



Code of conduct for officials at breeding show

Officials at breeding shows are judges, registrars, ringmasters and other officials regardless of whether they are paid or not.

1. Officials shall have a neutral, independent and fair position towards riders, owners, trainers, organizers and other officials and integrate well into a team. Financial and/or personal interest shall not influence or be perceived to influence their way of working.
2. Officials will avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest:
 - Officials shall follow the principle that their work raises trust and respect. They apply professionalism, ensure that all participants are treated equally and strengthen the collaboration and cooperation between staff, owners and riders.
 - Officials shall not discuss each other's work with other parties (riders, horse owners or others). Internal discussion between judges or other officials at breeding shows are confidential.
 - Ringmasters, registrars and judges shall show colleagues respect and be careful not to raise distrust towards other officials or the breeding assessment system on social media.
 - If the show is held at a private stud farm/place, the owner of the facility shall not be a member of the show's staff, if he/she is owner of horses being presented at the show. (exceptions from this rule can be accepted by the FEIF Director of Breeding in special circumstances).
 - Officials will minimize the use of electronic communication, including mobile phones, while judging/working at the breeding show.
 - Officials will not consume alcohol until after their obligations for the day are finished.
 - Officials shall strive to increase their professional knowledge.
 - Officials shall comply with rules and regulations governing the breeding shows.
 - A judge shall not participate in assessment work at national level if his/her principal occupation is extensive horse breeding, sale of horses or stallion fees.

All officials working at a breeding show must understand and accept these standards and be aware that FEIF has the right to undertake disciplinary actions against officials who do not follow this Code of Conduct and FEIF Rules. Disciplinary actions may consist of: (1) Warning letter (2) Temporary suspension and (3) Removal from the FEIF International list.