



# CEREMONIES PROTOCOL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS WORKING EQUITATION



In all matters relating to the organization of an international championship, reference must be made to the International Working Equitation Regulations and the specifications. By accepting these specifications, the organizing committee undertakes to comply with the various requirements described below.

- The organizing committee must appoint a protocol officer to oversee the opening and prize-giving ceremonies.
- This person's responsibilities include:
  - The need to provide a flag for each NETO and for the FITE, each fixed to a mast,
  - Welcoming official personalities (political, sporting, sponsors),
  - Precedence according to rank,
  - Speeches and translations of speeches,
  - Teams enter the field, the team presentation must be in alphabetical order (with the host nation in last position),
  - A flag bearer for each NETO.

## **Opening ceremony:**

- Team leaders will have been informed in advance of the need for an orderly set-up for the ceremony,
- The announcer introduces the event,
- Entrance, presentation of each nation's riders and team leader,
- Teams, preceded by team leaders and flag bearers, take their places in alphabetical order. The host nation enters last.
- The announcer introduces the personalities and gives them the floor in turn, in the following order:
  - Political figures
  - Sports personalities
  - FITE President, who officially opens the championship,
- Provide appropriate background music,
- The announcer announces the riders' exit.

## **Closing ceremony and prize giving:**

- **Teams enter on foot**, preceded by team leaders and flag bearers, in alphabetical order. Competitors called to the prize-giving ceremony according to the protocol described below enter on horseback.
- The announcer introduces the personalities and gives them the floor in turn, in the following order:
  - Political personalities
  - Sports personalities
  - President of the FITE



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## 1. Prize giving for each phase:

**The first prizewinner in each phase and in each category**, Dressage, Technical ease of handling, Timed Ease of Handling, Cattle sorting is awarded at the end of each competition day (even if eliminated from the competition).

## 2. Individual ranking prize giving:

**The first 8 competitors** in the individual ranking move up to the podium in reverse order of ranking,

- The announcer announces the name of the rider, horse and NETO,
- The individual ranking: from **8th to 4th**, these riders **remain on horseback** to receive their reward,
- Then 3rd, 2nd and 1st. The riders dismount, the grooms hold the horses and the **winners are called to the podium**,
- When the master of ceremonies announces, the competitors mount the podium,
- Awards, medals, sashes and trophies from 3rd to 1st are given by the officials.

Individual prizes
<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trophy</li><li>• Sash</li><li>• Medals</li><li>• Stable plate</li><li>• Ribbon</li></ul>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> et 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medals</li><li>• Stable plate</li><li>• Ribbon</li></ul>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> au 8<sup>th</sup>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stable plate</li><li>• Ribbon</li></ul>

- Individual champion's national anthem,
- Under the responsibility of the team leader, the riders mount up for a lap of honor in working canter,
- The European champion performs an additional lap of honor.

## 3. Team ranking prize giving :

The first 3 teams approach the podium in reverse order of ranking,

- The announcer announces the name of the rider, horse, team leader and NETO.
- Riders dismount, grooms hold horses and winners are called **to the podium**,



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- When the master of ceremonies announces, the competitors mount the podium,
- Awards, medals, sashes and trophies are given by the officials from 3rd to 1st,

Team prizes
<b>1<sup>st</sup> :</b> Trophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sash</li><li>• Medals</li><li>• Stable plate</li><li>• Ribbon</li></ul>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medals</li><li>• Stable plate</li><li>• Ribbon</li></ul>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medals</li><li>• Stable plate</li><li>• Ribbon</li></ul>

- Anthem of the team champion nation,
- Under the responsibility of the team leader, the riders mount up for a lap of honor at working canter,
- The European champion team performs an additional lap of honor.

## **Failure to comply with established rules**

**It may result in the competitor and/or team leader being summoned to appear before the ethics commission and incur sanctions.**

**The ethics commission, having listened to the parties concerned, may impose:**

- a written warning (yellow card) and a fine of 50 euros
- in the event of a repeat offence, the competitor receives a red card and is excluded from the next European championship.