



ANNOUNCEMENT

7 -16 August 2026

36th European Championship of American Quarter Horses

4 AQHA Shows for Open, Amateur, Select and Youth & Circuit Champion for L1 Open, L1 Amateur and L1 Youth
 Pleasure Celebration . Ranch Riding Challenge . English Versatility . Glamourgirl Celebration
 NSBA of Germany Futurity . DQHA Futurity/Maturity . IRHA Classes . Kumlegaard Young Horse Cup

PROMOTER

FEQHA – Federation of European Quarter Horse Associations

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LOCATION

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

July 7, 2026

Entries can be done via the online mailing system on www.ecqh.eu. The Promoter has the right to not accept late entries – generally or for single classes only.

Late entries or changes (horse/rider) have to be declared at the show office until 6 pm the day before the class is scheduled.

ONLINE ENTRY FORM

<https://ecqh-entry-form.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/index.html>

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to
 RenateGruber@online.de; Info: www.ecqh.eu

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Entry will only be cleared with online payment. Please indicate the name of the horse on the remittance. The entry and stable fees have to be paid and credited to the FEQHA-account until three days after the entry deadline. Later credited payments will have to pay late entry fee.

Bank account:

Account Holder: FEQHA
 Purpose: ECQH26&Horse Name&Rider
 BIC-Code: GENODEF1PFK
 IBAN: DE49 7406 1813 0005 3671 23
 Bank: VR-Bank Rottal-Inn eG, Marktplatz 30,
 84140 Gangkofen, Germany

HOTEL

Please book rooms and apartments directly at the Waldhotel:
 Phone +49 9624 919-0

PRIZES

Every European Champion will win a Montana Silversmith Buckle.

FEES

4 AQHA SHOWS

Open	110,00 Euro	Select	95,00 Euro
Amateur	95,00 Euro	Youth	75,00 Euro

2 AQHA SHOWS (Circuit Champion Title)

L1 Open	55,00 Euro	L1 Amateur	45,00 Euro
L1 Youth	40,00 Euro		

LEAD LINE

Kids	10,00 Euro
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KUMLEGAARD YOUNG HORSE CUP 4.000 Euro Prize Money

Sponsored by Kumlegaard Quarter Horses
 Prize Money each Class 1.200 Euro (450/300/200/150/100)

Showmanship	80,00 Euro	Longe Line	80,00 Euro
Trail In Hand	80,00 Euro		

PLEASURE CELEBRATION

Prize Money 5.000 Euro added	
Entry Fee	100,00 Euro

RANCH RIDING CHALLENGE

Prize Money 1.000 Euro added (100% entry fee pay back)	
Entry Fee	100,00 Euro

ENGLISH VERSATILITY

Prize Money 1.000 Euro added (100% entry fee pay back)	
Entry Fee	100,00 Euro

GLAMOURGIRL CELEBRATION

Prize Money 1.000 Euro added (100% entry fee pay back)	
Entry Fee	50,00 Euro

NSBA OF GERMANY FUTURITY

Open	90,00 Euro	Non Pro	90,00 Euro
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DQHA FUTURITY/MATURITY

Before July 7th	100,00 Euro	After July 7th	200,00 Euro
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IRHA CLASSES

Open	100,00 Euro	Non Pro	100,00 Euro
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OTHERS

Office Charge	40,00 Euro	AQHA Charge	40,00 Euro
Video Charge	25,00 Euro	Late Fee (per Entry)	10,00 Euro

PARKING FEES

Car / Pickup	kostenlos	Two horse trailer	50,00 Euro
Truck	100,00 Euro	Camping	200,00 Euro

Vehicles which have not been registered with entry, will have to pay an extra 30 Euro on top of the parking fee. Free parking available on the big parking lot next to the approach road of the show ground.

STALLS

Regular stall in the inner courtyard and at the power station	250,00 Euro
Stall in barn D-G	280,00 Euro
Stall in barn A-C	350,00 Euro

Earliest arrival is Wednesday, 5th of August 2026 - 4pm

Latest departure is Monday, 17th of August 2026 - 8am

Only paid stalls can be reserved. Tackrooms are charged according to the respective stall category with one exception: The four bigger tackrooms at stable A-C will be charged with 500 Euros.

Distribution of stalls in chronological order of date of reservation. The promoter provides the first bedding of shavings. The use of straw is not allowed. All the stalls have to be accessible at all times.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP AQHA CLASSES

OPEN

1031 Yearling Stallions
1032 2-Year-Old Stallions
1033 3-Year-Old Stallions
1034 Aged Stallions
1730 Performance Stallions
1054 Yearling Mares
1055 2-Year-Old Mares
1056 3-Year-Old Mares
1057 Aged Mares
1750 Performance Mares
1074 Yearling Geldings
1075 2-Year-Old Geldings
1076 3-Year-Old Geldings
1077 Aged Geldings
1770 Performance Geldings
1180 Longe Line
1385 Trail In Hand
1341 Junior Reining
1342 Senior Reining
1361 Junior Western Riding
1362 Senior Western Riding
1381 Junior Trail
1382 Senior Trail
1390 Ranch Trail
1421 Junior Western Pleasure
1422 Senior Western Pleasure
1431 Junior Ranch Riding
1432 Senior Ranch Riding
1441 Junior Hunter Under Saddle
1442 Senior Hunter Under Saddle
1450 Working Western Rail

AMATEUR

2036 Stallions 2 & Under
2037 Stallions 3 & Over
2730 Performance Stallions
2054 Yearling Mares
2055 2-Year-Old Mares
2056 3-Year-Old Mares
2057 Aged Mares
2750 Performance Mares
2074 Yearling Geldings
2075 2-Year-Old Geldings
2076 3-Year-Old Geldings
2077 Aged Geldings
2770 Performance Geldings
2120 Showmanship at Halter
2340 Reining
2360 Western Riding
2380 Trail
2390 Ranch Trail
2400 Western Horsemanship
2420 Western Pleasure
2430 Ranch Riding
2440 Hunter Under Saddle
2520 Hunt Seat Equitation
2450 Working Western Rail

AMATEUR SELECT*

2128 Showmanship at Halter
2348 Reining
2388 Trail
2408 Western Horsemanship
2428 Western Pleasure
2368 Western Riding
2438 Ranch Riding
2458 Working Western Rail

*Classes with less than 5 entries on deadline date will be combined with the Amateur class

YOUTH

4051 Mares 2 & Under
4052 Mares 3 & Over
4750 Performance Mares
4071 Geldings 2 & Under
4072 Geldings 3 & Over
4770 Performance Geldings
4120 Showmanship at Halter
4340 Reining
4360 Western Riding
4380 Trail
4400 Western Horsemanship
4420 Western Pleasure
4430 Ranch Riding
4440 Hunter Under Saddle
4520 Hunt Seat Equitation
4450 Working Western Rail

ADDITIONAL CLASSES (No European Championship Title)

AQHA LI OPEN (GREEN)

1347 Reining
1363 Western Riding
1383 Trail
1394 Ranch Trail
1424 Western Pleasure
1433 Ranch Riding
1443 Hunter Under Saddle
1453 Working Western Rail

A Circuit Champion will be announced. It will be calculated by adding the results of 2 AQHA shows.

AQHA LI AMATEUR (NOVICE)

3120 Showmanship at Halter
3340 Reining
3360 Western Riding
3380 Trail
3400 Western Horsemanship
3420 Western Pleasure
3430 Ranch Riding
3440 Hunter Under Saddle
3520 Hunt Seat Equitation
3450 Working Western Rail

A Circuit Champion will be announced. It will be calculated by adding the results of 2 AQHA shows.

AQHA LI YOUTH (NOVICE)

4128 Showmanship at Halter
4348 Reining
4368 Western Riding
4388 Trail
4408 Western Horsemanship
4428 Western Pleasure
4438 Ranch Riding
4448 Hunter Under Saddle
4528 Hunt Seat Equitation
4550 Working Western Rail

A Circuit Champion will be announced. It will be calculated by adding the results of 2 AQHA shows.

PLEASURE CELEBRATION

prize money 5.000 Euro

5500 Pleasure Celebration

Eligible for horses 4 & 5 year old horses. Judged by the AQHA rule book. Open, Amateur and Youth riders may show in this class.

DQHA FUTURITY/MATURITY

DQHA Halter Futurity:

9030 Weanling Stallions
9031 Yearling Stallions
9032 Two Year Old Stallions
9033 Three Year Old Stallions
9053 Weanling Mares
9054 Yearling Mares
9055 Two Year Old Mares
9056 Three Year Old Mares
9074 Yearling Geldings
9075 Two Year Old Geldings
9076 Three Year Old Geldings

DQHA Performance Futurity:

9002 Two Year Old Longe Line Futurity
9003 Three Year Old Longe Line Futurity
9004 Trail in Hand (2 years old)
9005 Trail in Hand (3 years old)
9341 Reining (4-6 years old)
9361 Western Riding Futurity (4-6 years old)
9381 Trail Futurity (4-6 years old)
9421 Western Pleasure Futurity (4-6 years old)
9441 Hunter Under Saddle Futurity (4-6 years old)
9431 Ranch Riding Futurity (4-6 years old)
9181 Ranch Trail Futurity (4-6 years old)

All Futurity classes - except for Hunter and Pleasure - run class in class with the AQHA Junior classes. The Pleasure and Hunter Futurity will run as a separate class.

DQHA Performance Maturity:

9342 Reining (7-9 years old)
9362 Western Riding Maturity (7-9 years old)
9382 Trail Maturity (7-9 years old)
9422 Western Pleasure Maturity (7-9 years old)
9442 Hunter Under Saddle Maturity (7-9 years old)
9432 Ranch Riding Maturity (7-9 years old)
9101 Ranch Trail Maturity (7-9 years old)

All Maturity classes run class in class with the AQHA Senior classes.

RANCH RIDING CHALLENGE

prize money 1.000 Euro added
(100% entry fee pay back)

5600 Ranch Riding Challenge

Eligible for horses 4 years old and older.

NSBA OF GERMANY FUTURITY

5001 NSBA Western Pleasure Open
5003 NSBA Hunter Under Saddle Open
5005 NSBA 2YO Longe Line
5006 NSBA 3YO Longe Line
5007 NSBA Trail Open
5008 NSBA Trail Non Pro

3 year old horses can not be shown under the saddle.

KUMLEGAARD

YOUNG HORSE CUP

sponsored by Kumlegaard Quarter Horses
total prize money 4.000 Euro

5210 Showmanship – prize money 1.200 Euro
5215 Longe Line – prize money 1.200 Euro
5220 Trail In Hand – prize money 1.200 Euro

Eligible for 2 & 3 year old horses that are not shown under the saddle at this show. The cup winner will receive an US-Trophy and 400 Euro prize money.

ENGLISH VERSATILITY

CHALLENGE

prize money 1.000 Euro added
(100% entry fee pay back)

5700 English Versatility Challenge

Eligible for horses 4 years old and older.

GLAMOURGIRL CELEBRATION

prize money 1.000 Euro added
(100% entry fee pay back)

5800 Glamourgirl Celebration

The "Glamourgirl Celebration" is a class to honour the 10-year show anniversary of the extraordinary show mare "Loves To Lope". The pattern will include All-around elements (Trail and Western Riding). Both simple or flying lead changes are permitted. Horses have to be at least 4 years old to compete in this class. All exhibitors are welcome (Open, Amateur and Youth division).

IRHA

(50% entry fee pay back)

5110 Ranch Riding Open
5120 Ranch Riding Non Pro
5130 Ranch Rail Open
5140 Ranch Rail Non Pro
5150 Ranch Trail Open
5160 Ranch Trail Non Pro

LEAD LINE

5511 Kids



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Governing Regulation

The European Championships (EC) shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the AQHA Official Handbook and the FEQHA European Championship Show Rules. In case of conflict between AQHA and FEQHA rules, the latter will prevail. All participants and horse owners agree to abide by such rules and regulations.

2. Eligibility

To participate in the European Championships the owner of the horse at least has to be resident in an European State. For the purpose of this regulations Europe is intended in its enlarged geographical meaning. FEQHA will allow exhibitors and owners from Israel to compete in the EC as well.

The exhibitor and the horse owner have to be member of their FEQHA (z.B. DQHA, AIQH ...) member association. If the country of residency does not offer such an association, the exhibitor and the horse owner have to become members of another affiliated associations of their choice.

3. Registration procedure

Entries will only be processed if:

- The online entry forms on www.ecqh.eu are filled out correctly and have been sent time for the entry deadline.
- The entry and stable fees are paid and credited to the FEQHA account until three days after the entry deadline.
- The district office Amberg-Sulzbach demands for all horses from outside of Germany, to deliver the health certificates to the showoffice.

Foreign horses without health certificates may not be brought to Kreuth. The vet papers will be checked locally by the official veterinarian.

By sending the entry, the competitor/exhibitor agrees to comply with the rules and regulations as stated in the show announcement. The promoter is not responsible for late or lost entry forms. The competitor has the sole responsibility for his start.

4. On-Site Check-In Information

Upon entry, every exhibitor and owner and all other participants accept the facility and grounds, including, but not limited to, the arena, stalls and alleyways, where the show is being conducted on an "as is" basis and agree to be solely responsible for property damage or personal injury caused by third parties to the exhibitor, participant or owner, his/her property or staff, or caused by himself/herself, his/her participant horses, exhibitors, representatives, agents and employees occurring in conjunction with this show; and further agree to indemnify and hold FEQHA harmless from any and all such liability, whenever or however, arising, not caused by FEQHA's own negligence or that of FEQHA's representatives, agents or employees.

5. Health Requirements

Each horse must be liability insured, free of any epidemic disease and must come from a stable free of any epidemical disease. The horse must be as well vaccinated against influenza. The last vaccination can not be older than 12 month. The certificate of vaccination must accompany the horse and it has to be produced at the show office upon request.

6. Clipping and Equipment

Applicable rules are those of the hosting country.

7. Doping Controls

The EC committee, consisting of a FEQHA officer together with the showmanager, shall arbitrarily choose classes and within them the places to be tested. The testing procedure will also be determined by the EC committee.

By submitting the entry form riders, exhibitors and horse owners agree to their horses being drug tested (blood or urine). Tests will be performed in accordance with the current FEI list of prohibited substances (prohibited substances list). The EC committee decides per individual case if a medication will be accepted (medication sheet).

In case of violations horse owners, riders and horses will be disqualified from the entire event. Paid entries and stable fees will not be refunded. The horse owner/participant agrees to bear the entire costs of the doping test in case of a positive result and to give back any potential titles, awards and prize money as well as to accept all consequences and sanctions imposed by the FEQHA Executive Committee (bans, fines, etc.).

8. Insurance and other Regulations

Every horse must have liability insurance.

Each horse owner at assignment of entry, each companion and visitor when entering the show area agrees with the directives and Instructions of the organizer and agrees to the regulations of the AQHA Official Handbook and the and conditions of the announcement. The organizer is entitled to modify the competition according to the AQHA Official Handbook, to reschedule the show or, upon repaying the fees, to cancel the show if deemed necessary under special circumstances.

There is no contractual relationship between the promoter on the one hand and the visitors, competitors, exhibitors and owners on the other hand. Liability for theft and injury of persons or animals is excluded. Especially participants are not assistants in the sense of § 278 and § 831 German Civil Code (BGB).

9. Refunds

Presenting a vet certificate before the beginning of a show the show management can repay half of the entry fee. Office charge on principle will not be repaid. Fee for stalls is only repaid, if the reserved stall is rentable again.

10. European Champion Title Award

The European Champions in Youth, Amateur and Open Classes are determined through finals. In order to make it to the Finals, one must qualify through the 4 AQHA Shows (hereafter referred to as "go-rounds") of the European Championships. The finalists will be determined by adding up the points or scores while taking the off-pattern runs into account.

In Halter Classes no finals will take place and the European Champions are awarded by adding up the points from the placings or scores of all four shows. In all Halter classes with less than three exhibitors there will be no European Champions. In Performance classes with less than five exhibitors, there will be no finals and no European Champions' title will be awarded.

To get into a final the horse-exhibitor combination must not be disqualified (e.g. 0 score) in any of the four shows.

In Level 1 Classes there will be no European Champions' title.

11. Points in Placed Classes

In all non-scored classes (Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle & Working Western Rail) points are awarded according to the placings. Numerical Scores for Placed Classes (schedule of points of the AQHA-World Show)

1. 120	6. 55	11. 15
2. 105	7. 45	12. 10
3. 91	8. 36	13. 6
4. 78	9. 28	14. 3
5. 66	10. 21	15. 1

12. The number of finalists

is dependent upon the number of exhibitors in the go-round.

25 and more	15 finalists
20-24	12 finalists
15-19	10 finalists
9-14	8 finalists
5-8	all exhibitors are in the final

13. Judging of the finals.

Three judges will judge the final classes. Each judge will evaluate each class independently of the other judges and will place through fifteen (15) places. Their individual scores or placings will be given to the European Championship Show management for tabulation. The final placing shall be determined by combining the three scores or points while taking the off-pattern runs into account.

14. Tie Procedures

The ties will be broken through a tie judge. The tie-judge will be defined by the showmanagement and published to the exhibitors.

15. All-Around Champion

In the Youth, Amateur, Select Amateur and Open Classes for each of the 4 shows an All-Around Champion is awarded separately. In the Level 1 Open, Amateur and Youth classes, all-around champions will also be calculated in both shows.

16. NSBA of Germany Futurity

The NSBA Futurity is eligible for 3 to 6 years old horses, whose sire has been paid in the NSBA Germany e.V. Futurity Program. To participate in the classes the exhibitor and the owner must hold a current membership of the NSBA of Germany e.V.

One exhibitor may show two horses in the NSBA Longe Line Futurity. 3yo horses can not be shown under the saddle. For further information visit: <https://nsba-germany.de/futurity>

17. DQHA Futurity/Maturity

For the DQHA Futurity/Maturity classes, the DQHA rules for Futurity/Maturity apply (<https://www.dqha.de/service/regelwerke/>).

Only American Quarter Horses born in Europe are eligible to compete, provided their sires were registered with the SSA in the year prior to the dam's breeding and the horses themselves have also been nominated. With the exception of the Futurity Pleasure and Futurity Hunter classes, the Futurity/Maturity classes are held class in class with the respective AQHA class. The Pleasure and Hunter Futurity classes are held as separate classes. The entry deadline for the Futurity/Maturity classes is July 7, 2026. Late entries are accepted until July 25—two weeks before the date of the first Futurity/Maturity class—upon payment of the Futurity late entry fee (=100 euros).

Scoring for the Futurity/Maturity classes follows the AQHA World Show point system. In scored classes, including Ranch Riding, the scores are added together; in placed classes, points are given according to the AQHA World Show scoring system for each placement and then added together. In the case of a tie, the designated tie judge will decide. In accordance with the AQHA Handbook, in the Futurity/Maturity classes in 2026, riders may compete in either Western Pleasure or Ranch Riding/Ranch Rail per show. Similarly, riders may compete in either Trail or Ranch Trail.

If a three-year-old horse is shown in a ridden class at the same event, its results in the Futurity Longe Line and Trail In Hand classes will be invalidated. Placements and titles will be revoked, prize money will not be paid out, and entry and nomination fees will not be refunded. Any entitlement to awards, trophies, ribbons, sashes, or similar items also expires, and the prizes must be returned.

A horse is eligible to compete only if the entry fee and all other fees have been paid in full by the start of the event.

The DQHA is solely responsible for the payment of DQHA Futurity prize money.

18. English Versatility Challenge

Horses 4 years old and older are eligible to compete. The starting order will be announced the evening before the class.

All horses will be presented one after another in three classes: first the Versatility Pattern, followed by the Hunter Under Saddle, and finally a Halter class. The components are weighted as follows: Pattern 40%, Hunter Under Saddle 40%, Halter 20%.

After completing the Pattern, but before leaving the arena, the rider must dismount. All riders may remount at the same time as soon as the last horse has finished the Pattern. The horses remain in the arena or the warm-up arena throughout the entire class. Before the Hunter Under Saddle portion, riders are given a 5-minute warm-up period. After the Hunter Under Saddle, riders have the opportunity to prepare their horse for the Halter class in the arena with the help of two assistants within 5 minutes.

Horses must compete in all three classes to qualify for a placing. The same rider must ride the horse in all classes. The overall ranking is determined by adding the individual results according to the percentages listed above. The individual class placings will not be announced until the competition has ended. The prize money for the English Versatility Challenge is €1,000 plus 100% payback. Prize money is distributed to the top eight finishers: 26% / 22% / 14% / 10% / 9% / 8% / 6% / 5%.

In addition, the winners of the individual classes and the Overall Champion will receive a high-quality trophy from the United States.

19. Ranch Riding Challenge

Open to 4-year-olds and older horses. The order of "go" will be determined by draw the evening before the Ranch Riding Challenge. A rider may present a maximum of three horses in this class. No standard ranch riding pattern is used for this class. Judging is based on AQHA rules. The prize money for the Ranch Riding Challenge is 1,000 euros plus 100% Payback. The distribution is made to the first five places with the NRHA key: 34 / 27 / 20 / 10 / 9 percent.

20. IRHA Classes

IRHA membership is mandatory. Membership for 2026 is complimentary. 50% pay back on each entry.

Ranch Riding (Open & Non Pro)

Ranch Rail (Open & Non Pro)

Ranch Trail (Open & Non Pro)