perform all those aspects and processes that are linked to the celebration of a competition.

The Competition Commission may appoint an ANCCE Delegate, who shall draft the technical report that indicates the degree of compliance with regards to the category, as well as any incidence seen. This report shall be decisive to assign the category of the following edition.

Those competitions seeking a higher category at a future edition shall present a request before ANCCE so that the Delegate may draft the report regarding the degree of compliance for said category. Expenses derived from travelling, meals and accommodations for the ANCCE Delegate shall be covered in full by the Organizing Committee.

Article 21. The Organizing Committee is made up of the following members:

a) **President**: shall be the maximum authority at the competition.

b) **Technical Director**: this person is responsible for the correct compliance of these current Rules and Regulations. The Chief Steward and other organization staff respond to this person, who is also the liaison with the judges. Their specific responsibilities include:
   - Verify that the facilities, arenas and equipment meet the specified conditions at all times for the smooth running of the Competition.
   - Provide the judges with the material that is necessary for them to judge.
   - Provide participants with the final results for each section and turn these over to the President of the Organizing Committee.
- Issue a report stating the characteristics of all facilities and equipment, as well as details regarding competition developments, including any irregularities and incidents that may have arisen. Said report shall be forwarded to the Competition Commission within five (5) business days following the conclusion of the competition.

- Draft the competition minutes in the official format, collect the signature of the judges and send a copy, together with the original score sheets by the judges to the Competition Department within five (5) business days following the conclusion of the competition.

- Guarantee the correct identification of all horses to be judged, as well as ensuring that their presentation fully complies with the provisions set out in these Rules and Regulations.

- Make sure that presenters, grooms and farm managers follow the indications of the judges when it comes to placement (in the arena), presentation at halt and while moving, as well as other questions in this regard.

- Draft a schedule with the starting times for each section and verify compliance. Should there be changes due to the actual developments of the competition, inform all participants and the audience.

- Address complaints and suggestions from breeders regarding the judging and be present at the meeting with them and the judges, which will be held once the last section of the Conformation Competition has concluded.

- Urgently inform the ANCCE Competition Department about the suspension of the competition, as might be the case, and the circumstances leading to said suspension, with all information and details being sent in writing.

c) **Chief Steward:** This person shall be in charge of verifying the identity of all horses, checking their numbers and names, ordering their entry to and exit from the arena and maintaining communication with the stud farm managers so that the competition runs smoothly. At those competitions, which due to size have no Chief Steward, this task shall be performed by the Technical Director. Likewise, this person, with the support of the team of veterinarians, shall verify that all horses when entering the arena show no signs of artificial manipulation of its phenotype.

d) **Members-at-large:** These may be as many as the competition Organizing Committee deems appropriate, one of whom shall always be the Competition Veterinarian.

Decisions by the Organizing Committee and/or any of its members may be appealed before the Superior Appeals Panel.

**Article 22.** The Admissions Panel shall include the Technical Director, a member of the Organizing Committee and the Chief Competition Veterinarian. This Panel shall be operational once the first entry form is received.

The Admissions Panel shall be in charge of and responsible for the admission of all horses, and their reception upon arrival at the competition. As such, said Panel shall:
- Verify, once the official team of veterinarians has examined the horse, its state of health and its phenotypical integrity.
- Confirm that all horses arrive with the appropriate documentation and that said documentation is true and valid.
- Identify horses by reading their microchip and/or verifying the description that appears on the initial entry form, Passport or Equine Identification Documents (EID).
- Verify that all horses are correctly entered.
- Coordinate the distribution of horses in their stables.

Upon verification that a horse meets all of the requirements to participate in the competition, it shall be considered officially entered and it shall be welcomed and authorized to enter the grounds.

Decisions by the Admissions Panel may be appealed before the Superior Appeals Panel.

**Article 23.** The Superior Appeals Panel shall include the President of the Organizing Committee, or the person appointed by them, and two other members chosen by the President who may not be breeders, riders, presenters, grooms nor staff or relative of a participant. One of the members shall be designated the Secretary.

This Panel is considered the competition’s maximum authority to solve as many incidences as may arise regarding the application of the Competition Rules & Regulations, except regarding the actual judging of horses, in which case the maximum authority shall be held by the Competition Judges.

The Panel shall solve any claims presented in writing by breeders entered in the competition or in the case of a stud farm, its official representative. All claims to be considered shall be presented within one (1) hour after section concludes or when the decision was made and/or the publishing of the event before the Organizing Committee. After that time, no incidents shall be taken into consideration.

All decisions shall be settled and answered within a maximum period of forty-eight (48) hours, following the presentation of a claim. All decisions shall be public and unquestionable.

The Competition Commission may request to be informed about any possible incidence that may have arisen throughout the course of the competition.

**Article 24.** The Organizing Committee shall have a team of veterinarians, with at least one veterinarian and assisted by a farrier.

Said team shall be at the competition venue every day throughout the judging process, when the competition begins until the last section concludes, as well as during the entry and departure of all horses. The Organizing Committee shall provide the team with sufficient means to effectively perform their duties.

Veterinarian Team tasks include:

- Aid a horse that is ill, or suffers an accident at the competition facilities, at the request of the owner.
- Perform and guarantee the correct verification of the identity of all horses.
- Attend, at the request of the Judges, a horse in the arena, without said report shall not be linked to the final decision of the Judges.
- Safeguard, throughout the Competition, that all of the necessary conditions for their well-being of the horses are met. Should there be any type of incompliance with the current legislation in this regard, corrective measures shall be taken immediately and the Competition Technical Director shall be informed, who in turn shall inform the Organizing Committee so that the measured may be confirmed or proceed to take other measures.
- Order, ex officio, or at the request of the breeder, the Chief Steward or the Judges regarding the aptitude of a horse to enter the arena. Should the report be negative, a Veterinarian certificate shall be issued which shall serve the breeder as a justification for not presenting the horse in the arena or to leave the grounds.
- Collaborate in or facilitate the collection of samples for the verification of doping.

All costs for medication, those derived from farrier services and services provided to individuals shall be paid for the breeder requesting said service.

**Article 25.** Administrative and IT staff shall have the following responsibilities:

- Handle all entries.
- Once all horses have entered, indicating the sections and stud farms seeking the Best Breeder and Best Exhibitor Awards, draft a list with the various sections, place it in a visible location and make it available to the public. All horses entered and registered by the breeder seeking the aforementioned awards must appear on the list.
- Receive the score sheets from the judges and process all scores. These scores shall be included on the judges’ score sheets.
- Record all results (scores) with the Judge’s comparatives, once each section concludes, including the results in the election of Special Awards.

**TITLE V**

**REGARDING PARTICIPANTS**

**CHAPTER I**

**HORSES**

**Article 26.** Participating horses must be in perfect physical condition and shall not have any physical, congenital or acquired anomalies except due to the surgical extirpation of testis due to a pathological process.

The Admissions Panel shall reject any horse whose phenotypic integrity has been artificially modified except those with therapeutic shoeing. This shall appear on the Official Veterinarian Certificate that must be shown when the horse is admitted to the venue, including the diagnosis and orthopedic treatment prescribed.
Likewise, horses with a physical defect, whether accidental in nature or those suspicions of disease, may also be rejected. In the events that the horse’s injury is caused during transportation to the competition venue, said horse shall be accepted. However, entry to the arena shall be subject to an examination by the competition veterinarian, who must authorize its participation.

Any horse presenting an artificially altered phenotypic integrity that might change its natural skin color, its hair or hooves shall not be allowed into the arena and shall immediately be eliminated. Likewise, the use of horseshoes, silicone insoles and resins that exceed a determined size or thickness that may alter the limb alignment, withers/loin correlation, movements or presentation of said horse without a therapeutic purpose are not permitted.

The use of colorless grease on the hooves is permitted.

**Article 27.** Upon entry to the venue, all horses shall have the following documents:
- Health and welfare certificates as required by the corresponding health authorities, including veterinarian and/or pharmaceutical treatment required prior to competition, the diagnostic, medication, dosage and means of administration.
- Required travel and transportation documents.
- Pre-entry certificate, Passport or Equine ID.

Should the Admissions Panel detect deliberate negligence in the documentation of any horse presented, said horse shall not be accepted. If the negligence were detected during or after the competition, said horse may be eliminated by the Superior Appeals Panel or the Competition Commission as might be the case, without further process than a hearing with the owner, together with any points obtained.

**Article 28.** In the event that a horse has been admitted to the grounds but fails to participate in the competition, said horse shall be considered as not presented. If that horse was competing for the awards for the Best Breeder and Best Exhibitor, the points to be added shall be those that correspond to “Not presented”. Said points shall be tallied when determining the average score obtained by the stud farm.

**Article 29.** Horses that are 5 years of age or older and are entered at a Competition must be Approved as Breeding Stock except for the Final World PRE Championship, in which horses must be Approved as of 4 years of age or older. In the events of non-compliance, the horse shall not be able to participate in the Section.

**Article 30.** The cobras in the Sections 13 and 14 shall be formed exclusively by four years of age and above. The mares participating in cobras shall fulfill the same requirements as if they participated individually in their section.

Should it be necessary to change the make-up of a cobra once the entries have concluded and before the reception of said mares, only one (1) of the mares in the cobra may be substituted in the case of section 13, and two (2) in the case of section 14. Should one of the components of the cobra suffer an injury during the competition, this horse may be substituted by another mare that is entered in one of the adult mare sections and that has been on the grounds from the beginning and reception of the
event. In any case, all mares making up a cobra must belong to the same stud farm from the moment said horses are entered.

**Article 31.** The administration and/or use of substances seeking to mask the physical state of a participating horse are totally prohibited, according to the table of prohibited substances in Appendix VII.

Horses entered at a competition may be subject, during reception, to random anti-doping tests at the request of the Competition Commission by its hired personnel. Testing is mandatory; therefore, no breeder may refuse the extraction of biological samples from their horse/s. Should a breeder refuse testing, the horse/s they own and present at the competition shall be rejected. This behavior shall be considered severe misconduct, thus leading to disciplinary actions.

Should the competition veterinarian so authorize, previously issuing the corresponding report in this regard, an exemption may be requested for the use of certain substances. Should a horse be subject to a given treatment, a list of medications being given to the horse shall be presented to the Organizing Committee.

**CHAPTER II**

**BREEDERS**

**Article 32.** Any breeder deciding to present their horses at a competition is committed to respecting and complying with the norms laid out in these current Rules and Regulations, and to contribute to the brilliance and dignity of these competitions, presenting their horses under the best possible condition and the proper level of training and handling.

**Article 33.** Breeders shall not approach the Judges while judging. Should they do so outside the competition arena, judges shall be addressed with respect and consideration and always in the presence of the Technical Director or Chief Steward once the judging of all sections in the competition have concluded.

**Article 34.** Breeders are responsible for:

a) Maintaining a correct and respectful attitude toward the organizational staff, other participants and personnel within the limits of the grounds where the event is held. This applies to their relatives, stud farm employees and personnel at their service who shall also maintain a correct and respectful attitude.

b) Presenting the horse in the corresponding Section with its bib number.

c) Ensuring that all their horses remain within the competition facilities until their exit is authorized by the Organizing Committee.

d) Having sufficient personnel throughout the competition for the care and handling of their horses as well as for the appropriate participation and presentation of their horses.

e) Complying with all the decisions made by the Judges, the Admission Panel and the Organizing Committee without the prejudice of appealing to the Superior Appeals Panel.

f) Any questions that may arise regarding the mechanics of the competition shall be directed to the Technical Director.
g) Ensuring proper treatment of horses they own, extensive to their personnel and riders or presenters/grooms.

**Article 35.** Severe noncompliance with the Rules and Regulations in the articles of this current Chapter, while the competition is being held, the Organization Committee may agree to the automatic elimination of a breeder and/or their participating horses, from the competition or from any of the sections, the corresponding loss of points and withdrawal of any awards that might have been won during the competition, as would be the case, independently of other disciplinary actions that may be adopted by the Competition Commission, as foreseen in these current Rules and Regulations.

**CHAPTER III**

**RIDERS AND PRESENTERS**

**Article 36.** When presenting horses in the arena, riders and presenters shall comply with the following:

a) **General terms:**

- Be at least sixteen (16) years of age, or, if underage, the Organization Committee shall be presented with a specific authorization in writing from the parents or legal guardian, who shall take full responsibility for any possible damages and/or injuries, relinquishing the Organization Committee of all liability. In all cases, the Organization Committee shall not be held responsible for the actions of riders and presenters who have no legally recognized ties with the owner of the horses they are riding or presenting.
- At all times, attend to the indications of the Technical Director and Chief Steward.
- Execute the stipulated route for the presentation of movements in hand, without delay or surpassing the established limits.
- Show composure, both within and outside of the arena, while at all times addressing with respect and consideration all Judges, those linked to the organization, other breeders and their staff, as well as the general audience attending the event. Should there be breach of compliance regarding this obligation, that person may be banned from the arena, with their access any other section of the competing also being banned.
- At all times, have horses under control, both within and outside of the arena, in an effort to avoid risks for people and other horses.
- Identify with the corresponding order number for all horses presented.
- Comply with all decisions made by the Judges, the Organization Committee as well as the Superior Appeals Panel.
- Notify the Chief Steward when a horse fails to behave correctly in the arena, or should an abnormality be observed, inform the Judge/s; these, in turn, shall confirm or not the removal of said horse, as would be the case.

b) **Specific terms for Presenters/Grooms:**
- Lead horses using a leather in-hand bridle or lined cavesson; the use of any device that alters the horse’s natural presentation or that might cause injury or pain is strictly prohibited. Only in the case of the mares in Section 7 and above may a head collars be used, but always leather and of a quality that guarantees the correct handling of the horse in the arena, both during the waiting period and for the actual presentation in the arena. Should this not be the case, indications shall be given to replace said head collar/bridle immediately or the presenter, with the horse, shall be asked to leave the arena, to therefore be considered eliminated.

- Use traditional Andalusian, country attire (known as traje corto campero), hunting or dressage attire and wear corresponding hat. Likewise, regional apparel may be worn, if and when the Organizing Committee authorizes said attire and that it is adequate for presentation. Logos, commercial brands or stud farm symbols may not be used in an effort to avoid differentiation of participants. No person is allowed into the arena who fails to meet and comply with all competition Rules and Regulations, even if it is to perform the presentation route or to help lead a horse.

- Only one (1) presenter per horse may enter the arena. No assistant to the presenter is allowed to enter the arena except in Sections for Cobras (13 and 14) in which one (1) assistant is allowed per cobra.

c) Specific terms for Riders:

- Present their horse with a Spanish, English or Vaquera saddle; no other variant is allowed. In such case that the numnah (saddle pad) has a commercial logo, this shall measure a maximum of 20 cm x 20 cm (7.8 x 7.8 inches).

- No aids are allowed, nor are accessories other than those authorized by these Rules and Regulations.

- Wear the attire that corresponds to the saddle. The options include Andalusian country attire (traje corto campero), hunting attire, dressage competition attire, and other regional garments considered appropriate for equitation authorized by the Organizing Committee and accompanied by proper hat.

- Riding whips are only authorized in the sections for 4-year-old horse and shall not exceed 120 cm in length.

- Authorized bits include:
  
  **Sections for 4-year-old-horses**: simple snaffle or vaquero bit; the aid of false reins is allowed, in keeping with the type of presentation.
  
  **Sections for 5-year-old-horses and older**: simple snaffle or snaffle and curb or simple vaquero bit, in keeping with the type of presentation.

Article 37. The following actions are prohibited and lead to automatic elimination of the rider or presenter:

a) Abuse horses participating at the competition, not only in the competition arena, but also in the warm-up arena and on the competition grounds.

b) Disrupting the smooth running of a section. Excessive emotional expressions or gestures and voicing artificial sounds, other than the natural voice of the presenter are prohibited, and only the good use of the lash shall be applied. The horse may also be eliminated.
c) Use a whip or stick when presenting horses in hand, unless said whip/stick is equal to or less than 1.80 meters in length, including the handle. The only exception being for the presentation of mare cobras, in which case the stick or whip may be longer, but with the lash/cracker being collected.
d) Force a sick, extenuated or lame horse to move.
e) Enter or exit the arena without being ordered to do so by the Chief Steward.
f) Perform actions that might distract another horse being presented in the arena, such as moving a horse near or within the arena while awaiting entry to be judged.
g) Address the Judge/s while within or outside of the arena.
h) The use of electronic devices, ear pieces, etc. is completely prohibited.

A warning shall be made, without elimination:

i) When martingales, breast collars, rings and any other device (such as plastic or cloth tied to the whip, or any other material that could affect the presentation of horses, as well as auxiliary reins, side reins, any type of sliding (draw) reins or balancing reins, nasal strips, etc.), are used. The same holds true when protection or bandages are used, or any type of blinders (blinkers) or other elements.
j) The use of decorations (trimmings) on the horse, including ribbons, bows or flowers, etc. Only in the case of the Functionality Test are standard braided manes and tails allowed.

If, after being warned, the use of any of the aforementioned materials continues to be used, this is reason for immediate elimination.

**Article 38.** In such case that the mandates of the previous article are not met, as well as any other behavior that is disruptive, inconsiderate or animal abuse, the Organizing Committee may agree to eliminate the responsible breeder automatically, and/or their staff (riders, presenters, employees) under their supervision, at the competition or in any of the sections with the corresponding cancelation of any points earned, and all awards obtained removed. Notwithstanding any disciplinary measures that may be adopted by the competition commission in keeping with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

**TITLE VI**
**JUDGES**

**Article 39.** The Panel of Judges at Competitions shall be made up of the designated Judges.

**Article 40.** In such case that there is at least one (1) mare in Sections 7, 9 and 11 requesting to participate in the Functionality Test, said mare shall be judged together with the other horses in her age group by the corresponding Judge/s.

Special Awards shall be exclusively judged by Conformation Judges.

**Article 41.** Within the judging arena, the Panel of Judges shall hold maximum authority with regards to qualifying and the placings. Their decisions, in terms of scores, are not subject to appeal. The rest of their decisions may be appealed in writing before the Superior Appeals Panel.
Article 42. To avoid third-party accidents, the Judges may eliminate any horse from the arena that clearly proves to be unmanageable, as well as any horses with blood stains on any part of their bodies. Should this occur, the Judges shall report to the Chief Steward, who shall organize the ordered exit of said horse, which shall be eliminated even if it has already been judged. As a horse that has been eliminated, it shall be awarded the points that correspond towards the Best Breeder or Best Exhibitor Awards.

Article 43. Once the competition has concluded, the Panel of Judges shall sign, in the area designated as competition secretariat, two copies of the corresponding records, showing the results and scores of the horses from each Section and the Special Awards.

The Competition Secretary shall keep the Judges’ Score Sheets for the various sections as well as for the Special Awards and any possible tie-breaks that might have occurred, along with the discrepancies among the Judges that may have arisen.

The owner of a participating horse, or their staff, once duly identified, may request a copy of the score sheet after the competition has concluded, as well as meeting with the Judges in the presence of the Technical Director and Chief Steward to consult any inquiries regarding this matter. The organization shall establish and announce the time when score sheets may be requested.

TITLE VII
THE COMPETITION

Article 44. The Functionality Test shall be judged by the designated Functionality Judges. In the case of competitions where a specific Functionality Judge has not been appointed, this test shall be judged by the designated Conformation Judge/s.

The judging shall be performed in keeping with the age of the horses. The 4-year-old age range (Sections 7 and 8) shall score as foreseen in the corresponding score sheet and according to the Functionality Test provided in Appendix VI.

For the 5-year-old age range and older (Sections 9, 10, 11 and 12), scores shall be granted in keeping with the corresponding score sheet and with the Functionality Test provided in Appendix VI.

The Functionality Test shall be mandatory for all horses in Sections 8, 10 and 12. The number of horses performing the test shall be based on the number of horses participating in each of the Sections:

- Sections with up to 15 horses, the first 10 horses shall perform the test.
- Sections with between 16 and 25 horses, the first 12 horses shall perform the test.
- Sections with 26 or more horses, the first 15 horses shall perform the test.

The horse placing first in Sections 8, 10 and 12 for movements may perform the functionality test, although said horse is not obliged to do so.
The mares in Sections 7, 9 and 11 that wish to voluntarily perform the Functionality Test shall inform the Organizing Committee when entering the competitions, so that the Organizing Committee is in a position to include said horses. The score earned in the Functionality Test shall not affect the final score, but it shall be taken into consideration within the classification of the horses in the age range, and therefore, aspire to the win the Special Award at the Competition’s Absolute Functionality Champion.

To determine the number of mares that may perform the Functionality Test, the same criteria shall be applied as with stallions.

**Article 45.** When a classified horse fails to perform the Functionality Test, whether or not the motivation is justified or due to disqualification, it shall be computed as “Not Finished” and shall keep 75% of its Conformation Score, to then occupy the position corresponding to that score. Should said horse be entered for the Best Breeder or Best Exhibitor Award, the points corresponding to that position shall be tallied, in keeping with the table provided in Appendix III.

Should non-appearance be due to unjustified causes, said horse shall be eliminated; the corresponding points shall be tallied without prejudice of disciplinary measures that the Competition Commission may adopt according to these present Rules and Regulations.

Any horse that fails to perform the Functionality Test may never aspire to hold the title of Competition Champion or Reserve Champion, nor may it qualify in that competition for the World Championship Final.

**Article 46.** In the Functionality test, the Judges shall assess the horse’s natural paces, walk, trot and canter, scoring aspects such as the mechanics, rhythm, easiness, impulsion and execution of good balance.

No penalties shall be given for mistakes made by the rider; however, the rider must perform the specific figures for each test. Should there be a mistake while performing the route, the Judge may stop the participation and indicate how the rider should continue. Three (3) or more mistakes during the route shall be considered technical incompetence and that horse shall be eliminated.

Horses shall demonstrate the good handling or submission during the test, as a psychological characteristic of the breed.

The Rider may select the presentation style.

**Article 47.** The score obtained by stallions for said test accounts for 25% of the total score. The score obtained by mares in the Functionality Test shall not count towards the final score.

**Article 48.** All of the horses presented at a Competition shall be organized into Sections, according to age groups, as verified on their passports. Ages shall be calculated by calendar years, as of January first (1/1) of the year in course, and shall be distributed as follows:

- Section 3 (2-year-old fillies)
- Section 4 (2 colts)
- Section 5 (3-year-old fillies)
- Section 6 (3-year-old colts)
- Section 7 (4-year-old mares)
- Section 8 (4-year-old stallions)
- Section 9 (5 & 6-year-old mares)
- Section 10 (5 & 6-year-old stallions)
- Section 11 (7+ year-old mares)
- Section 12 (7+ year-old stallions)
- Section 13 (3-mare Cobras)
- Section 14 (5-mare Cobras)

At all Competitions, whatever the category, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 shall be held without the prejudice of one of them being cancelled due to insufficient participating horses, except in the 3*** and 2** Competitions where all Sections are mandatory. Section 14 may be taken into consideration, but it shall not be included for the Special Awards. Sections 1, 2, and 15 may be held at 1* Competition ONLY.

The qualification tables found in Appendix IV determine the number of horses that shall be classified in each Section.

**Article 49.** Prior to entering the arena, the Technical Director and/or Chief Steward shall verify the existence of possible phenotypic alterations. Should there be proof of an alteration, the presenter/groom shall be strongly advised to remove it. Should the recommendation not be followed, said horse shall not be allowed to enter the arena and therefore be eliminated.

**Article 50.** The Chief Steward shall allow the entrance of presenters/grooms and their horses at the time established on the schedule. Presenters shall enter at walk refraining from any trot or canter movements or warm-up exercises which should have been performed in the warm up arena.

Once the horses are in the arena, the Chief Steward shall position them by bib number to one side. If a horse fails to show up, said horse shall be summoned by means of the PA system. After five (5) minutes, should said horse fail to appear, another announcement shall be made. The Chief Steward shall proceed to close the arena two (2) minutes later. Beyond this point, no horse may access even if the preview lap has not yet begun.

After having been called to the arena, any horse that fails to appear immediately shall be eliminated.

**Article 51.** Once the arena has been closed, the preview lap shall start. Under the Judge’s criteria, all of the horses shall proceed to perform, at walk, between one (1) and three (3) laps by bib number.

Once the preview lap has concluded, these situations may occur:

a) For the benefit of the Competition, the horses shall be placed on one side of the arena following the indications of the Chief Steward.
b) When the Organizing Committee has an adjacent warm-up arena, horses may leave in an organized manner so that once called by the Chief Steward, they access the judging arena according to their bib number. The horse next in line shall be ready at the entrance of the arena. Under no circumstances shall horses return to their stables while waiting to be summoned to the arena. Both the attitude of horses and presenters shall be the same as if they were in the main arena. The Chief Steward or the Technical Director shall have absolute control over all events taking place within the adjacent arena.

**Article 52.** Horses shall exit the arena at walk, one by one from the closest end to their location. They shall walk down the center line of the arena and once they have reached the end they shall perform at least four (4) laps at canter and afterwards they shall trot to the other end of the arena, also along the center line. Upon reaching the end, horse and presenter shall turn around and return to the center of the arena in trot where they halt.

Presenters/grooms shall have a limited amount of time, two (2) minutes and fifteen (15) seconds, to present their horses in movement. After this time, horse and rider shall be summoned to the center of the arena and any movement performed outside of the established time slot shall not be taken into consideration. If in fifteen (15) seconds horse and rider are not in the center of the arena, they shall be eliminated. Should there be an accident or a case of force majeure, the clock shall stop and start again once the incidence has concluded.

**Article 53.** Once the horse/s has/have stopped in the center of the arena, the Judges shall proceed to fill out the score sheet. At the end of the judging, the Chief Steward shall allow the presenters to leave the center of the arena, to stand with their horse in the last place of the line, or exit the arena if the presentations are individual.

**Article 54.** While a horse is being judged in the arena, whether in movement and at halt, the rest of the presenters/grooms shall ensure their horses remain relaxed and refrain from moving them. Even if they are located at the end of the arena, they shall avoid creating distractions or agitation in the horse being presented.

**Article 55.** When the last horse has been judged, the auxiliary staff designated by the Organizing Committee shall draft the classification for the entire section. Said classification shall not be altered except due to administrative mistakes. The Chief Steward shall read aloud the first ten (10) classified horses in reverse order and these shall enter the center of the arena to receive the awards.

In case of a subsequent disqualification, the rest of the horses shall automatically move up a place in the final classification of their section. Thus, the new list of winners shall be drafted and announced.

**Article 56.** In the event of a tie, only the first five (5) places shall go forward to a break said tie; other horses that are tied shall be considered as *ex aequo* (tied).

When the Panel of Judges includes more than one Judge, the horses affected by a tie shall enter the center of the arena. The judges shall agree on which horse/s is/are the Best Horse. The decision shall be reported to the Chief Steward who shall notify the audience. If an agreement has not been reached,
the winner shall be decided by the majority votes of the judges. If the tie cannot be resolved, the Deciding Vote shall be used. Once the Functionality Test has concluded, to break the tie among the first five (5) horses in Sections 8, 10 and 12, the following parameters shall be taken into account and in this order:

1\textsuperscript{st} - Highest score in Movements
2\textsuperscript{nd} - Highest score in Conformation
3\textsuperscript{rd} - Highest score in Functionality
4\textsuperscript{th} - Should the tie continue, the Deciding Vote of the Conformation Judge shall be used

When there is a single Judge, they shall proceed to break the tie to determine the position in the final classification by observing the horses where they are or in the center of the arena or should this not be considered necessary, by consulting the score sheets or personal notes, as deemed appropriate.

Should there be a tie for the Best Movement Award in a section, and there is more than one Judge, the procedure shall be as already indicated, but always repeating the movements of the affected horses. Should there be a divergence, the proclamation shall be done by majority votes; should the tie persist, the Deciding Vote shall be used.

When there is a single Judge, and to break a tie to determine the Best Movement of the section, the movements of the affected horses shall be repeated.

Should there be a tie for the Section’s Best Functionality Award, the horse with highest total score on the Conformation score sheet, including movements in hand, shall be considered the winner; should the tie persist, the total score for the section shall be taken into consideration. Should the tie persist, the score sheet and personal notes shall be considered, when deemed necessary, to break the tie.

**Article 57.** The Deciding Vote of Judges has been established when there is a tie:

a) At **competitions with two (2) Conformation Judges**: each Judge has the deciding vote in the following sections:

- Judge 1 Conformation: sections, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13.
- Judge 2 Conformation: sections, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14.

For **Special Awards**, the deciding vote shall be cast as laid out below:

a) At **competitions with two (2) Conformation Judges**:

- Judge 1 Conformation, their vote shall decide the following Awards:
  - Champion of Movement
  - Youngstock Filly Champion
  - Youngstock Colt Reserve Champion
  - Reserve Mare Breed Champion
  - Adult Champion
- Functionality Champion

- Judge 2 Conformation, their vote shall decide the following Awards:
  - Youngstock Champion of Movement
  - Reserve Filly Champion
  - Youngstock Colt Champion
  - Mare Breed Champion
  - Reserve Stallion Breed Champion
  - Reserve Functionality Champion

**TITLE VIII**

**AWARDS**

**Article 58.** Eliminated horses shall be deprived of any awards earned up until that moment and shall be granted to the horses holding the following position, if and when this is possible. Should that not be possible, said award shall be considered unclaimed.

**Article 59.** In each section, at least the following Awards shall be granted:

1. Champion of the Section, gold medal and/or trophy.
2. Reserve Champion of the Section, silver medal and/or trophy.
3. 3rd place in the Section, bronze medal and/or trophy.
4. Award for Best Movement (B.M.)
5. Award for Functionality (M.F.) when appropriate

At all 3*** Competitions, the award for Best Horse shall also be awarded to the horse whose breeder is also the owner, as long as said horse is ranked among the top five (5) qualified of the section and has not received an award for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd position.

At each competition, the rosettes (ribbons) and/or diplomas shall be granted by the Organization Committee together with the Awards. The Organization Committee may grant as many Awards and Honorary Mentions as deemed appropriate.

The Awards for Best Movement in a given section shall be granted to the horse competing in Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 with the highest score, once the scores for walk, trot and canter have been tallied.

A Functionality Award for sections 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 have been established for the mare or stallion that obtains the highest score in the Functionality Test, from among the finalists in the sections for the same age group.

**Article 60.** At all competitions the following Special Awards shall be offered:
1) BEST BREEDER AWARD. Any breeder seeking for the Best Breeder Award shall ensure the following requirements:

a) All horses seeking this Award and presented at the Competition shall have been bred by that breeder with their breeder code. Nevertheless, this award may be sought by those stud farms which have been divided, whatever the reason, although those horses have different breeder codes, if and when those horses have descended from the same family tree or from business groups of a same breeder. In both cases the horses shall have been transferred to the new stud farm in the year of the division and without intermediate changes.

b) The horses shall be owned by said breeder.

c) Present horses in at least six (6) sections in which a broodmare shall be presented in Sections 7, 9 or 11, a stallion in any of Sections 8, 10 or 12 and a cobra in Section 13.

d) Present horses at least another three (3) different Sections, those of which shall not be for mares or stallions indicated above.

The Best Breeder Award shall be granted to the stud farm that scores the highest mathematical average of the six (6) horses with the highest scores obtained in their section, of all the horses presented by that stud farm.

In those cases, in which a breeder participates in more than six (6) sections, the six bibs belonging to different sections will be taken into consideration for the total tally, this being the horse with the highest score. Said horse shall be from at least Section 13 and another from Section 7, 9 or 11 and another from Section 8, 10 or 12.

The scores obtained by each horse shall depend on its place and the section where it participates, based on the table in Appendix III, to which additional points shall be granted towards the Special Awards:

- Mare/Stallion Champion: 3 points.
- Colt/Filly Champion: 2 points.
- Functionality Champion: 2 points.
- Adult Champion of Movement: 2 points.
- Youngstock Champion of Movement: 1 point.
- Reserve Mare/Stallion Champion: 2 points.
- Reserve Colt/Filly Champion: 1 point.
- Reserve Functionality: 1 point.

The horse earning a Special Award shall continue to be considered a single horse, when the division is made. Those horses which, having been entered and accepted for this Award and that failed to appear in their Section or that were disqualified, whatever the reason may be, shall tally points based on the table in Appendix III.

Section 13 shall be calculated the same as the Sections for individual horses. Thus, the score established in Appendix III shall be added to the total for the stud farm and the number of horses presented by said stud farm, adding a single unit to the number of horses presented by that stud farm.
The horses presented in Section 14 shall not take part of the calculations for the Best Breeder Award; nevertheless, should there be a tie, this criterion shall be used.

In the event of a tie, this shall be resolved in favor of that Stud Farm which has:

1. Presented a 5-mare Cobra.
2. Earned the highest score in this Section, if there is more than one Stud Farm in this situation.
3. Earned the highest score in the Section for 3-mare Cobras.
4. Presented the greatest number of animals for the Best Breeder Award.
5. Presented a mare in the Functionality Test.
6. Presented the greatest number of stallions in the various Sections.
7. Presented the greatest number of mares in the various Sections.

2) RESERVE BEST BREEDER AWARD. The Reserve Best Breeder Award shall be granted to the stud farm that has earned the second-best score from among the participating stud farms seeking this award.

3) BEST EXHIBITOR AWARD. All stud farms that fulfill the specifications established for the Best Breeder Award may seek the Best Exhibitor Award. The horses presented shall be owned by that Stud Farm, although all or some of the horses entered were bred under another breeder code.

The calculation of the quotient shall be undertaken in the same manner as described for the Best Breeder Award.

In the event of a tie, the same criteria as for the Best Breeder Award shall be applied.

4) COMPETITION STALLION CHAMPION AND RESERVE STALLION CHAMPION. The Stallion Champion and Reserve at a given Competition shall be chosen from among those placing 1st and 2nd in Sections 8, 10 and 12, and as indicated below:

- This test shall be scored by all of the Conformation Judges, who shall evaluate the horses standing still. Whenever there are two panels of Judges, those in the championship must perform the movements performed in their Section.
- The horse in first place from each of the indicated Sections shall stand in the center of the arena. Those placed second shall remain at one end.
- The judges shall then proceed to compare the three (3) horses that placed first in their corresponding Sections.
- Each Judge shall award three (3) points to the horse he/she considers to be the best, two (2) points to the one considered second best and one (1) point to the third.
- The Chief Steward shall tally the points given by each of the judges. The Champion shall be the horse with the highest number of points.
- Subsequently, the Champion Stallion shall go to one end of the arena; his place shall be occupied by the horse that placed second in the Section. The Reserve Champion shall then be chosen by comparing him with the two other horses that were already in the arena, as indicated above.
- In the event of a tie, the Judges shall vote once again, only scoring the two tied horses, giving two (2) points to the horse considered the best and one (1) point to the second.
- If there continues to be a tie, the deciding vote shall be used.

5) COMPETITION MARE CHAMPION and RESERVE MARE CHAMPION. The Mare and Reserve Champion shall be chosen from among those placed 1st and 2nd in Sections 7, 9 and 11. The Mare Champion and Reserve Champion shall be elected using the same procedures established for the Stallion Champion and Reserve Stallion Champion.

6) COMPETITION COLT and RESERVE COLT CHAMPION AWARD. This Award has been established for horses in Sections 4 and 6, to determine the Colt Champion and Reserve. The procedure for this award shall be identical as used for the Stallion and Reserve Stallion Champion.

7) COMPETITION FILLY and RESERVE FILLY CHAMPION AWARD. This Award has been established for two (2) horses placing first in Sections 3 and 5, from which the Filly Champion and Reserve shall be decided. The procedure shall be identical to that established for the Competition Stallion and Reserve Champion.

8) FUNCTIONALITY CHAMPION AND RESERVE FUNCTIONALITY CHAMPION AWARDS. The Functionality Champion Award shall be awarded automatically to the horse that has obtained the highest score when performing this test, and from among all of the participants in the sections for stallions and mares, according to age groups (Sections 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12). Likewise, the Reserve Functionality Champion shall be the horse that obtains the second highest score.

In the event of a tie, the winner shall be for the horse with the highest score on the Conformation score sheet, including movement in-hand. Should the tie persist, the winner shall be the horse with the best score for in-hand movements and as a third option, the vote among the Judges. If the tie still persists, the deciding vote shall be used.

9) YOUNGSTOCK and ADULT CHAMPION OF MOVEMENT AWARDS. Two (2) awards have been established for Best Movements, based on the age of the horses: Youngstock and Adults. In both cases, the horses shall perform doubt the laps when being judged in their section.

- **Youngstock Champion of Movement**: Horses that were Champions of Movement in each of the Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 may compete. Together, these Champions shall compete against each other, by comparison for the Youngstock Award as Champion of Movement. Each Judge shall vote for the horse, which, in their opinion, has performed the best paces. The horse earning the most votes shall be considered the winner. In the case of a tie, the horses involved shall perform a repeat itinerary, the same as performed initially, and the Judges shall once again vote the best among those involved in the tie. Should the tie persist, the deciding vote shall be used.

- **Adult Champion of Movement**: Horses that were Champions of Movement in each of the Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 may compete for this award. These Champions shall
compete against each other, by comparison for the Adult Champion of Movement Award in hand, using a direct voting system. Each Judge shall vote for the horse, which, in their opinion, has performed the best paces. The horse earning the most votes shall be considered the winner. In the case of a tie, the horses involved shall perform a repeat itinerary, the same as performed initially, and the Judges shall once again vote the best among those involved in the tie. Should the tie persist, the deciding vote shall be used.

Article 61. All horses qualifying for the Special Awards must participate. In the event that a winning horse fails to appear to receive any of the Special Awards—indepen
dently of the reason—it shall be disqualified, thusly leading to the loss of any and all acquired rights and said horse shall be considered serious misconduct, when not justified. If this were the case of the first-place winner, the second-place winner shall take its place and shall be judged with the other horses in first place. Should the non-appearing horse have qualified second in its Section or be the horse with Best Movements, substitution shall not be allowed.

Article 62. The Organizing Committee shall announce the schedule and location of the Awards Ceremony on the Competition Program. Attendance is mandatory for any horse earning an award.

In the event that a winning horse fails to appear to receive its Award, the owner shall lose said Award/s and there shall be no winner. Only through the presentation of a written authorization from the competition veterinarian may attendance to the awards ceremony be missed. The penalty is applicable to all awards for horses presented by that owner as established by the Organizing Committee, without prejudice of disciplinary measures that may be adopted by the Competition Commission as set out in the present Rules and Regulations.

TITLE IX
DISCIPLINARY CODE
CHAPTER I
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Article 63. The Competition Commission is the competent body to launch, instruct and sentence disciplinary procedures against judges.

Article 64. All Organizing Committees fall under the jurisdiction of this disciplinary body; the same holds true for their staff, participating breeders, whether or not they are members of ANCCE, and likewise applicable to their representatives, relatives and staff, including riders, presenters and grooms.

Breeders shall be considered responsible for misconduct perpetrated by their person or their representatives, relatives or staff. The Organizing Committees shall be considered responsible for misconduct perpetrated by their person and/or members and staff.
Article 65. Disciplinary files shall be launched ex officio or at the request of a party by means of an official complaint report formulated before the Competition Commission.

The instructor of the process shall be a person who is freely designated by the Competition Commission.

The Competition Commission shall proceed to analyze the events prior to launching disciplinary actions; it may dismiss the claim should it consider that the events do not constitute misconduct. This decision shall be reported to the claimant with no further appeal being allowed.

Article 66. The Competition Commission shall launch the disciplinary process by means of a joint agreement that identifies the alleged perpetrator or person responsible; an Instructor shall be appointed. The facts and/or events behind said initiation shall be clearly indicated together with the possible type of misconduct and the corresponding sentence. The competent body for the resolution shall be designated with the right to formulate allegations also being indicated, as well as the hearing before the competent body in the procedure with the corresponding timeline. The parties are warned that should allegations not be presented within the established timeline, the corresponding Proposed Sentence shall be issued. Likewise, the tentative measures agreed to by the Instructor shall be included.

The interested party, understood as the person responsible and/or alleged perpetrator, shall be informed regarding the disciplinary process agreement and the Instructor shall be informed about any and all actions related to the process.

In the case of individual breeders, corporate bodies or legally constituted corporations, valid communications shall be considered those performed between the individual person who appears as the stud farm representative on file at ANCCE or on the actual competition entry and the Instructor. In the case of the Organizing Committee, it will be the person whose name appears at the contact on the Official PRE Calendar.

Communications may use any means that allows the reception of communiqués to be verified. Failure to accept or the return of notifications sent to the home, data and/or address provided or that appears in ANCCE files shall be considered as notified/delivered.

Article 67. Once the disciplinary process begins, the Competition Commission may agree to impose temporary disciplinary measures as deemed necessary to guarantee the effectiveness of the resolution that may be dictated, the smooth running of the actual process, avoid continued misconduct and safeguard third party or ANCCE interests.

Article 68. The interested party may formulate allegations and present documents and/or information, and as may be the case, propose evidence within ten (10) business days as of the reception of the communiqué with the initiation agreement. In their statement, they shall indicate the address or email address for further notifications, as well as contact information of all witnesses proposed.
Once the Instructor receives allegations from the interested party, they, as would be the case, shall review the evidence deemed appropriate, and they may also request further evidence and request reports considered necessary to clarify all facts and events.

The Instructor may reject evidence when, in their opinion, fails to clarify the facts and/or events being studied, or when said evidence is difficult or impossible to prove.

The period of time to present evidence shall be fifteen (15) business days, notwithstanding that the Instructor, due to justified cause, may request that said period of time be expanded up to ten (10) additional days.

**Article 69.** Once the investigation has concluded, the Instructor may formulate a Resolution Proposal, which shall establish and explain the facts and events upon which the legal status is based, the assessment of all evidence, and shall determine, based on the Rules, the misconduct perpetrated, the person who is responsible and the proposed sentence. Likewise, the decision to maintain the tentatively agreed to measures shall also be specified.

The interested party shall be notified regarding the Resolution Proposal, who in turn, shall have ten (10) business days, as of the date they receive the communiqué, to formulate allegations and present any documents or reports deemed appropriate.

**Article 70.** The Competition Commission shall dictate the Resolution in which said Commission shall respond to all questions presented and derived from the disciplinary file; the evidence upon which said Commission has based its decision shall be assessed, the facts and events stated, together with the person who is responsible, the misconduct perpetrated and the sentence imposed.

No other facts or events, other than those presented throughout the course of the process, shall be accepted, independently of the legal assessment. Should the misconduct or the disciplinary action be considered more serious than what was determined in the Resolution Proposal, the interested party shall be notified so that they may present any and all allegations deemed necessary within fifteen (15) business days.

The Competition Commission shall inform the interested party regarding the Resolution, stating any appeal that they are eligible to present against said Resolution and the corresponding timeline for presentation.

**Article 71.** The Resolution may be appealed before the ANCCE Executive Committee within fifteen (15) business days, as of the reception and knowledge of the sentence. Should no appeal be presented, the sentence shall be considered final.

The Executive Committee shall decide about the appeal within seven (7) business days, informing the interested party, which puts an end to the disciplinary route, with the Resolution then being executive, which shall be considered final as of its notification.

**Article 72.** The duration of the disciplinary process shall not surpass five (5) months as of the date on the initiation agreement.
CHAPTER II

MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Article 73. The following are considered Minor Misconduct:

a) Publicly behave in an inappropriate manner at competitions or championships.
b) Show slight inconsideration towards the Judges, members of the Organizing Committee, participants or audience at a competition.
c) Show a passive attitude when complying with orders and instructions received from Judges and members of the Organizing Committee while performing their duties.
d) Failure on behalf of the Organizing Committee to meet their economic obligations affecting contracted personnel, judges or ANCCE for a period longer than thirty (30) days and shorter than sixty (60) days.
e) Be inconsiderate to a groom/handler or rider while in the arena.
f) Slight breach of compliance on behalf of the Organizing Committee with their formal and administrative obligations.

Article 74. The following are considered Serious Misconduct:

Regarding the Organizing Committee and its members or staff for whom they are responsible:

a) Failure to meet economic obligations with contracted staff for the smooth running of the competition and/or participants for the reasons indicated in Article 18 above, for a period of more than sixty (60) days and less than one hundred and eighty (180) days.
b) Repeated failure to provide the Competition Department with information regarding essential aspects relative to the competition, including any possible conflicts of interests among the judges.
c) Show contempt, lack of respect or make inappropriate comments about anyone who intervenes in the competition.
d) Suspend or modify the dates of a competition without just cause.
e) Serious non-compliance with standard rules when this does not lead to the stoppage or suspension of a competition, but does hinder the event or the tasks of those actively involved in said event.
f) Commit an act of minor misconduct after having been previously disciplined for two (2) events of minor misconduct.

Regarding Breeders, Riders and Presenters/Grooms:

a) Show disregard for, lack of respect to or make improper comments against Judges, members of the Organizing Committee, breeders or other participants, and the general audience. Such acts could be considered those expressed in mass media or social networks before, during and after the actual Competition.
b) Intimidate judges and members of the Organizing Committee.

c) Alter the normal development of a section due to negligent behavior or willful misconduct.

d) Failure to present a horse registered in a section or a test without any previous warning to the Organizing Committee and without any justified cause.

e) Cruelty towards a horse.

f) Failure to comply with any financial obligation with the Organizing Committee.

g) Failure to present a horse at Award Ceremony, where appropriate, without any sufficient justification and authorization by the official competition veterinarian.

h) Change the appearance of a horse with the intention of confusing or attenuating its defects.

i) The use of devices and manners during the presentation that are expressly prohibited.

j) Perpetrate a minor fault having been punished previously for two (2) other minor faults.

k) That a horse has positive results for the so-called “controlled” substances on the anti-doping list.

l) Any other breach of rules not specifically listed in this article, and that may be considered serious by the Competition Commission.

**Article 75.** The following are considered Severe Misconduct:

Regarding the Organizing Committee and members or staff under its supervision:

- a) Failure to meet financial obligations regarding contracted staff for a competition and/or participants for the reasons stated in Article 18 above, and for a period longer than 180 days.
- b) Serious non-compliance with their formal obligations when this involves halting or suspending a competition.
- c) Allow the participation of horses owned by a member of the Superior Appeals Panel.
- d) Coerce judges with the aim of predetermining competition results.
- e) Accept the participation in a competition of horses, stud farms, riders or presenters/grooms who are punished or have some type of restriction in force.
- f) Aggressions, threats, coercion and injurious statements or actions hurled in public at any active participant in the competition.
- g) Failure to perform Anti-Doping tests to the horses when required by the Competition Commission.
- h) Alter the judges’ score sheets.
- i) Commit an event of serious misconduct after having been punished previously for another event of serious misconduct.

Regarding Breeders, Riders and Presenters:

- a) Breach of imposed disciplinary measures.
- b) Actions carried out with the aim of predetermining the results of a test or competition, by means of cash, intimidation or simple agreements.
- c) Withdraw the horses from a stud farm from the competition without sufficient justification once the horses have been entered.
d) Remove horses from the competition premises without express consent from the Organizing Committee.

e) Threats, coercion and serious insults or aggressions to any judge, member of the Organizing Committee, breeder, rider, presenter/groom or the audience taking part in the competition.

f) Public statements that motivate violence.

g) Severe cruelty to abuse of horses.

h) Hiding any conflict of interests, even if it has not been declared by the judge.

j) Commit an event of serious misconduct after having been punished previously for another event of serious misconduct.

i) Refusal on behalf of a breeder to provide biological samples of their horses at a competition to perform the corresponding abuse substance verifications.

j) When a horse has a positive result for “banned” substances in the abuse substance test.

k) All those aspects that are not contained specifically in these Rules and Regulations that could be considered severe by the Competition Commission.

Article 76. Disciplinary action for minor misconduct shall be a written reprimand, and could be limited to no further process than a hearing with the interested party, with a prior informative summary.

Article 77. The following disciplinary actions shall be taken in the event of serious misconduct:

a) Temporary prohibition for the offending breeder, and as may be the case, its representative or personnel in charge, of up to one (1) year to attend and/or participate in competitions. This prohibition could be extended, for the same time period, to the horse or horses owned by said stud farm entered in the Competition where the misconduct took place, including when these no longer belong to said stud farm.

b) Loss of scores for the horses entered, and the awards they might have earned during a competition.

c) Prohibition to organize PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions for a period of one (1) year.

d) Prohibition to provide services as a member of the Organizing Committee or its hired personnel for up to one (1) year.

e) Suspend a horse for one (1) year from participating in competitions, including the World PRE Championship Final, even if said horse has already qualified, independently of who its owner may be.

Article 78. Severe Misconduct shall have the following penalties:

a) Temporary ineligibility of a breeder, and as may be the case, its representative or the person holding that post, for a term of one (1) year and one (1) day up to three (3) years to participate in competitions; this could lead to permanent prohibition to participate in competitions. This ineligibility may be applicable during the duration of the sentence—except in the case of permanent ineligibility—to the horse or horses entered in the competition owned by a breeder who is guilty of misconduct, even when said horses are no longer owned by said breeder.
b) Loss of scores for all horses entered and any awards that may have been obtained by those horses throughout the course of the competition.

c) Ineligible to hold PRE Conformation-Functional Competitions for one (1) year and one (1) day up to three (3) years or permanently.

d) Ineligible to provide services as a member of an Organizing Committee or contracted staff for a period of one (1) year and one (1) day or a maximum of three (3) years.

e) Suspension for three (3) years of a horse to participate in any competition, including the World PRE Championship Final, even when said horse has qualified, independently of who its owner may be at that time.

Article 79. The statute of limitation for minor misconduct one (1) month; for serious misconduct it is six (6) months, and for severe misconduct it is eighteen (18) months.

The statute of limitation shall begin as of the commitment of the misconduct.

The statute of limitation shall be interrupted as of the notification date that disciplinary procedures have been launched or, as would be the case, an informative process linked to the investigative actions of the judge.

Article 80. The degree to which punishments are applied shall take into consideration the concurrence of circumstances the modify the responsibility of the interested party, who, in the opinion of the Competition Commission may enter into play with the facts, including the following, in addition to those general circumstances indicated by the law:

   a) Prevalence of the post held within the Association.
   b) Spontaneous repentance.
   c) Having faced sufficient provocation.

Article 81. The responsibility of the sentenced party shall conclude:

   a) Upon complying with the punishment.
   b) With the total or partial lifting of the punishment, as agreed to by the Executive Committee and the Competition Commission, should there be founded motivation that justifies such an action.

Article 82. The Competition Commission shall have a register of all disciplinary actions imposed to have records and a tally of all disciplinary actions fulfilled.

Warnings or reprimands shall be considered cancelled after one (1) year, as of the date the sentence is final, except in those cases in which another disciplinary procedure is launched against the party with the corresponding disciplinary action. The list of remaining disciplinary actions shall be cancelled within three (3) months as of the date when the responsibility concluded or stopped.
TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT

These current Rules and Regulations shall be applied directly and immediately as of the day they are officially published on the ANCCE web site, although the Competition Commission may extend the deadline for the presentation requesting the inclusion on the Official PRE Competition Calendar and the deadline for the publication of said Calendar, given the date of publication of these current Rules and Regulations.
### ANEXO I - SOLICITUD DE CONCURSO MORFOLÓGICO - FUNCIONAL

**Appendix 1 - Conformation Competition Request Form**

**FORMULARIO OFICIAL / Official Form**

**Año del Concurso / Competition year:**

### DATOS DEL CONCURSO / Competition Information

- **Denominación del Concurso / Name of Competition**
- **Persona de contacto / Contact person**
- **Lugar de celebración / Location of Competition**
- **Dirección del lugar de celebración / Location Address**
- **Localidad / Municipality**
- **Pais / Country**
- **Provincia / Province or State**
- **Código REGA / Stud Farm Code**
- **Nº de Jueces que solicita / Nº judges requested**
- **Morfología / Conformation**
- **Funcionalidad / Functionality**

### FECHAS DEL CONCURSO / Date of Competition

- **Día de Recepción / Recepcion day**
- **Fecha de Inicio / Start date**
- **Fecha de Fin / Finish date**

### COMITÉ ORGANIZADOR / Organizing Committee

- **Entidad o persona que organiza / Individual or Corporate Organizer**
- **Dirección / Address**
- **C.P. / Postal Code**
- **Pais / Country**
- **Teléfono & Fax / Phone & Fax**
- **Movil / Cell**
- **Email**

### COMPOSICIÓN DEL COMITÉ ORGANIZADOR / Organizing Committee Structure

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La presente inscripción autoriza al Comité Organizador al uso de las imágenes (vídeos y fotografías) de los ejemplares participantes para que pueda usarlas y/o cederlas a ANCCE para su exclusiva incorporación promocional a la web de concursos. This Competition Request Form authorizes the Organizing Committee to use images (both video and photographs) of all participating horses, to be used and/or released to ANCCE for exclusive promotional use on the competition website.

Si acepta / Yes / Accept

No acepto / No / Refuse

Firmado por el CO / OC Signature
## ANEXO III

### PREMIO A LA MEJOR GANADERÍA
Puntuación según sección y clasificación

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La suma total será dividida por el número de ejemplares que optan a premio.

**NOTA:** En las secciones de hasta 15 ejemplares se aplicará la puntuación negativa a partir del 11º clasificado, éste incluido; Entre 16 y 30 ejemplares, se aplicará a partir del 13º clasificado, éste incluido; Con más de 30 ejemplares, se aplicará a partir del 16º clasificado, éste incluido. (Esta norma no se aplicará en la Sección 13º).

**Premios Especiales:**
- **3 puntos para:** Campeones del Concurso (secciones de la 7ª a la 12ª)
- **2 puntos para:** Subcampeones del Concurso, Campeones Jóvenes, Campeón/a Adulto/a Mejores Movimientos y Campeón de Funcionalidad.
- **1 punto para:** Campeón/a Joven Mejores Movimientos, Subcampeones Jóvenes y Subcampeón de Funcionalidad.

Estos puntos se sumarán al total obtenido por la ganadería, antes de dividir por el total de ejemplares presentados.
APPENDIX IV. TABLE TO QUALIFY FOR SICAB

To participate in the World Championship, horses must qualify previously by participating in any of the qualification competitions leading up to that Final. The number of horses qualified at the various competitions shall be based on the number of horses participating in each section. This shall be established as indicated in this Appendix.

**Individual Classification:**

The number of horses classified shall be based on the number of horses participating in each section.

- **3*** and 2** Competitions:

  * Between 4 and 6 horses → 2 qualify.
  * Between 7 and 9 horses → 4 qualify.
  * Between 10 and 12 horses → 6 qualify.
  * Between 13 and 15 horses → 8 qualify.
  * Between 16 and 20 horses → 10 qualify.
  * Between 21 and 30 horses → 12 qualify.
  * Between 31 and 40 horses → 15 qualify.
  * Between 41 and 50 horses → 20 qualify.

To obtain the qualification for the World PRE Championship Final, the shifting of ranks shall be applied in 3*** Competitions only.

- **1** Competitions:

  Only the first horse in each section shall qualify.

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Whatever the category of the competition, and independently of the number of horses in each section, the following horses qualify:

* Competition Champions (stallion and mare)
* Competition Youngstock Champions (colt and filly)
* Competition Champion of Movement
* Competition Functionality Champion

a) Competition Champions: Should one of the Competition Champions have already qualified, then the Reserve Competition Champion (stallion or mare) would qualify automatically. Should that horse already be qualified in its section, the horse in second place shall classify.
b) Youngstock Champions, the Youngstock and Adult Champion of Movement and the Functionality Champion: only the Champions shall qualify. In other words, should any of the aforementioned champions already be classified, there shall be no shifting within the ranks.

**Classification of Cobras:**
The number of cobras classified shall be determined following the table below:

- **3*** and **2** Competitions:

  * Between 2 and 3 cobras → 2 qualify.
  * Between 4 and 6 cobras → 4 qualify.
  * Between 7 and 10 cobras → 6 qualify.
  * Between 11 and 15 cobras → 10 qualify.

To obtain the qualification for the World PRE Championship Final, the shifting of ranks shall be applied in **3*** Competitions only.

- **1** Competitions:

  Only the first place in each section shall qualify.

  To compete in the Final with a 5-mare cobra (Section 14), a 3-mare cobra shall have qualified first, with those three (3) mares being included in the 5-mare cobra.
APPENDIX V. BODY REGIONS AND CORRECTION COEFFICIENTS

INDIVIDUAL

WALK.................................................................................................0.740
CANTER..............................................................................................0.740
TROT.................................................................................................0.740
HEAD.................................................................................................0.740
NECK.................................................................................................0.400
WITHERS, BACK & LOIN.................................................................0.920
CROUP & TAIL..................................................................................0.740
THORAX, BREAST & ABDOMEN ...................................................0.740
FORELIMBS.....................................................................................0.740
HIND LIMBS ....................................................................................0.740
LIMB ALIGNMENT............................................................................0.740
GENERAL CONDITION & CONFORMATION-FUNCTIONAL HARMONY ........0.920
BREED QUALITY ..............................................................................1.100

COBRAS

MOVEMENTS ....................................................................................1.400
HANDLING......................................................................................1.400
PRESENTATION................................................................................0.900
UNIFORMITY OF COAT COLOR.....................................................1.400
QUALITY & UNIFORMITY OF HEIGHT........................................1.400
QUALITY & UNIFORMITY OF CONFORMATION............................1.700
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ANEXO VI - REPRISE FUNCIONALIDAD 4 AÑOS
ANEXO VI - REPRISE FUNCIONALIDAD 5 AÑOS

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APPENDIX VII. ANTI-DOPING

The full list of prohibited substances appears on Spain’s Royal Equestrian Federation web site at www.rfhe.com.