

European Conference of Arab Horse Organizations

Judges' Assessment | Level I

<i>Dates:</i>	Wednesday 04 – Friday 06 February 2026
<i>Venue:</i>	Simeon Stud, New South Wales Australia
<i>Co-Host:</i>	Australasian Arabian Breeders Coalition (AABC)
<i>Instructors:</i>	TBA
<i>Course fee:</i>	500€ per participant
<i>Inclusive with</i>	dinner Wednesday & Thursday
<i>Participant Fee:</i>	lunch Thursday & Friday
	transport between Simeon Stud and host hotels all three days
	all printed materials (scorecards, exams, etc.) required for assessment
<i>Excluded from</i>	airfare to Sydney (SYD)
<i>Participant Fee:</i>	transport from airport to host hotels
	other transport (car, train, etc.) to Sydney and host hotels

Upon receipt of your (undersigned) application form and verification of your qualifications by the Instructors, an invoice for the course fee will be issued to each accepted applicant. Participation can only be confirmed upon receipt of the payment to the ECAHO account (latest on 14 January 2026). The number of participants is limited to 15; application receipt date will be considered.

Accommodation Recommendations:

- Mercure Sydney, Rouse Hill: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/B326/index.en.shtml>
- Peppers The Hills Lodge, Castle Hill: <https://hillslodge.com.au/>
- Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury, Windsor: <https://www.cphawkesburyvalley.com.au/>

The Mercure & Peppers The Hills Lodge are located 20 minutes from Simeon Stud. The Crowne Plaza is a 35-minute drive from Simeon Stud.

Meals:

Dinner on Wednesday & Thursday as well as lunch on Thursday & Friday, will be served for all participants and instructors at Simeon Stud. These four meals are included in the course fee.

Breakfast is inclusive with all hotel reservations at the recommended host hotels above. Please be sure to eat breakfast before departure times from the hotel on Thursday & Friday.

Transportation to Sydney:

Transportation to Sydney via plane, train, car, etc. is the financial responsibility of each participant.

The nearest international/domestic airport is:

- Sydney Kingsford Smith International Airport, IATA code SYD
 - Simeon Stud is located 44km from SYD; travel time is 45 min to 1 hour

Please do not book your flight before you receive confirmation that the course is open, and that you have been accepted as a participant. ECAHO does not accept responsibility for any cancelled travel plans (flights).

Australian Visas:

Most international travellers will need a visa to enter Australia. European Union & Schengen Area citizens, as well as passport holders from Great Britain, are eligible for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) visa (subclass 601), which costs \$20AUD and can be secured via online application. For more information, please see the link below:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601#Overview>

Those participants holding passports from countries ineligible for the ETA visa should apply for a Visitor (subclass 600) visa. More detailed information on how to apply for this visa well in advance of travel can be found at the link below:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-overseas>

If you need any assistance with your visa application, please contact the ECAHO Office.

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Preliminary Timetable (subject to change):

Date	Morning 9AM	Afternoon 1PM	Evening 6:30PM
Wednesday 04 February	Individual arrival of the participants	16:00 Written Examination (at Simeon Stud)	Dinner & Discussion
Thursday 05 February	Judging Assessments Horse Scoring & Ranking	Judging Assessments Horse Scoring & Ranking	Dinner & Discussion
Friday 06 February	Individual Interviews	Individual Interviews	Participants departure (latest at 16:00)

Requirements for Level I Assessment (Advance to ECAHO 'C' Judge):

- You must be listed on the National list of Judges of your country
- You are not a professional Handler/Trainer

All assessment applicants must receive a written recommendation from their National Organization.

For complete information on qualifications for Level I (ECAHO C) accreditation, please refer to the ECAHO Blue Book 2025, section II. Addendum – Training, Promotion and Evaluation of Judges, pages 63-65.

https://www.ecao.org/uploads/824a9331c581f9f609a0a1c208efead0_2025-8-addendumii-trainingofjudges.pdf

General requirements

The course and all tests are conducted in English. The participants are required to have good communicative use and understanding of the English language and be familiar with terms concerning conformation, skeleton, movement, etc. The assessment will be recorded for the internal use of the Instructors.

After the course the Instructors will evaluate all participants. The Instructors will consider results of the practical judging, theoretical knowledge, communication skills and general attitude.

Recommended literature (both courses)

- ECAHO Judges Manual – available on-line in English and Arabic
 - <https://www.ecao.org/officials/judges-manual>
- Blue Book (current version) – available on-line (printed version can be sent upon request)
 - <https://www.ecao.org/shows/blue-book>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us!



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