

B E L G I A N Q U A R T E R H O R S E
A S S O C I A T I O N

BELGIUM CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

OFFICIAL SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT

Azelhof – Aarschotsesteenweg 201

2500 Lier – Belgium

30 March – 4 April 2026

Organized by

Belgian Quarter Horse Association vzw (BQHA)

www.bqha.be

SECTION 1 – ORGANIZATION

1.1 Organizer

Belgian Quarter Horse Association vzw (BQHA)

Website: www.bqha.be

1.2 Show Officials

Role	Name(s) & Contact
Show Manager	Jens Le Clerq (BE) – +32 495 62 98 45 – show@bqha.be
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Judges	Sonja Merkle (DE) Susanne V. Zahner (DE) Paola Donarini (IT) Maj-Britt Lemay (ES)
AQHA Steward	Arabella Vink-Verburgt (NL)
Ring Stewards	Barry Schuurman (NL) Miranda Casarotto Boutersem (NL) Elodie Mangeot-Reeb (FR) Anna Kuntz (FR)
Doormen	Geert Vanrusselt (BE) Geert Le Clerq (BE)
Announcers	Johny Vangeel (BE) Lisanne Olyhoek (NL)

SECTION 2 – SHOW INFORMATION

2.1 Venue

Azelhof, Aarschotsesteenweg 201, 2500 Lier (Belgium)

2.2 Arenas & Footing

- Footing: Geopat
- Show Arena: 90 × 45 m
- Warm-Up Arena: 60 × 100 m
- No Reining classes scheduled

2.3 Communication

Official show platform: <https://bqha.equistation.com>

WhatsApp updates: [Join WhatsApp Group](#)

Make sure to check the website regularly during the day for updated timing and results.

Because we offer many concurrent classes, only overall results will be announced to keep the show running smoothly. Individual results can be found online at Equistation.

SECTION 3 – ENTRIES & DEADLINES

3.1 Entry Submission

Entries via Equistation: <https://bqha.equistation.com>

ENTRY DEADLINE: 15 MARCH 2026

Show management may close entries earlier if time limits are exceeded.

3.2 Cancellation Policy

Within 48 hours before show start:

- Office and stable fees remain payable
- Class fees refundable with valid medical/veterinary certificate

3.3 Required Documents

- Horse passport with valid vaccinations
- AQHA ID and Certificate of Registration
- APHA ID and Certificate of Registration
- NSBA ID and Certificate of Registration
- Health certificate for horses from outside Belgium (except NL)

Horse passports remain at the show office during the event.

3.4 Membership

BQHA Rider Membership is required for All Breed classes and Belgian Championship titles.

3.5 Entry List

All entry lists will be posted before the start of the show. The order on the entry list can only be changed by the show office until the day before the class.

SECTION 4 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

4.1 Conduct & Safety

- Unsportsmanlike behavior handled under Rulebook VIO200
- Dogs prohibited indoors; outside dogs must be leashed
- Riding/lunging requires a valid entry number
- Youth helmets mandatory unless parental waiver provided

4.2 Equipment & Coaching

- CeeCoach devices or other coaching devices prohibited in show classes
- Excessive coaching from outside the arena not allowed
- Hoofblack markings on show ground prohibited (€50 fine), use protection for the ground

4.3 Entry Acceptance

Submission of entry confirms acceptance of this Show Announcement and all BQHA and applicable association rules.

SECTION 5 – HORSE WELFARE & TRAINING RULES

5.1 Horses Under Three Years

- Under 30 months: no riding under saddle
- Lunging max twice daily, 15 minutes per session
- Halter only; auxiliary reins prohibited

5.2 Warm-Up Arena Rules

- Ride in a consistent direction
- Maintain awareness and respect different disciplines
- Avoid stopping in busy areas
- Replace moved obstacles
- Remove manure and trash
- No phone use while mounted
- No smoking in arenas or stables

Golden Rule: Treat others with respect.

5.3 Working Your Horse

- Always wear your back number
- Lunge only in designated areas
- Clean up after your horse, and yourself

SECTION 6 – STABLING & FACILITIES

6.1 Stable Rules

- Horses must not be tied in stalls except for grooming/handling
- Exhibitors are responsible for feeding, water and bedding

6.2 Boxes

Limited availability – first come, first served.

- **Arrival: 30 March 2026 – 18:00**
- **Departure: 5 April 2026 – 12:00**

You can mention your stall reservation for groups on the entry form.

6.3 Hay & Shavings

Available via the Stable Management Office. Opening hours will be communicated during the show via the WhatsApp group. Cash payment only.

6.4 Camping

- With electricity: €85
- Without electricity: €15

Electric cables must be labeled with provided zip-ties or camping vouchers behind the window.

SECTION 7 – CLASSES & COMPETITION

7.1 Class-in-Class Format

APHA / NSBA / IRHA / BQHA classes run class-in-class. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded to overall winners.

Because we offer many concurrent classes, only overall results will be announced. Individual results can be found online at Equestration.

7.2 Trophy Classes

There will be 8 trophy classes (highlighted in green in the program):

- Showmanship at Halter
- Hunter Under Saddle
- Western Pleasure
- Trail in Hand
- Trail
- Ranch Trail
- Ranch Riding
- Working Ranch Rail

Awards: The winner will receive a unique statue created by Ellen Welten! Each class will have prize money. You must be a BQHA Rider member to compete. Payout follows the NSBA payout system (see NSBA Rulebook, General Rules and Regulations, Rule 38).

7.3 BQHA All Breed Classes

BQHA offers All Breed classes at this show. You must be a BQHA Rider member to compete. For PRAB riders, please note that the offered classes are NOT PRAB classes and are not considered for the PRAB Year End standings.

Pro Definition: Riders not eligible under Non-Pro rules.

Non-Pro Definition: Must hold valid BQHA membership with no paid training or instruction, no judging for remuneration, and no compensation related to horse showing/training.

7.4 IRHA Classes

The IRHA will sponsor 6 ranch classes with a minimum of €500 per class plus a 30% payback system. These classes run class-in-class with the All-Breed BQHA classes.

Please ensure that you register your European membership for 2026.

More information: <https://internationalrha.com>

SECTION 8 – BELGIAN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

- Awarded in classes with a minimum of three exhibitors
- BQHA Rider Membership mandatory

SECTION 9 – FEES

Description	Amount
AQHA/APHA/NSBA (L1 Amateur / Amateur / Open / Non-Pro) classes	€40
AQHA/APHA (L1 Youth / Youth) classes	€20
Pack AQHA (L1 Amateur)	€120
Pack AQHA/APHA/NSBA (Amateur / Non-Pro)	€120
Pack AQHA (L1 Youth)	€60
Pack AQHA/APHA (Youth)	€60
BQHA All Breed classes (Non-Pro / Pro)	€40
IRHA classes	€100
Pack BQHA All Breed (Non-Pro & Pro)	€160
Trophy class	€90
Combi-class discount (when starting concurrent BQHA-NSBA, BQHA-APHA, APHA-NSBA, NOT for IRHA classes)	- €15
Paid Warm Up	€15
BQHA Membership	€75
Box with shavings (non-BQHA member)	€180
Box with shavings (BQHA member)	€170
Tack box	€100
Camping with electricity	€85
Camping without electricity	€15
Office charge	€25
Late Entry fee	€50 extra
AQHA International Horse fee (per horse)	€40
APHA class fee (per start)	€12
NSBA class fee (per start)	€12
Hoofblack marking fine	€50

SECTION 10 – PAYMENT

Accepted methods:

- Cash
- Payconiq (Belgium only)
- Bank transfer (minimum 5 days before show)

All fees must be paid before competing.

Bank Transfer Details

Account Holder: **BQHA**

IBAN: **BE46 7340 6479 8736**

Reference: Order number – Horse – Rider – Back number

SECTION 11 – LIABILITY & INSURANCE

The organizer, officials and facility assume no liability for accidents or injuries, property damage, or theft.

SECTION 12 – PAID WARM-UP

Available for:

- Pleasure
- Working Western Rail
- Hunter Under Saddle
- Trail
- Trail in Hand
- Ranch Trail

Trail sessions: groups of three riders, 10 minutes each.

Thank you for your participation.

We look forward to welcoming you to our biggest show of the year.

Yves Van Aken

President – BQHA vzw