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**RÈGLEMENT POUR L'EXPERTISE DE CANDIDATS-
ÉTALONS REPRODUCTEURS**

**REGLEMENTEN FÜR DIE KÖRUNG VON DEN KANDIDAT
DECKHENGSTE**

RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATE STALLIONS.

1. Description

“The selection of stallions is very important for the steering of the influence on the evolution of breeding”

The inspection of candidate stallions is an important part of this.

These are the moments to select the stallions who will pass on the wanted genetic material.

2. Full procedure

The full inspection of the candidate stallions includes three phases. However, the three-year-old BWP candidate stallions who are withheld after the second phase, are approved for one season with five breeding certificates.

The first phase includes an extensive veterinary inspection.

During the second phase the emphasis is on the assessment of the exterior.

In the third phase the sportive talent takes central stage.

Before the activities of the second phase start the pedigree will be judged.

One can appeal against a negative advice concerning the extensive veterinary inspection.

The first phase runs from 1 April up to and including 16 October. The exceptional term, in which the candidate stallions can be entered for the selection, runs from 16 October up to and including the last day (16 November). This exceptional term is closed two weeks later for the candidate stallions who were purchased after a proven participation in a selection of a BWP recognised studbook.

There is a surcharge of 150 euros exclusive VAT per stallion for appointments made after 16 October. There is an exception for candidate stallions who were purchased after a proven participation in a selection of a BWP recognised studbook.

All dates mentioned in this paragraph refer to the year before the second phase of the selection.

The investigation in appeal must be completed on 15 November of the year in which the candidate stallions have to be registered for selection.

The second phase for the three-year-old candidate stallions takes place halfway January. Upon the arrival of the candidate stallions the markings description check, the control of the

vaccinations (flu and Equine Herpes Virus) and the measuring will take place.

Subsequently the stallions have to be presented in the ‘cage’ for the obligatory viewing moment.

The candidate stallions have to jump lower jumps several times. There is also a short viewing for the dressage stallions in hand or free.

The exterior evaluation will take place the day after.

The second phase for the four-year-old and older candidate stallion starts halfway March. The stallion of four to seven-years-old must have participated in at least two competitions of the stallion competition.

The third phase starts halfway March.

Postponed second and third phases will not be organised.

The board of directors of the BWP decides on the site and date of the selection.

3. Advice on sport results

An advice whether the provided sport performances are sufficient or not is compulsory for all candidate stallions of nine-years-old or older. The costs for this advice application are 201.75€.

Conditions:

- the advice must be requested by the person who is responsible for the candidate stallion. This person will also be the sole recipient of the answer.
- A detailed and official summary of the performances (of the stallion or of his offspring) has to accompany the application.
- The application will be handled by the commission consisting of the studbook commission and the stallion jury. The evaluation is based on the performances that have to be achieved on the following levels:

A. For non-Thoroughbred candidate stallions

Jumping:

- either present a record of the stallion’s participation in a GP competition on, at least, 1.50m level
- either a performance in a GP competition on, at least, 1.50m level by a number of offspring.

Dressage:

- either present a record of the stallion’s participation in a dressage competition on, at least, Intermediate level
- either a performance in a dressage competition on, at least, Intermediate level by a number of offspring.

Eventing:

There is no reference level available.

B. For Thoroughbred candidate stallions

They have to present a record of performances in horse racing.

4. Entry for the selection

4.1. Introduction

To enter the selection the candidate stallion as well as the registrant-owner have to meet a certain number of conditions. The entry has to meet the following conditions:

4.2. Conditions for the stallion :

The entry for the selection can be accepted of those stallions who meet the following conditions:

- ° they have to have an age of at least three years or turn three in the selection year.
- ° at least four generations of ancestors must be known and registered. Stallions who were registered with the BWP at birth and who turn at least eight-years-old in the selection year, the fourth generation does not need to be known or registered.
An official studbook document must be presented to prove the registration.
- ° at birth the sire and the dam have to be registered with one of the following studbooks:
 - Belgian Warmblood / BWP.
 - One of the studbooks that are member of the WBFSH
 - Any "English Thoroughbred" studbooks of the EU and the U.S.A.
 - Any "Anglo-Arabian" studbooks of the EU and the U.S.A.

Stallions who don't meet these conditions on the studbooks, can be entered, provided that they receive a positive advice for their registration from the authorised commission.

Older stallions who were not accepted during former selections or stallions who formerly failed to meet all obligations, can be presented anew.

4.3. Conditions for the registrant:

The registrant has to be a member of the organising breeding association.

4.4. General entry procedure:

The returning candidate stallions, the BWP bred candidate stallions and the stallions who are registered with a studbook which is recognised by the BWP before the entry for the selection, can register for the selection at the secretariat of the BWP, Waversebaan 99, 3050 Oud-Heverlee, Belgium. On pain of inadmissibility the entry must be submitted before the closing date which

will be published in the EquiTime magazine or the BWP website.

The entry is only valid when the following conditions are met

1. Payment of the selection fee. The amounts are as follows:

- 3-year-old candidate stallions with a BWP identity: 403.50 euros. (participation 3rd phase)
- The remaining three-year-old candidate stallions: 504,25 euros. (participation 3rd phase)
- Candidate stallions of 4 up to and including 8-years-old with a BWP identity: 403,50 euros.
- The remaining candidate stallions of 4 up to and including 8-years-old: 504.25 euros.
- Candidate stallions of 9-years-old and older: 504.25 euro.

The fee for stabling is included in the amounts mentioned above.

The selection fee is not refundable.

2. Options:

A stallion can be entered as a candidate for the direction dressage or jumping. It is obligatory to make a choice when registering. If no direction is communicated the stallion will automatically be registered for the direction jumping.

3. Providing a copy of studbook document:

A copy of the original studbook document and description of characteristics (written and graphical) of all candidate stallions must be provided.

5. Providing a correct filled out checklist:

This list will be available on the BWP website. It is also retrievable via the BWP secretariat.

The receipt of the entry will be confirmed by the BWP secretariat. The invoice for payment of the selection fee will be sent at the same time.

Entries that do not meet all conditions will be recorded under reservation. In this case, a summary of the missing information will be communicated together with the confirmation.

The missing information must be provided before the date the texts for the catalogue go to press. The date will be mentioned in the confirmation.

In case the shortcomings are corrected in time, but after the closing date of the entries, payment of the entry fee is a condition to accept the entry.

Applications for foreign candidate stallions that do not meet the conditions concerning the studbook of origin, will not be acknowledged as

an application, but will be considered an application for a registration advice. This application must be submitted before the entry date. The amount of 504,25 euros covers the expenses of the processing of the application. When the application is accepted, this amount also covers the entry fee for the selection.

The application for advice is handled by the commission that consists of the stallion jury and the studbook commission and the opinion of the stallion jury is decisive. The commission gathers during the studbook commission meeting following the moment the valid application was received.

In case the authorised commission gives a positive advice further data will be requested.

5. Statement of approval and official registration of the person responsible for the candidate stallion.

The official person responsible for the candidate stallion has to be assigned before the start of the selection and has to declare that:

- he/she has taken note of and agrees with the rules of the selection for candidate stallions.
- he/she agrees to pay € 1,000.00 in case of a positive result of the test for xenobiotic substances and the publication of this result.

After the reception of the registration the secretariat will send a questionnaire to the registrant for the implementation of these conditions.

This form has to be returned to the BWP secretariat before the start of the second phase of the selection for candidate stallions.

6. Participation third phase

6.1. At the time of entry

The three-year-old candidate stallions that are withheld after the second phase, can take part in the third phase in the year they passed the second phase or in the year after. In case the result is negative in the third phase in the year the second phase was passed with a positive result, the candidate stallion can take part in the third phase one year later.

The entry fee for the three-year-old candidate stallions for the third phase is 302.50€. The fee for stabling is included in this fee.

6.2. Mare report

For the dams of candidate stallions that reside in Belgium and have not yet a mare report, a report will be issued before the start of the third phase. This will be done by a national jury member of the province the mare is staying in. The fee must be paid before the start of the third phase. In case the dam is not in Belgium the report or scores will be requested from the relevant studbook.

If no information on the dam is available this will be mentioned in the stallion report.

7. Stay on site.

The candidate stallions that take part in the second and third phase have to stay on site. The accommodation is provided by the BWP. The fee is included in the entry fee.

8. Evaluation and selection of the candidate stallions.

8.1. General guidelines for the evaluation:

- There is no fixed number of BWP or other candidate stallions that will be approved. The evaluation of the candidate stallions with a foreign identity has to be, at least, as strict as for those candidates that were registered with the BWP at birth. The stallions that are approved must be an enrichment for the studbook.
- The judging of the older candidate stallions must be very strict.
- The general guidelines are an orientation for the selection in the context of the policy on a short, middle and possibly long term and which are developed by the Studbook committee, taking into account the available genetic material of the stallions as well as of the dams.
- The breeding direction of the stallion is taken into account during the evaluation during the tests.
- The jury can always ask for an adjustment of the quantitative aspects of the selection for which the candidate stallion was presented.

8.2. Elements upon which the candidate stallions are judged:

8.2.1. Health:

What ?

The evaluation of the health is known as 'the first phase' of the selection of candidate stallions. It consists of two elements:

1. DNA-examination to check the ancestry

2. Extensive veterinary examination. The candidate stallions must be presented unshod. The examination consists of:
- a thorough look at and touch of the candidate stallions;
 - inspection of the movements;
 - clinical examination of the heart and lungs;
 - endoscopy;
 - making of radiographs.

By whom ?

The extensive veterinary examination will be executed at the Faculty Animal Health of the Gent University. The person responsible has to present the eligible candidate stallion in a fixed period.

When ?

- ° The extensive veterinary examination runs from 1 April till 16 October. The exceptional period runs from 17 October till the last day (16 November) that candidate stallions can be registered for the selection. The exceptional period is closed for the candidate stallions two weeks later for the candidate stallions who were purchased after a proven participation in a selection of a BWP recognised studbook. There is a surcharge of 150 euros exclusive VAT per stallion for appointments made after 16 October. There is an exception for candidate stallions who were purchased after a proven participation in a selection of a BWP recognised studbook.

All cancellations for appointments for the veterinary inspection, for instance when only 2 instead of 3 stallions are presented, have to be reported three working days in advance to the secretariat of the clinic by mail:

Heidi.staelens@ugent.be. A no-show fee of 150 euros (exclusive VAT) per stallion will be charged for a examination that was not cancelled by email three working days beforehand.

All the dates mentioned in this paragraph concern the year before the second phase of the selection.

The results of the first phase are being discussed by the Stallion jury after December.

For which candidate stallions ?

- ° All candidate stallions that have not received an exemption, have to undergo the veterinary inspection.
- ° Candidate stallions that are exempted are those that have already had a positive extended veterinary examination as part of a participation in a BWP candidate stallion selection, not longer than two years ago.
- ° Procedure first phase for candidate stallions that have previously been approved somewhere else with a record of performances at GP level (

1m60 or dressage Grand Prix): the medical examination happens by evaluating the provided X-rays and video of the endoscopy by the Faculty Gent.

The appeal procedure at the first phase

° Description

An appeal is possible against a negative advice for a candidate stallion provided during the first phase of the selection. The person responsible can submit the appeal after receiving the result and before 15 November of the year in which candidate stallions must be entered for the selection. The payment of 504.24 euros (excl. VAT) must accompany the application.

° Content of the examination

During the examination of appeal the negatively evaluated elements are reviewed. The radiographs and the report of the first examination are send to the committee of veterinarians who handle the examination.

° By whom?

The examination of appeal will be handled by a committee of veterinarians, of which the members are approved by the BWP executive board and on the advice of the Studbook Committee. The decision is made within the committee.

8.2.2. The pedigree :

How ?

- ° The evaluation of the pedigree is done by the Stallion jury based on the exterior characteristics and the performances of related horses of the candidate stallion. .
- ° The graphic 'interpretation of breeding value estimations of sport horses' of the 'Centrum voor Huisdierengenetica- en selectie' (KU Leuven) is used as a tool for the scale for the evaluation. For candidate stallions of nine-years-old and older the performance index will be an important element for the evaluation.
- ° The information on the exterior qualities and the sport results of the related horses have to be provided by the registrant/owner of the candidate stallion. This has to be done using a checklist which is especially developed by the BWP Studbook Committee. The data on this checklist will be checked for correctness by a BWP employee (department breeding) and, if necessary, corrected or information can be added. Subsequently the checklist is handed over to the Stallion jury.

When?

The evaluation of the pedigree is done in the period between the closing of the entries and the moment of the first exterior evaluation.

For which candidate stallions?
This applies to all candidate stallions.

8.2.3. A number of physical aspects

What?

Is examined : - the height
- the teeth
- the testicles

How?

By the veterinary responsible.

When?

During the second and third phase of the selection of the candidate stallions, before the start of the exterior evaluation of the candidate stallion.

Where ?

The measurement platform at the second or third phase of the selection.

For which candidate stallions?

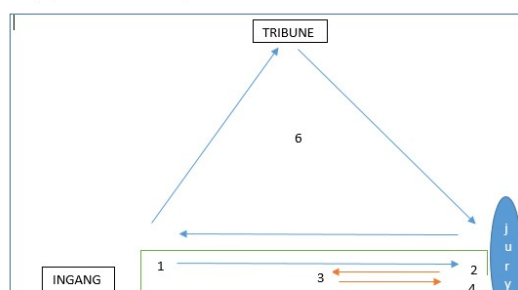
For all candidate stallions that were withheld after the first phase.

8.2.4. The exterior :

How and when?

° The three-year-old candidate stallion: on the first day of the second phase of the selection. The presentation on hard and soft ground will be combined. The jury judges the candidate stallions on standing still, walk and trot. The candidate stallions can be presented with or without horseshoes.

Description of the presentation:



- (1) Towards the jury in trot on hard ground
- (2) Halt in front of the jury on hard ground (left side)
- (3) Up and down in walk on hard ground
- (4) Halt in front of the jury on hard ground (right side)
- (5) Trotting away from the jury on hard ground

- (6) Trot on the triangle on soft ground and leave the arena

After the individual presentation of six to seven candidate stallions a group will walk on soft ground.

Order of go:

The candidate stallions direction jumping with a BWP identity will go first, followed by the candidate stallions direction dressage with a BWP identity. Next the candidate stallions direction dressage with a non-BWP identity followed by the candidate stallions direction jumping with a non-BWP identity.

- ° The four-year-old or older candidate stallions that take part in the third phase must also be presented on hard and soft ground. First the candidate stallions will be evaluated in halt, walk and trot on hard ground followed by the same evaluation on soft ground.

After the individual presentation of six to seven candidate stallions a group will walk on soft ground.

Order of go:

The candidate stallions direction dressage with a BWP identity will go first, followed by the candidate stallions direction dressage with a non-BWP identity. Next the candidate stallions direction jumping with a BWP identity and finally the candidate stallions direction jumping with a non-BWP identity.

8.2.5. Sport Ability

8.2.5.1. Description :

The sport ability is judged on the following elements: - free jumping;

- free moving;
- lunging;
- movements under the saddle;
- rideability under the saddle;
- jumping under the saddle;
- performing a dressage test.

8.2.5.2. Tools :

Tools (bandages, leg boots, help reins) which can influence the natural presentation of the candidate stallions are not allowed.

Depending on the part of the test for sport ability specifications are possible.

8.2.5.3. Free jumping

Free jumping is part of the second phase of the selection of the candidate stallions direction jumping.

How ?

- The candidate stallions that are withheld, will jump free twice.
- They are let loose first to see the left lead and right lead canter.
- Fence : 2 jumps (vertical and oxer) and the fence. The distance between the first and second fence is +/- 7 meters, the distance between de second and third fence is +/- 7.4 meters.
The fence must have sufficient base.
- Description of the test : It starts with three practice jumps and the fences are changed: first practice jump : fence = vertical of 70 cm; second practice jump : fence = vertical of 90 cm; third practice jump : fence = oxer of 90 cm. Next the last oxer will be raised to 1.2 meters and jumped four times. The second day the fence is raised with 10 cm.
The heights of the fences are a guideline. The candidate stallions will not be taken in hand after the jump.
- The right to adjust the fence: The jury has the full authority to adjust the fence and the number of jumps.
- The jumping technique and jumping scope will be judged and there will be a lot of attention for the canter of the candidate stallions.
- Order of go :
Friday : candidate stallions direction jumping BWP identity; candidate stallions direction jumping non-BWP identity.
Saturday : candidate stallions direction jumping non-BWP identity; candidate stallions direction jumping BWP identity.
- Arena crew :
The technical committee agreed on the number of staff necessary near the fences in the arena and to encourage the candidate stallions.
Only one person accompanying the stallion is allowed in the arena. He/her can stand in the corner before the fence.
- Help reins and bandages are not allowed, leg boots are. They need to be of synthetic material. Leg boots are not allowed on the hind legs.

When ?

- The first round of the free jumping is on the second day of the second phase. The second round takes place during the third day before the lunging of the three-year-old candidate stallions direction dressage.

Where ?

- Lay-out of the arena: there is a fenced space of approximately 20 x 40 meters.

For which candidate stallions ?

- Have to take part in the first round of free jumping: all three-year-old candidate stallions direction jumping who take part in the second phase of the BWP stallion selection.
- Have to take part in the second round of free jumping: all the candidate stallions direction jumping, that received 'withheld for further selection' from the jury after the first round of free jumping.

8.2.5.4. Free moving

The free moving is part of the second phase of the selection of the three-year-old candidate stallion direction dressage. Elements such as self carriage, impulsion, technique and the body use will be judged.

How ?

The three-year-old candidate stallions direction dressage show their movements in a natural way.
When presented they will be let loose and show their trot on the left and right for several minutes. The canter will be judged the same way by using the 'eight-shaped' track, if possible on the instructions of the ringmaster.
At the end the candidate stallion has to be presented in hand in walk for several rounds.

Arena staff

The technical committee agreed on 4 staff members, ringmaster included, in the arena to encourage the candidate stallion if necessary. Only one person accompanying the candidate stallion is allowed in the arena. He/she has to stand in the center of the arena and does not interfere during the test.
If necessary, the ringmaster will decide, whether in consult with the jury or not, if an interference is necessary. For instance, when a candidate stallion needs to be calmed down during the presentation.

When?

During the second day of the second phase before the free jumping of the candidate stallions direction jumping.

Tools

White bandages or white dressage leg boots on the front and hind legs are recommended. Hoof boots are allowed.

Where?

In the fenced arena of 20 x 43m where the free jumping takes place.

For which candidate stallions?

The three-year-old candidate stallions direction dressage.

8.2.5.5. The lunging

The lunging is part of the second phase of the selection of the candidate stallions. This test is executed in groups of two candidate stallions.

The diameter of the fenced circle is approximately 20 meters.

In addition to the elements of the 'free moving' test, the judged will also look at how the candidate stallion presents himself on the lunge and if he is workable.

How?

Before the test, the candidate stallion may be lunged in the warm-up arena.

The stallion enters the arena with his lunger and walks around several times with loose side reins secured on both sides of the girth.

The lunger secures the side reins to the bit at the request of the ringmaster and starts on the left hand in trot.

Several minutes later the ringmaster will ask to change to canter.

After a while the ringmaster will ask to change hands and show the trot and canter in the same way.

The ringmaster will end the test and the side reins need to be disconnected. The stallion has to walk several rounds in hand.

When?

During the third day of the second phase following the free jumping of the candidate stallions direction jumping.

Tools

The candidate stallion has to wear a snaffle bridle and a girth. The following nose bands are allowed: German nose band (training nose band) or Cavasson including matching flash strap (combined nose band).

Correctly secured side reins with rubber rings on the left and right of the girth. The length is adjusted to the stallion: it invites decontraction and it is still possible to go forward and downward.

Under the girth is a BWP saddle pad. White bandages or white dressage leg boots on the front and hind legs are recommended. Hoof boots are allowed.

Arena crew

The ringmaster can, when necessary, adjust the equipment of the candidate stallion.

Where?

In the fenced area for the free jumping in the accommodation where the selection of the candidate stallions takes place.

For which candidate stallions?

The three-year-old candidate stallion direction dressage that are 'withheld for further selection' after the free moving test.

8.2.5.6. The testing of the rideability and the evaluation of the gaits under the saddle

For the candidate stallions direction jumping and dressage of 3 to 8-years-old – riding by guest riders/advisors:

° Testing the rideability and the gaits under the saddle is part of the third phase of the selection of the candidate stallions and takes place on the second day. The candidate stallions are ridden in three gaits: walk, trot and canter. They enter the arena with their own rider in groups of two. After the candidate stallion is presented in the three gaits by his own rider, the guest rider/advisor takes over the ride.

After a while both guest riders/advisors change stallions. After the closure of the test the own rider takes over the stallion and the guest riders/advisors report on the rideability and gaits to the jury. During this meeting they explain their judgement. The BWP stallion jury will give a general evaluation of this part in coordination with the guest riders/advisors.

Where?

The arena provided at the site where the third phase of the selection of candidate stallions is taking place.

For the three-year-old candidate stallions direction dressage:

- During the first day of the third phase the candidate stallions are ridden by their own riders. They are presented in groups of 2 or 3 candidate stallions. They show the three basic gaits: walk, trot and canter.

- At the end of the second day of the third phase the candidate stallions are ridden by their own rider during the BWP dressage evening. They are presented in groups of 2 or 3 candidate stallions. They will show the three basic gaits: walk, trot and canter.

Where?

The arena provided at the site were the third phase of the selection of candidate stallions is taking place.

For the 4 to 8-year-old candidate stallions direction dressage :

- During the first day of the third phase the candidate stallions are ridden by their own riders. They are presented in groups of 2 or 3 candidate stallions. They show the three basic gaits: walk, trot and canter.
- At the end of the second day following the three-year-old candidate stallions direction dressage, the four to eight-year-olds will be shown with their own rider in an adjusted dressage test. See point 8.2.5.8. It will take place during the dressage evening.

Where?

The arena provided at the site were the third phase of the selection of candidate stallions is taking place.

Tools

Help reins are not allowed.

Candidate stallions jumping:

Velcro strapped leg boots can be used on the front legs.

Candidate stallions dressage:

The candidate stallions can only be bandaged with bandages or dressage leg boots when ridden by the guest riders/advisors as described in the lunging test.

In all other tests the candidate stallions have to show themselves in a natural way under the saddle, in order to judge the foundation and the technique correctly.

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8.2.5.7. The testing of jumping under the saddle

General

- ° The testing of jumping under the saddle is part of the third phase of the selection of the candidate stallions.
- ° The candidate stallions direction jumping that are younger than 9-years-old at the moment of the selection have to jump under the saddle.
- ° The stallions are ridden by their own rider.
- ° Method of judging
The jury judges with very good, good or moderate.
- ° Equipment
Help reins and bandages are not allowed, leg boots are. They must be made of synthetic material. Leg boots are not allowed on the hind legs.

Where?

The arena provided at the site were the third phase of the selection of candidate stallions is taking place.

For the 3-year-old candidate stallions direction jumping and Thoroughbreds of 3 to 8-years-old:

These candidate stallions have to jump a line with a number of fences several times on the first day of the third phase after the riding under the saddle with own rider of the 3 to 8-year-old candidate stallions direction dressage. The line with fences consist of the following: a pole / a cross to start / a vertical / an oxer / another vertical / an oxer. The maximum height of the fences is 1 meter.

The line can be jumped several times. The jury determines the number and the standard is 5 to 7 times;

The second vertical in the line will be removed for the three-year-old Thoroughbred candidate stallions.

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For the 4 to 7-year-old candidate stallions direction jumping:

It is compulsory for jumping stallions to take part in at least two rounds in the stallion competition. The Stallion jury will take the evaluations made during these competitions into consideration in their final judgement, but these are not decisive. It is not compulsory to take part in the final which takes place at the end of the third phase.

The candidate stallions will take part in a course with six fences on the first day of the third phase after the jumping of the 3-year-old and Thoroughbred candidate stallions. The height of the fences for the 4 to 8-year-old candidate stallions is similar to the height in the Classic Cyclus.

Three candidate stallions enter the arena. There are several appointed warm-up jumps. The jury ends the warm-up and the candidate stallions jump the first round in catalogue order.

After the first round every candidate stallion jumps the second round in the same order. The studbook committee appoints a person who is responsible for the coordination of the warm-up.

For all 3 to 8-year-old candidate stallions direction jumping.

These candidate stallions jump a course with at least six fences on the third day of the third phase. The older candidate stallions start first.

8.2.5.8. Riding a dressage test

General

- ° Performing an adjusted dressage test is part of the third phase of the selection of candidate

stallions. Test is mandatory for all 4 to 8-year-old candidate stallions

- The BWP Stallion jury can be assisted by an advisor during the evaluation. Together they come to one joint evaluation. An attempt is made to reach a consensus. The jury has the casting vote.

When?

The performance of the dressage test takes place during the dressage evening on the second day of the third phase.

Where?

The arena provided at the site where the third phase of the selection of candidate stallions is taking place.

Tools

Help reins and bandages/leg boots are not allowed.

9. The selection moments

9.1. After the first phase or a possible appeal against the result of this phase:

The jury makes a decision based on the advice given after an extensive veterinary examination at the Faculty Animal Health at the Gent University for those candidate stallions for which no appeal procedure has been submitted.

For candidate stallions for which an appeal against the advice of the Faculty Animal Health at the Gent University has been submitted, the jury will decide which stallions will be withheld for further selection based on the advice of the veterinary committee which was approved by the BWP Executive Board and Studbook Committee.

In case the appeal examination gives a result contrary to the result of the first phase, the decision will be in the candidate stallion's favour.

9.2. During the second phase :

- After the free moving (candidate dressage stallions) and the first round of the free jumping (candidate jumping stallions) during the second day.

For the candidate stallions that are withheld from further selection the jury will use the term "approved for further selection".

- During the third day, after the free jumping (candidate jumping stallions) and the lunging (candidate dressage stallions) the speaker will announce which candidate stallions are selected for further selection.

9.3. During the third phase

- The decision which candidate stallions of 9-years-old and older are accepted for public BWP stud services will be made after the exterior evaluation on hard and soft ground.

- After the exterior evaluation on hard and soft ground and jumping under the saddle (direction jumping) or riding under the saddle (direction dressage) it will be announced which 4 to 8-year-old candidate stallions are withheld for further selection at the end of the first day of the third phase.

The four-year-old candidate stallions that passed the second phase the year before are automatically withheld to take part in entire third phase.

- At the end of the third phase the jury will decide which stallions:

1. are accepted for one year with five breeding certificates, subject to a negative result of the examination for xenobiotic substances;
2. are accepted for public BWP stud services, subject to a negative result of the examination for xenobiotic substances;
There will not be a ranking. It will only be the announcement of the stallion being accepted for public stud services.
3. that are not accepted.

The proclamation of the candidate dressage stallions will take place at the end of the dressage evening on the second day of the third phase.

Only the stallions that are accepted for public stud services will be presented to the public.

10. Other aspects of the selection of candidate stallions

10.1. General

10.1.1. Catalogue :

- A catalogue will be produced that includes the candidate stallions.
- Order of the candidate stallions in the catalogue: starting with the candidate stallions direction jumping with BWP identity; followed by the candidate stallions direction dressage with BWP identity; the candidate stallions direction dressage with a non-BWP identity and the candidate stallions direction jumping with a non-BWP identity.
- BWP labels of the dams will be published. Other useful and substantiated information can be added.

10.1.2. Availability of the rules

Upon simple request the complete rules of the selection and the rules of the inspection on xenobiotic substances will be sent to the registrant of the stallion.

10.2. During the second and third phase

10.2.1. Grooming

The stallion has to be correctly groomed (plaited manes) during the parts of the evaluation where he needs to be presented physically.

The trainers have to dress according to the guidelines: blue jeans and a sportive BWP sweater. A BWP raincoat is allowed in case of bad weather conditions.

10.2.2. Saddle pads

Only BWP saddle pads are allowed during the tests under the saddle.

10.2.3. Guidelines for announcements

Only objective data on the candidate stallions can be announced by microphone.

10.2.4. Inspection on the use of xenobiotic substances

Five candidate stallions can be randomly selected for the inspection on the use of xenobiotic substances on the last day of the second and third phase. Their names will not be published. The rules also provide the possibility to appoint suspected candidate stallions. The samples of those candidate stallions that are approved subject a negative result of the examination on the use of xenobiotic substances, will be examined after the third phase.

The appointed candidate stallions will be guided to the space especially constructed for obtaining the samples by the responsible veterinarian, during the second phase after the free jumping. During the third phase this is done after the last selection test.

The urine samples are taken by the veterinarians who are qualified for examinations for xenobiotic substances. One of them will deliver the samples to a recognised lab. The samples have to be examined within three weeks after the second and third phase respectively.

The list and values applied in the relevant FEI will be used for the examination of the presence or absence of xenobiotic substances.

10.2.5. Inspection leg boots

The ringmaster is authorised to inspect the leg boots, this includes the correct use and if they are allowed or not.

10 candidate stallions can be selected for the inspection on leg boots. Suspected candidate stallions can be selected. The drawing and denomination will be executed by the consultation committee as described in point 10.6.

The appointed person will inspect the denominated candidate stallions under the supervision immediately after their free jumping test.

The candidate stallion will be eliminated in case of incorrect use or detection of applied substances.

10.2.6. Obligation order of go

The candidate stallions have to be presented in the order as mentioned in the catalogue, or the order determined by the organiser with the composition of the series..

10.3. During the second and third phase

10.3.1. Inspection of the description, inspection of the vaccinations

The description and the chip number must be checked before the exterior evaluation during the second and third phase of the selection. This will be executed by the foal inspector at the measurement platform of the selection site. The veterinarian will check the vaccinations (flu and equine herpesvirus).

For which candidate stallions?

This applies to all candidate stallions.

10.3.2. Stay of the candidate stallions

It is obligatory to stable the candidate stallions during the second and third phase. The candidate stallions that are not selected for the third day of the second phase and the second day of the third phase are allowed to leave the stables. The stable fee will be published on the registration form. The first bedding of shavings is included in the stable fee. Hay and additional shavings can be purchased from the stable manager. The stables are available from the first day of the second and third phase onwards. The candidate stallions who arrive the day before, can stay on the responsibility of their owners.

10.4. During the third phase

10.4.1. Guideline for announcements

The stallions that are approved for one year with five breeding certificates and that take part in the third phase, but are not selected, will not be mentioned in the announcement of the result of the third phase.

10.4.2. Consultation moment

The person responsible for the candidate stallion can request a clarification on the decision of the jury. A consultation moment will be organised in one of the meeting rooms at the selection site.

11. Tasks and responsibilities

11.1. The Stallion Jury

Is responsible for the selection of the candidate stallions.

11.2. Supervision

The whole event is run under the supervision of the Flemish Community. The jury decides which candidate stallions are accepted for the public stud services.

BWP has to submit the selection rules as well as the changes to the Flemish Community.

The official who is responsible for the monitoring of the functioning of the BWP will verify compliance. As an official he/she can be present at the deliberations of the Stallion Selection Committee and pays attention to the respect for the selection rules.

The chairman of the Stallion Selection Committee, the responsible veterinarian and the secretary of the BWP submit all documents and reports that have been drafted for the selection, to the official and they provide him all the requested information.

The chairman of the Stallion Selection Committee transfers the report of every stallion that was presented at the selection, to the official of the Agricultural and Fishing department of the Flemish Community within one week following the selection. In case it concerns a stallion that was not accepted for public stud services the report must include a motivation for the decision.

11.3. Responsible veterinarian

The responsible veterinarian's task is to check if the candidate stallions limp or show other deficiencies and/or abnormalities. If he/she identifies a problem, he/she will report this to the jury. The jury has the possibility to ask for

advice.

11.4. Advisors

For every part advisors can be appointed for the evaluation of the sport talent. They have the task to assist the jury with making a judgement about the performance of the candidate stallion. These individuals are expected to follow the whole selection. They have to sign an agreement in which they confirm to sufficiently know the selection rules and that they will comply with the instructions of the executive board.

11.5. Consultative committee

Judgements on situations that are independent from the evaluation of the candidate stallions and are the result of uncertainties in text or interpretations, will be given by the especially appointed consultative committee. This committee consist of the chairman of BWP, the chairman of the stallions owners and two member of the board of directors chosen by him.

11.6. Organising committee

The board of directors is responsible for the practical organisation of the selection.

12. After the selection

12.1. Transfer or admission to the BWP Stallion Book

The approved candidate stallions with BWP identity will transfer from the foal book to the stallion book after the selection. The candidate stallions with a foreign identity are admitted. The fees are as follows:

- Transfer or admission 375.00 euros excl. VAT.
- publicity stallion directory, BWP website: 125.00 euros excl. VAT.

12.2. The selection report

An extensive selection report is drawn up by the stallion jury for every approved candidate stallion. This report will be maintained at the secretariat and can be used for the publication of the new stallions in the BWP magazine. The report can also be requested by the registrant of the candidate stallion and is available within one week at the secretariat.

12.3. Publication on the BWP website

The approved stallions are published on the BWP website. A one-off fee of 125.00 euros excl. VAT has to be paid after the first approval.

