

BELGIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Western Gathering Antwerp

2026

OFFICIAL SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT

Hippisch centrum Kalmthout – Duffelaarstraat 8

2920 Kalmthout – Belgium

October 17 – 18, 2026

Organized by

Belgian Quarter Horse Association vzw (BQHA)

www.bqha.be

SECTION 1 – ORGANIZATION

1.1 Show 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
Show Office	Kenny Vanrusselt (BE) – +32 474 88 19 45 – show@bqha.be Jan Boschmans (BE) – +32 475 89 31 89 – show@bqha.be
Judge	Mr. Nicolas Perrin (FR)
Ring Steward	...
Doorman	Jens Le Clerq (BE) / Jan Boschmans (BE)
Announcer	Johny Vangeel (BE)

SECTION 2 – SHOW INFORMATION

2.1 Venue

Hippisch centrum Kalmthout, Duffelaarstraat 8, 2920 Kalmthout (Belgium)

2.2 Arenas & Footing

- Footing: suitable for all western disciplines
- 2 indoor arena's (20x40 & 23x60)
- No Reining classes scheduled

2.3 Communication

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

WhatsApp updates: [Join WhatsApp Group](#)

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

All results and scoresheets can be found at Equistration after the class (please give us some time to process)

SECTION 3 – ENTRIES & DEADLINES

3.1 Entry Submission

Entries via Equistration: <https://bqha.equistration.com>

ENTRY DEADLINE: 5 October 2026

Show management may close entries earlier if program limits are exceeded. We will have a late entry deadline which will be set to October 11. A late entry fee of 10 euro will be charged on top of the normal office fee.

3.2 Cancellation Policy

Within 96 hours before show start:

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

3.3 Required Documents

- Equine passport with valid vaccinations
- APHA rider and owner ID and Certificate of Registration + APHA Id of the horse

3.4 Membership

To participate at the PRAB classes, it is mandatory to be a BQHA rider member.

It will be possible to purchase a PRAB Show license NON-member; this must be requested at least 2 days before the start of the show. Do keep in mind that this non-member license is for one-time use.

A membership can be obtained via Equistration: <https://bqha.equistration.com/memberships>

3.5 Draw List

All draw 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
- 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

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
- Clean up after your horse, and yourself

SECTION 6 – STABLING & FACILITIES

There are no stables available/offered via our show organization.

SECTION 7 – CLASSES & COMPETITION

7.1 Program

The show program can be found on Equistration:

<https://www.equistration.com/shows/BQHA/WGA26>

7.2 Patterns

We will post the patterns online on Equistration several days prior to the show so you're able to practice the patterns upfront.

7.1 APHA classes

APHA classes will be held at this event. Please make sure that the APHA membership of you as participant and the APHA membership of the owner are valid during the whole event.

These classes will be held according to the APHA rules book of 2026. As a rider of these classes, we expect that you are aware of the rules. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Do note that the APHA paperwork of your horse must be ok, we're not in the possibility of correcting your paperwork at the show. This must be done by official APHA representatives.

7.2 PRAB All Breed Classes

BQHA offers PRAB All Breed classes at this show. You must be a BQHA Rider member to compete. This show is a part of the official PRAB all breed shows and will therefore be eligible for the Year End standings!

In case you start with a show license instead of a membership, your scoring will not be eligible for the Year End standings.

Please make sure to read the PRAB rules. This document contains all exceptions on the AQHA rules book.

<https://www.prab.be/documents/Reglement2026NL.pdf>

SECTION 8 – FEES

Description	Amount
APHA/PRAB (Open / Amateur / L1 Amateur / Beginner) classes	€ 20
APHA/PRAB (L1 Youth / Youth / Walk&Jog classes) classes	€ 12.5
Pack PRAB Open	€ 60
Pack APHA Open	€ 60
Pack PRAB Beginner	€ 60
Pack PRAB Walk&Jog	€ 35
Pack fee – All Youth classes (PRAB & APHA, Youth & L1 Youth)	€ 40
Pack fee – All Amateur classes (PRAB & APHA, Amateur & L1 Amateur)	€ 80
Office charge	€ 20
Late Entry fee	€ 10 extra
APHA show fee (to be paid for each start/run)	€ 3
PRAB show license non-member	€ 15

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 have no liability for accidents or injuries, property damage, or theft.

Thank you for your participation.

We look forward to welcoming you and enjoying our show!

Yves Van Aken

President – BQHA vzw