



The European Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeders Association

# FIERBA

Fédération International des Eleveurs de la Race Blonde d'Aquitaine

## Advice for behaviour of judges.

**If there are foreign judges invited to judge a show abroad we advice to follow some rules as mentioned here after.**

- Be sure to be in time at the show ground.
- Do not visit the stables with the animals prior to the judging.
- Do not visit breeders that will participate at the show.
- Do not judge if there is an animal competing in a section that is coming from your own farm. Let a referee do the judging of that section.
- Try to avoid discussions with breeders prior to the show.
- Ask the organisation if they have special wishes.

**In general:**

- Be sure to be dressed correctly and uniformly if you are judging with more judges..
- Try to work accurate, keep up a good pace.
- 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.
- Be sure that the audience can see the numbers of the animals if they are walking around.
- 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.
- Make sure to give some comments on the first 3 placed. If you have enough time you can give a brief comment to all participants.
- 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.

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

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

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

- 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.
- The size is not the most important issue by the judgement of the animals.

**Austria**

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- 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