

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ARABIAN HORSERACING AUTHORITIES



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Conclusion of the 4th Pattern Race Committee of IFAHR:

at: France Galop / 46, place Abel Gance / 92100 Boulogne / France
Friday 5th of October 2007 – 5 p.m.

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c/o AFAC France

Participants: Comte Jean-Pierre de Gasté / France
Mr. Neil Abrahams / U.A.E.
Mr. Ryan Skelton / Qatar
Mr Burak Konuk / Turkey
Mr Carlos Khouzami / Lebanon
Mr. Wieger de Ruiter / Holland
Mr. Mats Genberg / Scandinavia (daily secretary)

UK apologized and sent the requested information about racing results and rating via e-mail

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4th PATTERN RACE COMMITTEE MEETING

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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 2007
3. Evaluation of Group races per country in 2007
4. Respect of Pattern Race Committee's decisions by all country members
5. Program of Group Races per country for 2008
6. Harmonization of programs of Group Races between countries for the season 2007-2008
7. Alignment of handicap ratings between country members
8. Publication of the Group Race of all country members on IFAHR website
9. Edition of a booklet of all Group races
10. Any other business
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1 – Conclusions of last Pattern Race Committee

Conclusions of the January 30th, 2007 meeting were reviewed and nothing further was added.

2 – Review of Group Races run in each country

3 - Evaluation of Group races per country in 2007

UAE and Qatar presented full details on all races run. Average handicaps were calculated.

UAE informed that they planned to downgrade some Group races.

All Qatar races were said to be up to their current standard as were the races in France, NL and Sweden

(UK's facts arrived the day after the meeting)

4 – Respect of Pattern Race committee decisions by all member countries

Turkey had added a new “International Group race” to the calendar without the approval of the committee.

This is not the approved way.

The committee would like to stress the following as regards to Turkey's Group races:

A – The term for Arabian Group Races, accepted by the International Catalogue Standard Committee is : “(Gr X PA)”. It has been approved by our Pattern Race Committee and remembered on our last committee of January 30th, 2007. No other term must be used.

Example: **Malazgirt Trophy (Gr 1 PA)**

This can be written in **Black Type** in sales catalogues, programs, websites, e t c...

B – All other races previously named “Group Races”, but not registered with the Pattern Race Committee, **MUST** have an additional name of its country before the term “Group”, like “Turkish Group Race” . **Black Type** must **NOT** be used for referring to those races in programs, sales catalogues, websites, e t c...

This has been agreed and decided in discussions with representatives from the Turkish Jockey Club on the creation of this Committee, on January 24th, 2006 with a specific amendment, on article 14, especially written after agreement with the Turkish Jockey Club.

It is **VITAL** for the strength and international recognition of Arabian Races that rules and decisions are followed by all members, especially for the number of allotted **Group X PA** races as well as correct terms in websites, programs etc...

C – The Turkish Jockey Club can very well increase its number of international races as well as it can open more “Turkish Group Race” to international competition. The Pattern Race Committee welcomes all international races.

Turkey is also welcome to create more **Group X PA** races. But the process must be as follows:

1st The race has to become an international race

2nd The race is run for 3 years. A rating of average handicap on the first 4 horses in the race must be calculated

3rd The request of **Group X PA** status for the race is then brought to the Pattern Race Committee who decides if the race is to be given Group Race status and on what level.

4th Please note that the status of **Group 1 PA**, **Group 2 PA** or **Group 3 PA** race is not depending on the purse, but on the level of the horses in the race.

Example:

Year 1 – Istanbul Grand Prix (*Turkish Group 1*)

Year 2 – Istanbul *International* Grand Prix (Turkish Group 1) avg handicap 113

Year 3 - Istanbul *International* Grand Prix (Turkish Group 1) avg handicap 109

Year 3 - Istanbul *International* Grand Prix (Turkish Group 1) avg handicap 110

(Application is made to Pattern Race Committee for the race to receive **Group** Race Status)

Year 4 - **Istanbul International Grand Prix (Group 1 PA)**

5. Program of races for 2008

6. Harmonization of dates

Most countries had preliminary dates set in their material sent.

See item 8

7. Alignment of handicapping ratings between countries

All countries are advised to put handicappers in contact with other countries handicappers.

Please enter contact details for handicapper on IFAHR website if this is not already done.

8. Publication of the Group Race of all country members on IFAHR website

This is working as planned.

9. Edition of a booklet of all Group races

Ryan Skelton offered to arrange for this.

10. Any other business

There seems to be an uncertainty as to whom the Pattern Race Committee has to report to and what mandate/powers of decision it has. Its chairman having been elected by the General Assembly, the Pattern Race Committee would therefore like to bring the matter of the chain of command to the next AGM for a clarifying decision on the matter in order to avoid possible future complications.