

# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ARABIAN HORSERACING AUTHORITIES



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## **Conclusion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pattern Race Committee of IFAHR:**

at: France Galop / 46, place Abel Gance / 92100 Boulogne / France  
Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2007 / 10:00 a.m. (end 12:00 p.m.)

Invitation made by: Comte Jean Pierre de Gasté  
c/o AFAC France

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Mr. Hubert Lorenz / Germany  
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Captain Mohd. Saud Al-Balushi / Oman  
Mr. Dhaou Maiz / Tunisia  
Dr. El Beji / Tunisia  
Mr. Neil Abrahams / U.A.E.  
Mr. Igor Botchkarev / Russia

Observer: Mr. Sami Al Boenain / observer and IFAHR vice-chairman

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**3<sup>rd</sup> PATTERN RACE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2007, 10:00 a.m.**

**France Galop / 46, place Abel Gance / F-92100 Paris - Boulogne / France**

**A G E N D A**

1. Conclusion of last Pattern Race Committee Meeting
2. Review of Group Races run in every country for the year 2006
3. Evaluation of Group races per country in 2006
4. Respect of Pattern Race Committee's decisions by all country members
5. Program of Group Races per country for 2007
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7. Alignment of handicap ratings between country members
8. Introduction of Russian Group races
9. Authorization for amateur jockeys to ride in Group races
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### **1. Conclusion of last Pattern Race Committee Meeting**

The conclusions of the last pattern race committee are approved as true conclusions.

### **2. Review of Group Races run in every country for the year 2006**

See under item 3

### **3. Evaluation of Group races per country in 2006**

The group races ran during 2006 are reviewed and evaluated country by country.

#### **UAE**

As the season is on at the moment, The UAE wishes to return with evaluation at a later stage

#### **Qatar**

3 races held so far, well within limits.

2 biggest Gr.1's still to be held.

#### **France**

Ran the scheduled and approved races according to levels.

One Gr.3 PA for 4YO not quite up to level

#### **UK**

Ran the scheduled and approved races according to levels.

At least one Gr.3 PA race was not quite up to level

#### **Germany**

As no handicapper exists it is hard to evaluate the races according to the rules.

The level of the horses placed in the races indicates that the Germany ran the scheduled and approved races according to levels.

#### **Belgium**

Ran the scheduled and approved Gr.2 PA races according to levels.

The Gr.3 PA PA was not run.

#### **Scandinavia**

Ran the scheduled and approved races according to levels.

One other race might have higher rating and will be looked into.

#### **Holland**

Ran the scheduled and approved races according to levels.

A bit uncertain due to handicapping issues.

## **Tunisia**

Has raced a Gr.1 that was not applied for and not ran according to rules.  
This might be a mistake and will be looked into.

## **4. Respect of Pattern Race Committee's decisions by all country members**

The Committee wishes to stress the importance of that all members follow the decisions made up by the committee.

It is important that we stay very strict to our own rules in order not to devaluate the meaning of Group Race concept.

Please note that all countries running Group races have agreed to refer to these – and only these – as

Group 1 PA

Group 2 PA

Group 3 PA

As agreed with the International Cataloguing Standard Committee;

The only other case where "group" can be used is in countries where there is a long tradition of "local" group races.

These can – after decision by the committee – be allowed to be named "Turkish Group 3" e t c.

Belgium want the committee to (in the next meeting) suggest that this type of races are to be referred to as "National Group Races", as even an IFAHR Gr.3 PA race in for example Turkey by definition is a Turkish Group Race. National will state clearly that it is on national level only.

## **5. Program of Group Races per country for 2007**

The Pattern Race Committee wishes to remind to Turkey that we have created a special article (n°14 of the Pattern Race Committee's statutes) signed during our first meeting in January 2006.

"13. Countries present at the meeting made the following proposal for group races in 2006:

- Turkey: 1 Group I / 1 Group II »

"14. In order to recognise the unique situation in regard to Turkey, the following has been agreed: All the above items 1-13 shall only refer to the Group races referred to in article 13. Turkey will continue to run Domestic Group Races. These races will not be open to horses from outside Turkey and will be named as TURKISH GROUP RACES."

It would be very important that Turkey follows this agreement in order to not create confusion in our international Pattern Race system. Indeed, it doesn't seem that they have followed this decision in their 2007 racing program.

## **6. Harmonization of programs of Group Races between countries for the season 2007-2008**

Racing for 2007

### **France**

Plans to run as in 2007

Might downgrade one Gr.3 PA for 4YO for 2008 season if the quality of this race does not improve.

### **UK**

2007 will see the same pattern as 2006. Centred around Dubai Day.

An ongoing review is in place. And a number of races are considered for downgrading

### **UAE**

Will present 2007-2008 plans during summer

### **Qatar**

Will present 2007-2008 plans during summer

### **Germany**

Presented plans to have one Gr.1 PA race in 2007 on the day of the German Derby. However the committee reminded Germany that all new races need to show their level for three years prior to them being eligible for Group Race status. Group Race status can only be given a race by The Pattern Race Committee.

### **Belgium**

Plans to organise the same races as in 2006, + eventually the “sleeping” Gr.3 PA race on 21st of July

### **Scandinavia**

Plans to hold the races as in 2006.

### **Holland**

Plans to hold races as in 2006

### **Tunisia**

Tunisia shall show results from the last three runnings of the Gr.1 PA race and this will be distributed via e-mail among the committee members for a decision to be made regarding the official status of the race.

As the race is due in March it is vital that this happens soon

Quite a few races in Tunisia are called Group Races.

The committee reminds Tunisia that the correct term for these races are ”Tunisian Group Races”

## **7. Alignment of handicap ratings between country members**

A meeting of professional handicappers, with an insight in comparisons between various scales is planned for July 23 in Newbury.

The goal is to be able to once and for all determine the mathematical systems for the "exchange rate" between the systems. The "sleeping" handicappers-page of the IFAHR –site has to be updated for comparison of the different handicappers

Netherland is looking at getting a common handicapper for Arabians only in all three countries Netherland, Belgium and Germany.

## **8. Introduction of Russian Group races**

Russia presented a list of national group races

Russia will present a list of races to be considered for Group race status in 2008 at the next meeting. Russia will then present full conditions and results for the last 3 years of the races asked to be considered. As well as a handicapper able to explain and discuss handicapping issues.

Russia will due to its long tradition also be allowed to have a system of "Russian Group Races" that will be named accordingly.

Please note that it is the level of the horses running that determines the level of the race, not the purse.

## **9. Authorization for amateur jockeys to ride in Group races**

The question of amateur riders in Group races is not an issue for IFAHR, but for each country's own racing-regulations.

## **10. Any other business**

a)

The committee wishes to remind everyone that all races can be considered for an upgrade if the level is high enough. There is no pre-determined number of races for each country.

b)

The committee wishes to express its gratitude to all those participating. It is becoming increasingly evident that the pattern race system now being established is helping a lot in getting IFAHR and Arabian racing accepted throughout the racing world.

## **11. Next meeting**

Next meeting is to be held on July 23 in Newbury

Minutes made by Mats Genberg – Scandinavia & agreed by Jean-Pierre de Gasté

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