

RULES AND REGULATIONS I.B.O.P. SUITABILITY TESTING

OVERVIEW

Responsibility

The IBOP suitability testing (Instelling Bruikbaarheids Onderzoek Friese Paarden – suitability testing for Friesian horses) is managed by the Koninklijke Vereniging “Het Friesch Paarden Stamboek” (KFPS).

Objective

The objective of the testing is to determine as objectively as possible the aptitude and suitability of a horse for certain uses. Every horse four years and older can be entered for the above-mentioned testing. The IBOP offers three different tests:

dressage under saddle (saddle test),
dressage in harness (driving test)
harness test (show-driving test).

Participation in more than one test on the same day is possible. Entries for the test are sent to KFPS. An IBOP test can be part of the awarding of the star, crown or model predicates; see the KFPS Registration Regulations.

Location

The KFPS determines the location where the testing will take place and takes care of possibly necessary supplies. The IBOP can take place indoors or outdoors, as determined by KFPS.

IBOP outside The Netherlands

In some cases there can be deviations from the regulations where it concerns the execution of IBOP tests performed outside The Netherlands. This is to be determined by KFPS. Judges need to be KFPS certified.

Participation

A horse can, regardless of the discipline, participate no more than twice a year in an IBOP test. This can take place on the same day or on two different days. If the maximum number of two IBOP tests are performed on the same day the tests will have to be in two different disciplines.

Number of participants in the arena

The dressage test under saddle, the dressage test in harness, and the basic test of the discipline show-driving are individual tests. The show test as part of the show-driving/harness discipline can be performed with a maximum of two participants in the arena.

Training / basic condition

The horse presented for testing can be excluded if the judging committee deems such necessary (by reason of, e.g., illness, lameness, etc.).

The judging committee can also end a testing if a horse according to the committee is presented or ridden in an unacceptable manner.

The owner of the horse can determine if he/she presents the horse him/herself or if this is done by a third party. Change of riders for the various tests is permitted.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations have to be recorded in the horse's passport. A vaccination record is only valid if it

can be determined that it belongs to the horse with which the rider is participating in the IBOP and if it shows that the horse in question is vaccinated against influenza as follows.

- A. A basic vaccination consisting of two shots of which the 2nd shot is given minimally three and maximally 13 weeks after the first shot;
- B. Subsequently an annual booster vaccination; administered no later than maximally 12 months after the previous inoculation.
- C. The latest inoculation has to have taken place at least one week before the IBOP.

This information needs to have been certified by a signature or the initials of the veterinarian who administered the vaccination. The proof of vaccination (passport) has to be presented for review to the KFPS secretariat prior to the IBOP. Horses that have not had the required inoculations are not admitted to the testing facility and are thus also not tested.

Test scores and definitions

For the items that are scored and the definitions of the test please refer to the sections of these Rules & Regulations pertaining to respectively riding horses, driving horses, and show-driving horses.

Judging team

The judging team is to consist of two qualified judges who are appointed by KFPS.

Results

The judges record their findings on a certificate. The chairman of the judging team provides if necessary a brief explanation and provides all pertinent information. The chairman of the judging team or a KFPS appointed official signs and dates the certificate. The result will be announced by the chairman to the owner at the end of the test. The certificate will be mailed to the owner after the testing. The result will also be published in Phryso.

SCORES

The dressage tests under saddle will be evaluated in accordance with the KNHS regulations and dressage-test book, but the test items are scored with scores that run on a scale from 0 through 10 to which the following values are attached:

- 0 not performed
- 1 very poor
- 2 poor
- 3 rather poor
- 4 more than insufficient
- 5 insufficient
- 6 sufficient
- 7 more than sufficient
- 8 good
- 9 very good
- 10 excellent

The scoring per member of the judging team will be in five tenths. If the evaluation of the segments by the individual judges differ 5/10 of a point this will be reflected in the scores as N.3 and N.7.

Example 1: if judge A scores the walk segment a 6.5 and judge B scores it a 7 then this will be reflected as a 6.7.

Example 2: if judge A scores the trot segment a 6.5 and judge B scores it a 6 then this will be

reflected in the overview as 6.3.