



TRAKEHNER UK

ANNUAL GRADING

Sunday 25th August 2024

at

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2nd AUGUST 2024

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2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are proudly promoting the **36th Trakehner Breeders' Fraternity Annual Grading**. This event is run under our contract with the Trakehner Verband in Germany and attracts horse enthusiasts from across the country.

The event will be advertised on our website and in UK press with catalogues circulated throughout the Trakehner breeding world.

For more than 275 years Trakehners have been selectively bred using methods that are now emulated worldwide by Warmblood stud books. Why not be a part of this International breed?

Sponsorship proposals are welcome

For more details please contact Sacha Shaw on 07449 324292 or show-organiser@trakehners.uk.com



SUNDAY – 25th AUGUST

Grading of Stallions

CLASS A Registered pure bred Trakehner, Thoroughbred, Arab and Anglo Arabs minimum 2 years old. Stallions 4 years and over must have passed an approved Performance Test or equivalent according to TBF/Trakehner Verband Rules.

Measuring – Morning

Trot up – Morning

Individual Shows - Morning

Free Jumping – Afternoon

Stallion Grading Results - Afternoon

Grading of Mares

CLASS B Main Stud Book or Stud Book mares, minimum 3 years old

CLASS C Thoroughbred, Arab and Anglo Arab minimum 3 years old (refer to rules for eligibility)

Measuring – Morning

Trot up – Morning

Individual Shows – Morning

Mare Grading Championship - Midday

Downlands Cancara Trophy to the Mare Grading Champion.



Mare Performance Test

CLASS D Mares graded with or registered with the TBF minimum 3 years old.

Free Jumping – Afternoon

Ridden Evaluation – Afternoon

Performance Test Championship - Afternoon

*Performance Test Champion trophy
kindly donated by Bluewood Stud*

*The Ingrid Christodoulou Memorial Trophy
kindly donated by the Trakehner Verband is awarded to
the top scoring horse in the free jumping from Classes
A-D*



Trakehner Breeders' Fraternity Stud Books

There are four parts to the TBF Stud Books and Registers which are administered under strict rules set by the Trakehner Verband in Germany and EU Directives. A horse has two qualifications; those it gets from its own breeding and those it acquires to be placed into the breeding section of the Stud Books. The term 'grading' refers to the selection process to bring a horse into the breeding section of the Stud Books. The following is a general guide to eligibility for the stud book breeding sections:

Main Stud Book

Trakehner mares by graded stallions out of graded mares achieving an overall grading average score of 6, with no single mark below 5.

Preliminary Register Trakehner Mares who score grading marks over 48 with no single mark below 5

Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab or Arab mares achieving grading marks of 48 or above.

The title Premium Mare is awarded to any mare achieving 53 – 53.5 grading marks with a performance test of 7.0. Mares with 54 marks or more require a performance test of 6.5.

Stud Book

Trakehner mares by graded stallions out of registered Trakehner mares (four generations) and all other Trakehners who score a grading average of 5 with no mark below 4.

Preliminary Register Trakehner Mares who score grading marks over 42 with no single mark below 5

Thoroughbreds, Anglo Arab or Arab mares that score a grading average of 6, with no single mark below 5.

Preliminary Register

Trakehner mares, Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab and Arab mares, as well as their crossbreds, which cannot enter into one of the above stud books. Specifically designed



for TB, AA and Arab mares which have not been graded into one of the stud books.

Part-Bred Register

Any horse with at least 25% blood of Trakehner origin

Marking System - Marks are awarded for the following:

Prior to 1994, the marking system was for type, conformation, regularity of movements, impulsion and overall impression.

Marks, awarded out of 10, have the following general meaning:

N.B. Older mares may show marks reversed: i.e. 1 = exceptional

Mares' Performance Test and Premium Mares

The evaluation objective is to assess the suitability of the mare to improve offspring towards the breeding goal of The Trakehner Breeders' Fraternity: to produce a better riding horse. *Although primarily intended for mares, geldings are allowed to carry out this test as an indication of their riding qualities.*

Expected standards for presentation for the test:

- 🏇 Horses to be three years or older
- 🏇 Problem free mounting and dismounting; both rider and test rider
- 🏇 Basic Rideability
 - ability to perform the three basic paces, demonstrated on a circle and change of rein through the length of the arena (to be ridden in snaffle bridle).
 - during the test – lengthen the stride (no medium trot)
 - problem free change into canter on both reins (vocal assistance permitted)
- 🏇 Free jumping

The Evaluation Procedure:



- 🏇 Horses to appear in the arena two at a time, in groups decided entirely by the judges
- 🏇 The judging commission will consist of two Trakehner judges and one recognized test rider
- 🏇 The elements of the evaluation are as follows:
 - Conformation - Three basic paces— walk, trot, canter on both reins (judged under own rider)
 - Rideability (judged by test rider)
 - Jumping ability (1m max height; distance approx 6.7 –7.0m between three jumps)
 - Marking - Half marks may be award

Free jumping:

This will be set up as a lane, with a wall on one side, and a line of wings and poles on the other. There will usually be three jumps, two uprights and a spread to finish, set at suitable distances apart (either bounce or stride) as decided by the judges. It is recommended that you practice both distances with your horse when training.

A catching pen with a large “stopping” fence at the end will be constructed in order to save time with catching the horses. We will endeavor to put the stopping fence far enough away from the final jump so as not to make the horse back off. The handler is advised to lead the horse slowly into the lane before release, rather than charging him towards it, and should catch the horse at the other end. Stewards will be present to assist both handler and the judges. The judges will determine the raising of jump heights etc, according to what they see, and their aim is to uncover the ability of the horse, not to catch him out.



2024 Entry Fees

Stallion Grading	£150
Mare Grading	£110
Performance Test	£ 50
Mare Grading & Performance Test	£150

NB: All entry fees exclude stabling

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Please use a separate entry form for each horse. Photocopy the form for extra copies or complete online from the website at www.trakehners.co.uk. Payment can be made online by paypal. Cheques to be made payable to the **Trakehners UK**

Bank details for online transfers: Lloyds Bank
Account name: Trakehner Breeders Fraternity
A/c No 00618573 Sort code 30-95-89

All entries for grading must be accompanied by a photocopy of the parentage pages of the horse's Passport. Do NOT send original Passports as you will require it to travel.

Requests for rules, criteria and expectations relating to the grading may be made to the committee, accompanied by a large SAE. Or look on the website

www.trakehners.uk.com/other/pdf_documents/guidance-



notes/GUIDANCE_NOTES_ON_THE_GRADING_PROCEDURES.pdf

Stabling is available at a cost of £30 including a shavings bed. Please indicate on entry form if stabling required.

GRADING – CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

Application for Entry and/or Participation in this Grading will mean agreement to the following:

- **Membership.** Current TBF membership is required for Classes A—D
- **Registered Horses.** Horses entered must be registered and fees fully paid with the TBF by 1st August 2024 – Please check correct owner registered in the passport
- **Graded stallions.** Graded means approved and recognised by the Trakehner Verband or its daughter organisations including the TBF.
- **Grading of stallions and mares.** Classes A, B & C are part of the selection procedure for breeding stock and are subject to the rules of the TBF made under contract to the Trakehner Verband GmbH.
- **Performance Testing of mares.** Class D is carried out in accordance with the practice in Germany. Mares must be shown in snaffle bridle.
- **Passports.** Original Passports for grading or performance test candidates must be lodged with the Show Organiser upon check in at the Grading & Show.
- **Foals.** No foal under three weeks old on the date of the grading.
- **Random Blood Tests** for analgesics may be taken during the



Grading and Show.

- **Tack.** Foals must be shown in a foal slip or head collar. All horses in Grading and Performance Test to be shown in a snaffle or in hand bridle.
- **Dress.** All Handlers to be dressed in white tops with black or white trousers.
- **Riders.** All riders in Grading and Showing classes must wear hard hats to British Standard BSEN 1384 or PAS015 properly fastened at all times when mounted. Hats must have plain dark covers, jackets to be worn in riding classes.
- **Entries** must be made on the TBF entry form. One entry form per horse.
- **Refunds.** No refund of entry fees will be made unless a request for refund is accompanied by a vet's certificate.
- **The Decision of the Judges is final.** Objections must be submitted in writing to the Show Organiser with £50 deposit, no later than 30 minutes after the incident. If the objection is sustained the deposit will be returned.
- **The TBF** reserves the right to amalgamate or cancel any Class and refuse entries without explanation.
- **The TBF**, promoters, organisers, committee and landowners ('The Committee') shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever in respect of any damage, accident, loss or injury to competitors, onlookers, their property, servants or horses howsoever caused on the property. It is the express condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold The Committee blameless and that he or she shall indemnify The Committee against any legal proceedings, action, expenses, costs, claims, demands or damage whatsoever arising from any accident or incident which may occur. In the interest of health and safety, participants must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents and obey



the instructions of the organisers and stewards. **The TBF takes no responsibility** whatsoever for any accident, loss or injury to competitors or their property. Exhibitors implicitly indemnify the TBF from any of these risks.

- ⌘ **Branding** Please arrange with registrar prior to the show
- ⌘ **Horses not under control** will be asked to leave the arena.
- ⌘ **Dogs are not allowed unless on a lead and under full control.**



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