



The European Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeders Association

FIERBA

Fédération Internationale des Eleveurs de la Race Blonde d'Aquitaine

Rules for exchanging judges for shows in FIERBA countries.

The judges present at shows in a foreign country have to follow some specific elements on Blond breeding in the different countries.

The most important rule for judging will still be the agreed specific characteristics for Blond cattle.

In general the ranking of the elements for judging Blond cattle are:

1. The animal must be a true Blonde d'Aquitaine
2. Length and depth of the body
3. Length, width and inclination of the pelvis
4. Length of the back, with a good top line.
5. Elegance of the animal
6. Finesse of bones and skin
7. Expression of the head
8. Colour of the skin
9. Good design of the muscles

General rules for the judges:

- Be sure to be dressed uniformly so the spectators can identify you as a judge.
- Be sure to be dressed correctly, you are a representant of your country.
- Try to work accurate: with a good pace.
- Do not visit the stables of the animals that are competing in the show before the show or during breaks. This to avoid any possibility of preference.
- Do not visit the farms of breeders that participate on the show before the show and the judging has come to an end.
- Do not judge if there is an animal competing that is coming from your own farm. Let a referee do the judging of that section.
- Stay to your work of judging. Try to avoid conversation with the breeders as it may look biased.
- Be sure to take notice of the specific wishes of the country you are judging in.
- Make sure that your ranking is always the same. If you look from behind of the animals, number one in the group should be placed on the left-hand side.
- Ask the organisation if there is something not completely clear.
- Try to give your comments brief and clear to understand.
- Be sure to judge all sections on the same way, with key-points that will be all the same in all sections.

Extra terms on judging Blond cattle in different countries in Europe.

Germany – Great Britain – Denmark – The Netherlands – Ireland – Spain – Czech Republic – Switzerland -
Sweden – Luxemburg - Belgium

- Pay extra attention on the fundamentals of the Blond.
- They have to be fine and hard.
- The animals have to walk correctly.
- Pay extra attention on the beef qualities of the animal.
- The animals have to be well muscled but not fat.
- The size of the animal should be correct, but not overdone.
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Austria

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- Pay extra attention on the beef qualities of the animal.
- The animals have to be well muscled but not fat.
- The size of the animal should be correct, but they should not be too tall.

France

- Development of the animals is an important issue.
- Pay extra attention on the racial qualities of the animal.
- Elegance, harmony and fineness are very important issues