



## **RULE BOOK OF THE INTERNATIONAL LUSITANO SHOW 2025 COMPETITION OF CONFORMATION AND GAITS INSPECTION OF BREEDING STOCK**

The International Purebred Lusitano Show 2025, organised by the Dutch Lusitano Association 'Lusitano Vrienden Nederland' (hereafter referred to by the abbreviation 'LVN'), will take place on **Sunday 28 September 2025** at "Nationaal Hippisch centrum, [De Beek 125, 3852 PL Ermelo](#)

Only horses that are registered with the Puro Sanguie Lusitano Studbook (APSL) or whose registration is currently being processed by the APSL are eligible to enter this competition. Members and non-members of the LVN and members of foreign subsidiaries of the APSL (living in Abroad) may apply.

### **Article 1 - Applications**

1. You can register until 1 September 2025
2. Fill out one form for each horse you wish to present for inspection.
3. Late entries will be put on a waiting list and only taken into consideration after a place in the programme has become available.
4. The entry form and its attachments must be clearly legible (sharply photographed, copied or scanned).
5. Incomplete or not well readable entries can be corrected until 10 September 2025 at the initiative of the registrant or at the request of the studbook secretariat.
6. After closing date of the registration it is not possible to add horses or to change already registered horses.
7. The costs for participation per section are mentioned on the Entry Form 2025.
8. You will receive an invoice upon receipt of your registration, but no later than immediately after the closing date for registration.
9. Registration is only valid upon receipt of your payment. Your payment must be received by the LVN within the period stated on the invoice. After that date, the registration will be cancelled.
10. Horses can be withdrawn free of charge up to and including 10 September. After that date, the full registration fee is due.
11. If the event must be cancelled after 1 September 2025 due to governmental or unforeseen circumstances, there will be no refund of the entry fee.
12. If a horse is presented for approval that has been rejected in the past, this must be reported in advance. See further Annex I.

### **Article 2 – Admission and participation**

#### **Article 2a - General**

1. Applicants are eligible to participate in the inspections once the application fee has been paid.
2. The secretariat opens at 08.00 hours on Sunday 28 September 2025.
3. After the passport has been handed to and has been checked by the secretariat, you will receive a competitor's number (per horse). For the convenience of the judges, this number must be (visibly) displayed on either the horse's bridle or on the rider's/handler's upper arm. Participants without a competitor's number are not allowed to enter the ring and cannot be presented for inspection. The passport will be returned to you at the end of the day when you hand in your competitor's number.
4. Registered horses must be presented to the judge(s) at the designated place.
5. The ringmaster indicates when the horses must enter the competition ring. The horses must be in the competition ring within 5 minutes after this notification. Horses that are not in the competition ring after 5 minutes are excluded from the inspection. Exclusion does not entitle you to a refund of the application fee.

6. It is not permitted to enter the ring with a horse without the ringmaster's permission, except for exploring the ring during the designate time(s).
7. If a horse is withdrawn on the day of the inspection or is excluded from participation, neither the entry fee nor the reservation costs of the box will be refunded.
8. During the event, participants are not allowed to have contact with the judges outside of the show ring.
9. When, in the opinion of the ringmaster, the jury and/or the chairman of the organisation, the safety of a competitor is endangered - and thereby possibly the safety of other competitors as well - because a horse is not or not sufficiently under control of the handler or rider for a longer period of time or repeatedly, the competitor concerned may be asked to leave the loose arena or the competition ring.

#### **Article 2.b - Conditions for participation in the Model & Movement Competition**

1. The instruction of the jury must be followed in the ring at all times.
2. Horses presented under saddle will be shown at a halt and in three gaits, depending on the test entered. Horses presented in hand will be shown at a halt, in walk and trot.
3. The horses must be registered in the competitor's name in the
  - a. birth book (Livro de Nascimentos) with the exception of foals born in 2025;
  - b. adult book (Livro de Adultos) of the Lusitano Studbook.
4. For foals born in 2025:
  - a. the birth certificate must be presented.
  - b. applies that the owner of the mare as registered with the APSL at the time of the foal's birth is regarded as the breeder unless a declaration is submitted proving that the mare acted as surrogate mother. This declaration must be submitted in English.
5. The microchip of animals participating in the Model & Gait Competition will be read.
6. Participating horses must be made available to the veterinarian or LVN designated inspector to check the identification of the respective horse.
7. Each participant will only be admitted to the arena in appropriate clothing. This may be: Portuguese or English riding outfit, Dutch competition outfit or KWPN presentation outfit (white trousers and white shirt).
8. The rider's outfit and clothing must match with the saddle and / or bridle of the horse
9. Provided that the location permits it, not wearing a safety helmet is at your own risk.
10. The horses must be groomed according to Portuguese or Dutch regulations. It is forbidden to shave off all eye and nose hairs and it is also forbidden to shave off all ear hairs.
11. A rider may not present more than one horse in each class.
12. A presenter / handler may not present more than two horses per class.
13. It is strictly forbidden to use a so-called runner / chaser / booster.
14. Competitors are responsible for help with mounting and unmounting, also during the tests.
15. Competitors are responsible for a preenter / handler or rider if they choose not to do this themselves.
16. The participating horses must be made available to the veterinarian in order to check the identification and the condition of the horse in question.
17. The instruction of the judges must be followed in the arena at all times.
18. All horses must be identified according to the rules of the Lusitano Studbook, the APSL.

#### **Article 2.c - Conditions for participation in the entry test for inclusion in the Adult Book (Livro de Adultos)**

##### General

1. A copy of the identification pages from the passport of all animals offered for entry must be sent at registration.
2. The height of an animal that is presented for examination, will be measured and the chip will be read on the day of the examination.
3. A horse from abroad is only allowed to participate in the inspection after receiving written permission from the Lusitano association in the country concerned.
4. The costs for registration of the approved mares and stallions in the Livro de Adultos are €150,00 / €300,00. These costs must be paid in advance by means of a sent invoice. When the horse is not approved, there will be a refund. After approval, administrative processing by the APSL will

take place and the paper will be sent to the participant after receipt by the LVN.

#### Mares

5. Mares can participate in the admission test from the age of 3 years and will be presented in hand. They must be shown standing, walking and trotting. The mares must also canter on a full circle.
6. When a mare, which is presented for admittance and currently has a foal at foot, the jury decides whether the foal may enter the competition ring
7. Foals born in the same year that the dam is presented for inclusion in the Livro de Adultos, will be considered 'Cruzado' when the dam is not admitted to this Livro de Adultos. These mares and foals are therefore not allowed to compete in the F IV and PI classes (see Article 9).

#### Stallions

8. Stallions can participate in the inspection from the age of 4 years and are presented both under saddle and in hand. The walk, trot and canter must be shown on both hands under saddle.
9. For stallions that have been admitted to the studbook, a copy of their spermiogram must be enclosed with the registration form.
10. Foals born in the same year that their sire is presented for inclusion in the Livro de Adultos will be considered 'Cruzado' if their sire is not admitted to the Livro de Adultos. See also Article 5.4.

### **Article 3 - Hygiene standards and conditions**

1. Conditions for influenza and tetanus vaccination. Horses must:
  - a. Have the basic vaccination consisting of 2 shots administered in a time interval of 21-92 days. For animals born from 2023 onwards, the basic vaccination consists of three injections with the last injection having taken place no more than six months after the second injection.
  - b. Have received annual repeat vaccinations; a repeat shot must be administered within 12 months after the last shot.
  - c. Have no symptoms of disease, especially infections or infectious diseases.
2. An exception to Article 3.1.a and Article 3.1.b are foals younger than 12 months.
3. Owners are responsible for having the vaccinations of the horse in order at the time of the event. Animals whose vaccinations are not in order will not be admitted to the event.
4. It is not allowed to drug horses. The owner of a horse must, upon request, allow the veterinarian to draw blood for a drug test of drugs during the show.
5. Horses that are irregular or lame in the warming-up or show ring, or who suddenly become irregular or lame during the inspection, must leave the ring at the first request of the ring master or judges. In case of doubt, the opinion of the veterinarian present is decisive.
6. A farrier and veterinarian are present during the show or available on demand..

### **Article 4 - Ranking**

1. The ranking is carried out by the judge(s), who are members of the registration committee of the Studbook of the Lusitano horse.
2. In the classes where horses are shown that belong to the stud of one or more of the judges, these officials will be replaced with (an) other judge(s).
3. The provisions under Article 4.2 also apply to horses owned by the board members of the LVN.
4. Rankings include up to the third-placed competitor.
5. The prizes are awarded to the owners of the horses placed.
6. It is not permitted to discuss the assessment, ranking or points awarded with the judge(s).
7. The decisions of the judge(s) are final, unless they violate the current regulations.
8. To file a complaint, the decision in relation to the regulation it violates must be presented, and the time when it occurred.
9. To file a complaint, submit it in writing to the chairman of the judges, or (if this is not an option) to the chairman of the LVN or a designated representative within one hour after the results of the inspection are published. The administrative fee for filing a complaint is €100.00, which must be paid on the spot. This fee will be refunded if the complaint is deemed legitimate.

### **Article 5 - Prizes and awards**

1. Horses that achieve excellent or very good scores in the inspections will receive a gold or silver

medal, with the exception of the LVN-classes. These are not official APSL-classes; therefore only an LVN-medal of honour can be awarded in these classes.

2. Horses that have won a gold medal compete for the title of Champion for the best horse of each sex (stallion, mare), and are of at least one year of age. If more than one gold medal has been awarded, the title goes to the horse with the highest amount of points. If no gold medal was awarded, the same will be done for the winners of silver medals.
3. The title of Champion of Champions is for awarded to the best Champion in all categories in which Champions are appointed.
4. The title 'best bred foal' is awarded to a Purebred Lusitano filly or colt (under the mother) (meaning both parents must be registered in the Livro de Adultos). If a foal is presented whose sire is not yet approved, the title will not become finalised until the sire is registered in the studbook, which must happen within one year of the foal winning the title. If the sire is not approved, the title will go to the foal in second place, under similar conditions, and so on and so forth.

#### **Article 6 – Insurance and liability**

1. Participating in the inspection 2025 is at your own risk.
2. Transport, feed and maintenance of the horses participating in the show will be insured by the owner at their own expense.
3. The LVN is not liable for loss of or damage to participants' possessions.
4. All participants are obliged to have a valid third party liability insurance.

#### **Article 7 – Health and Care**

1. Animals that fall ill during the show will be cared for by the veterinarians on site, unless the owner wishes to call on a veterinarian of his choice or withdraw the horse from inspection.
2. In the event of an acute and / or life-threatening illness or injury, the veterinarian on site will always be called in and act until any a veterinarian of the owner's own choice arrives.
3. Sick or injured horses will be withdrawn from the competition immediately.

#### **Article 8 - Disputes**

1. All situations not covered in the current regulations will be resolved by the chairman of the LVN or a representative.

#### **Article 9 - Classes**

1. A class will be opened once one horse has been submitted, but for practical reasons the class can be rescheduled, merged or split depending on the number of competitors in that class (inquire on the day itself at the secretariat).
2. When at least three horses are submitted, the class will proceed as scheduled.

#### **Rubrieken**

F O	Opname Merries
F I	Merrieveulens 1 jaar aan de hand
F II	Merrieveulens 2 jaar aan de hand
F III	Merrieveulens 3 jaar aan de hand
LVN I	Merries 4 jaar en ouder aan de hand (LVN rubriek)*
F VII	Gereden merries 4 jaar en ouder
F IV	Merries met veulen
P I	Veulens geboren 2021 / Best gefokt veulen
M VII	Gereden ruinen

M O	Opname Hengsten
M I	Hengstveulens 1 jaar aan de hand
M II	Hengstveulens 2 jaar aan de hand
M III	Hengstveulens 3 jaar aan de hand
M IV	Gereden hengsten 4 jaar
M V	Gereden hengsten 5 jaar en ouder

## **Annex I**

### **Article A: horses up for reinspection.**

I. It is possible to present a horse for reinspection. APSL will appoint an additional judge for this. The additional costs must be paid by the owner of the horses, or, in the case there is more than one horse up for reinspection, costs will be divided among multiple owners. These costs include the daily fee and the costs of travel and stay for the additional judge. If APSL is unable to provide an additional judge, the owner of the horse will be consulted.

II. If a horse is up for reinspection, this must be filled out on the application form. If a participant fails to notify the LVN that the horse has to be reinspected instead of inspected, and the LVN becomes aware of this fact before the breed show takes place, an additional administrative costs of €100,- must be paid next to the regular application fees as mentioned in article 2.2.7. Extra administrative costs must always be paid, even if APSL is unable to provide the additional judge required for reinspection.

III. If the LVN becomes aware that a horse is up for reinspection during or after the breed show and if the participant failed to mention this on the application form, an additional administrative fee of €150,- must be paid. The results of the breed show will be put on hold until APSL has commented. If the horse is then not eligible for admission, costs will be restituted following article 2.2.7. If the horse is subsequently rejected, only the amount due for the entry in the Livro de Adultos will be refunded. All other costs such as participation fee, administration fee are non-refundable.