



TRAKEHNNERS UK

ANNUAL GRADING

With Grading Commission from the Trakehner Verband

8 - 10 August 2025

at

Venue's to be confirmed

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CLOSING DATE FOR NORMAL ENTRIES IS

1st July 2025

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Grading of Stallions

CLASS A Registered pure bred Trakehner, Thoroughbred, Arab and Anglo Arabs minimum 2 years old. Stallions 4 years and over must have passed an approved Performance Test or equivalent according to TBF/Trakehner Verband Rules.

Grading of Mares

CLASS B Main Stud Book or Stud Book mares, minimum 3 years old

CLASS C Thoroughbred, Arab and Anglo Arab minimum 3 years old (refer to rules for eligibility)

Downlands Cancara Trophy to the Mare Grading Champion



Trakehner Breeders' Fraternity Stud Books

There are four parts to the TBF Stud Books and Registers which are administered under strict rules set by the Trakehner Verband in Germany and EU Directives. A horse has two qualifications; those it gets from its own breeding and those it acquires to be placed into the breeding section of the Stud Books. The term 'grading' refers to the selection process to bring a horse into the breeding section of the Stud Books. The following is a general guide to eligibility for the stud book breeding sections:

Main Stud Book

Trakehner mares by graded stallions out of graded mares achieving an overall grading average score of 6, with no single mark below 5.

Preliminary Register Trakehner Mares who score grading marks over 48 with no single mark below 5

Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab or Arab mares achieving grading marks of 48 or above.

The title Premium Mare is awarded to any mare achieving 53 – 53.5 grading marks with a performance test of 7.0. Mares with 54 marks or more require a performance test of 6.5.

Stud Book

Trakehner mares by graded stallions out of registered Trakehner mares (four generations) and all other Trakehners who score a grading average of 5 with no mark below 4.

Preliminary Register Trakehner Mares who score grading marks over 42 with no single mark below 5

Thoroughbreds, Anglo Arab or Arab mares that score a grading average of 6, with no single mark below 5.

Preliminary Register

Trakehner mares, Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab and Arab mares, as well as their crossbreds, which cannot enter into one of the above stud books. Specifically designed



for TB, AA and Arab mares which have not been graded into one of the stud books.

Part-Bred Register

Any horse with at least 25% blood of Trakehner origin

Marking System - Marks are awarded for the following:

Prior to 1994, the marking system was for type, conformation, regularity of movements, impulsion and overall impression.

Marks, awarded out of 10, have the following general meaning:

N.B. Older mares may show marks reversed: i.e. 1 = exceptional

2025 Entry Fees

Stallion Grading	£150
Mare Grading	£110

NB: All entry fees exclude stabling

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Please use a separate entry form for each horse. Photocopy the form for extra copies or complete online from the website at www.trakehners.co.uk. Cheques to be made payable to the **Trakehners UK**



Bank details for online transfers: Lloyds Bank
Account name: Trakehner Breeders Fraternity
A/c No 00618573 Sort code 30-95-89

All entries for grading must be accompanied by a photocopy of the parentage pages of the horse's Passport. Do NOT send original Passports as you will require it to travel.

Requests for rules, criteria and expectations relating to the grading may be made to the committee, accompanied by a large SAE. Or look on the website

www.trakehners.uk.com/other/pdf_documents/guidance-notes/GUIDANCE_NOTES_ON_THE_GRADING PROCEDURES.pdf

Stabling is available at a cost of £30 including a shavings bed. Please indicate on entry form if stabling required.

GRADING – CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

Application for Entry and/or Participation in this Grading will mean agreement to the following:

- 3.3 **Membership.** Current TBF membership is required for Classes A—D
- 3.3 **Registered Horses.** Horses entered must be registered and fees fully paid with the TBF by 1st August 2024 – Please check correct owner registered in the passport
- 3.3 **Graded stallions.** Graded means approved and recognised by the Trakehner Verband or its daughter organisations including the TBF.



- 3.3 **Grading of stallions and mares.** Classes A, B & C are part of the selection procedure for breeding stock and are subject to the rules of the TBF made under contract to the Trakehner Verband GmbH.
- 3.3 **Performance Testing of mares.** Class D is carried out in accordance with the practice in Germany. Mares must be shown in snaffle bridle.
- 3.3 **Passports.** Original Passports for grading or performance test candidates must be lodged with the Show Organiser upon check in at the Grading & Show.
- 3.3 **Foals.** No foal under three weeks old on the date of the grading.
- 3.3 **Random Blood Tests** for analgesics may be taken during the Grading and Show.
- 3.3 **Tack.** Foals must be shown in a foal slip or head collar. All horses in Grading and Performance Test to be shown in a snaffle or in hand bridle.
- 3.3 **Dress.** All Handlers to be dressed in white tops with black or white trousers.
- 3.3 **Riders.** All riders in Grading and Showing classes must wear hard hats to British Standard BSEN 1384 or PAS015 properly fastened at all times when mounted. Hats must have plain dark covers, jackets to be worn in riding classes.
- 3.3 **Entries** must be made on the TBF entry form. One entry form per horse.
- 3.3 **Refunds.** No refund of entry fees will be made unless a request for refund is accompanied by a vet's certificate.
- 3.3 **The Decision of the Judges is final.** Objections must be submitted in writing to the Show Organiser with £50 deposit, no later than 30 minutes after the incident. If the objection is sustained the deposit will be returned.



- 3.3 **The TBF** reserves the right to amalgamate or cancel any Class and refuse entries without explanation.
- 3.3 **The TBF**, promoters, organisers, committee and landowners ('The Committee') shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever in respect of any damage, accident, loss or injury to competitors, onlookers, their property, servants or horses howsoever caused on the property. It is the express condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold The Committee blameless and that he or she shall indemnify The Committee against any legal proceedings, action, expenses, costs, claims, demands or damage whatsoever arising from any accident or incident which may occur. In the interest of health and safety, participants must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents and obey the instructions of the organisers and stewards. **The TBF takes no responsibility** whatsoever for any accident, loss or injury to competitors or their property. Exhibitors implicitly indemnify the TBF from any of these risks.
- 3.3 **Branding** Please arrange with registrar prior to the show
- 3.3 **Horses not under control** will be asked to leave the arena.
- 3.3 **Dogs are not allowed unless on a lead and under full control.**



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