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Guidelines for an EHRC Virtual Competition

Purpose

To clarify the process and responsibilities when holding an EHRC Virtual Competition.

Procedure

1. Timing of the competition
 - a. The virtual competition will be held when it is not possible to hold a face2face European Championship.
 - b. Entries must be received within two months of the email request.
 - c. Results will be available within two months of the closing date.
2. Costs
 - a. There are no associated costs to EHRC, apart from remuneration for the Judge(s).
 - b. The Judge(s) may judge remotely.
 - c. Member Countries must pay any costs associated with their entry.
3. Organising
 - a. The competition is organised by the EHRC Committee for the EHRC membership.
 - b. The Competition is under the guidance of the Championship Working Group.
4. Judges
 - a. Judges will be shortlisted by the Judges Panel Working Group, with the agreement of the Championship Working Group.
 - b. The EHRC Committee will make the final decision of who will judge the competition.
 - c. There may be more than one judge for each section.
 - d. Judge(s) will be remunerated according to the TOR European Judging, Members of the European Judges Panel, 5.ii.
5. Process
 - a. EHRC member organisations will be contacted by the Secretary General and asked to nominate a Black and White and / or a Red and White cow. This Cow need not be a Country Champion.
 - b. The cow must be a Mature Cow – 3rd Lactation or more.
 - c. A video of the Cow(s) should be sent to the Secretary General.
 - d. Each video should be accompanied by a pedigree certificate, latest Classification document and a landscape photograph.
 - e. Each video entry will be viewable on the EHRC website.
 - f. The nominated Judge(s) will review the videos and place a Champion and reserve.
 - g. The Secretary General will inform the membership of the result of the Competition.

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- h. The results are published on the website.
6. Video format and rules
- a. The Video should be approximately 1.5 minutes long
 - b. In the first part of the video the animal's eartag should be visible.
 - c. Videos should be landscape orientated
 - d. identical camera settings parameters: tripod height, gimbal, distance, focal length, aperture, etc ...
 - e. Animals will be presented in front of a natural background.
 - f. The ground must be flat with no slopes.
 - g. The animal should be videoed in shade, not in full sun apart from when it is moving away from the camera.
 - h. The EHRC logo will be sent to participating Countries and should be placed bottom right on each frame. If this is not possible then the logo should be displayed at the beginning of the video.
7. Presentation of animals
- a. The presentation of animals is the responsibility of the Herd Book.
 - b. Presentation and preparation must follow the EHRC TOR for Showing Cattle.
 - c. Animals should be viewed
 - i. movement of the cow - recorded from Right hand side view of the cow (walking distance approx. 13 - 15 meters from left to right)
 - ii. movement of the cow - recorded from rear view
 - iii. front view
 - iv. udders (teats, rear view)
 - v. Each view should be for 30 seconds