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RULES FOR FLAT RACES CONDUCTED BY THE HORSE BREEDING DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION IN TESTING BREEDING HORSES OF PUREBRED RIDING-HORSE BREEDS AT RACECOURSES IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

[The Russian original bears the Association's emblem, a round seal and a handwritten signature.]

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[Translator's note: the cover refers to purebred riding-horse breeds in the plural. The body uses the specific Russian breed name 'чистокровная верховая порода', translated as Thoroughbred. This difference in scope has not been reconciled by the translator.]

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1. General Provisions

1.1. These rules for flat races conducted by the Horse Breeding Development Association in testing Thoroughbred breeding horses at racecourses in the Russian Federation (hereinafter, the Rules, ARK flat races, ARK and racecourses) prescribe the procedure for ARK flat races in such tests at racecourses in the Russian Federation (hereinafter, racecourses).

1.2. These Rules have been developed taking account of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering.

1.3. ARK flat races at racecourses shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Standards in the Field of Pedigree Livestock Breeding approved by Order No. 298 of the Ministry of Agriculture of Russia dated 9 July 2015, and the requirements of these Rules.

1.4. Flat races not conducted in accordance with these Rules shall not be recognized as official; their results shall neither be registered by ARK nor entered in the racing catalogue.

2. Organization of ARK Flat Races

2.1. ARK shall be responsible for the overall organization of ARK flat races at racecourses in the Russian Federation.

2.2. Direct preparation and conduct of ARK flat races shall be undertaken by the racecourse administration, owner, manager or equivalent (hereinafter, the Organizer).

2.3. The Organizer's principal functions are:
- providing organizational, financial and other support for preparing and conducting ARK flat races;
- following race procedures that ensure an objective and reliable assessment of horses' performance capacity and racing class;
- providing technical conditions for the judges' panel;
- assisting ARK's official representatives in performing their functions;
- recording ARK flat-race results and transmitting them to ARK;
- taking horses' body measurements to monitor their development during testing at the racecourse and transmitting those data to ARK.

2.4. The Organizer and participants shall regulate their relations through agreements concluded in accordance with civil legislation, of which these Rules shall form an integral annex.

3. Racecourse Requirements

3.1. Racecourses hosting ARK flat races shall meet the requirements for category 1 and 2 racecourses under the Horse Breeding Development Association's standard

'Requirements for Racecourses Conducting Flat Races in Testing Thoroughbred Breeding Horses'.

3.2. To host ARK flat races, a racecourse shall be included in ARK's register of racecourses.

4. Planning ARK Flat Races

4.1. The testing calendar including ARK flat races (hereinafter, the Calendar) shall be agreed with ARK before approval by the racecourse.

4.2. The racecourse shall submit the draft Calendar to ARK no later than 1 November of the year in which it is to be approved.

4.3. Within no more than 10 working days of receiving the draft, ARK shall agree the Calendar or prepare comments and proposals.

4.4. Agreement of the Calendar or reasoned comments and proposals referred to in clause 4.3 shall be recorded in a letter signed by ARK's Director and sent or delivered to the racecourse.

4.5. Upon receiving reasoned comments and proposals, the racecourse shall revise the Calendar and, taking account of the deadline in clause 4.2, resubmit the revised draft to ARK for agreement.

4.6. The agreed Calendar shall be published on ARK's and the Organizer's official websites on the Internet information and communications network, in accordance with the procedures and deadlines specified in their internal documents.

5. Eligibility for ARK Flat Races

5.1. Thoroughbred breeding horses registered in the state studbook of pedigree animals and in the register of the International Stud Book Committee (I.S.B.C.), and holding breeding certificates or passports, may participate in ARK flat-race tests.
Under Russian Federation veterinary legislation, every horse arriving at a racecourse shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate confirming the veterinary disease-free status of its previous location, the absence of infectious disease in the horse, the necessary vaccinations and their dates.

5.2. Horses born and registered in countries with studbooks recognized by the International Stud Book Committee (I.S.B.C.) may race on the following conditions:
Stallions and mares imported into the Russian Federation under the 'temporary importation' customs procedure shall have a duly completed customs declaration, an original passport bearing the seal of the racing organization of the horse's country of registration, and information on its testing results;

Stallions and mares imported into the Russian Federation under the 'release for domestic consumption' customs procedure shall have a passport confirming registration of the imported horse in the state studbook of pedigree animals, and information on its testing results.

5.3. Three-year-old horses may be tested with horses aged 4 years and older over 1200-1600 m, and from 15 June over any distance permitted for three-year-olds.

5.4. Participants whose actions damage ARK's reputation or that of other ARK race participants may, by the Organizer's decision upon a reasoned demand from ARK's official representative, be excluded from testing through:
- refusal or suspension of registration, for horse owners or holders;
- withdrawal or suspension of certification, for judges, trainers and jockeys.

5.5. Only judges, trainers and jockeys holding certification documents in the prescribed form, or licences in the case of foreign judges, trainers and jockeys, may participate in official tests.
Jockeys participating in ARK flat races shall have a medical certificate and an insurance policy covering death or accident risks, with minimum insurance compensation of 100000 (one hundred thousand) rubles.

6. Judges' Panel

6.1. The judges' panel shall ensure compliance with these Rules during testing.

6.2. The panel shall comprise the Chief Judge and judges numbering three persons, including the judge-secretary.

6.3. The judges' panel shall act independently. During testing, the Organizer and/or ARK's official representative may not interfere in its work.

6.4. Panel members may not place pari-mutuel bets on race results in any form.

6.5. Panel members shall act under an agreement with the Organizer.

6.6. Owners or holders of horses under test and close relatives of their jockeys, trainers or owners/ holders may not act as judges. Close relatives include parents, spouses, siblings and children.

6.7. At category 1 and 2 racecourses, the Chief Judge shall hold the all-Russian or category 1 judge qualification.

6.8. At category 3 racecourses, the Chief Judge may hold the category 2 judge qualification.

6.9. The Organizer shall provide working conditions for the judges' panel.

6.10. The judges' room shall be positioned to give panel members an unobstructed view of the entire racing circuit.

No structure may be erected that restricts the view of the racing track to any degree.

6.11. Entry to the judges' room during ARK flat races is prohibited.

6.12. For pari-mutuel settlement purposes, the panel's decisions awarding prize places are final and may not be changed.

6.13. The panel shall decide by a simple majority. In a tie, the Chief Judge's vote is decisive.

6.14. The Chief Judge may:
- provide overall direction of ARK flat races;
- withdraw horses from that day's races for veterinary reasons; jockey underweight or excess weight; defective equipment or shoeing problems that cannot be remedied before the race; or inability to load the horse into the starting stalls within the allotted time;
- obtain explanations concerning violations from jockeys, trainers and other persons involved in ARK flat races;
- remove panel members, other judges or other staff from their duties for serious violations or inability to perform their duties;
- exclude jockeys who are intoxicated by alcohol, under the influence of narcotic drugs, injured or subject to other medical contraindications.

6.15. The Chief Judge shall:
- sign the technical reports of ARK flat-race results and the record book;
- provide signed information to the pari-mutuel settlement office on prize placings, horses withdrawn from ARK flat races of the current [word missing in the original], and refunds of bets.

6.16. The judges' panel may:
- cancel ARK flat races owing to extremely adverse weather;
- declare race results invalid where necessary;
- decide on penalties for participants violating these Rules.

6.17. The Chief Judge and judge-secretary shall sign the panel's report.

6.18. The judges' panel shall:
- draw up reports of incidents and accidents on the track, stating their causes and persons at fault;
- maintain the testing record book, recording the track condition, air temperature and weather on the testing day; withdrawn horses and reasons; recorded violations and penalties; 'cancellation of withdrawn races or declaration that races did not take place'; incidents and measures taken;

[Translator's note: the phrase 'cancellation of withdrawn races' reproduces unclear wording in the Russian original; its intended meaning has not been reconstructed.]

a conclusion on the conduct of testing;
- monitor the course of races and compliance with these Rules;
- decide on measures against violators;
- warn jockeys and trainers about actions not mentioned in these Rules but contrary to the spirit and principles of racing;
- participate in discussion and decision-making.

6.19. The judge-secretary shall additionally:
- keep the primary record of testing results;
- keep testing reports;
- receive all changes to the ARK flat-racing programme from the officials responsible for testing;
- record the finishing order;
- enter the panel's decisions on measures against violators in the technical race report.

7. Officials Responsible for ARK Flat Races

7.1. The starter shall:
- direct timely and correct presentation of horses at the start according to their numbers;
- give participants the necessary instructions to enter the starting stalls;
- inform the panel of starting-rule violations;
- propose to the panel that a participant whose behaviour endangers others be withdrawn from the start.

7.2. The assistant starter shall record false starts.

7.3. Course judges shall monitor the start and course of the race and transmit current information to the panel.

7.4. The paddock judge shall:
- identify participants and check them against the programme information;
- monitor the safety of equipment and tack and compliance with these Rules;
- maintain general order in the paddock;
- ensure timely presentation of all runners for the parade;
- inform the panel of violations;
- establish the causes of accidents or of participants leaving the track without finishing and report them immediately to the panel;
- receive protests from jockeys, trainers and owners/holders and submit them to the panel.

7.5. The clerk of the scales shall weigh jockeys before and after the race;

record weighing results in a special register and immediately notify the panel if actual weight differs from the weight in the ARK flat-racing programme; and check jockeys' certification documents.

7.6. The duty veterinarian shall:
- monitor the health of horses under test and take the necessary measures in cases of sudden illness or injury;
- submit a written opinion to the Chief Judge on withdrawal of horses for veterinary reasons;
- check horses' condition and quality of shoeing before the race;
- report all instances of jockeys' inhumane treatment of horses during testing to the Chief Judge.

7.7. The Organizer's representative shall check the readiness of the track and technical services; monitor compliance with the race day's internal schedule; and resolve all matters on the Organizer's behalf during testing.

7.8. The commentator shall inform visitors over the racecourse public-address system of the course and results of races, all programme changes, and necessary announcements.

7.9. The timekeeper shall ensure correct operation of stopwatches, record each horse's elapsed time when crossing the finishing line, and sectional race times.

7.10. The medical professional shall provide first aid to injured jockeys and other staff, submit a report to the Chief Judge on jockeys' withdrawal for health reasons, and, where necessary, propose alcohol/drug examination of jockeys and/or staff servicing the tests.

7.11. Officials responsible for testing are liable for compliance with the relevant requirements of these Rules in accordance with Russian Federation legislation.

7.12. Serious violations by the Organizer include breaches of these Rules causing material or physical harm and/or damage to the business reputation of ARK, test participants and/or racecourse visitors.

8. Monitoring ARK Flat Races

8.1. ARK's official representative (hereinafter, the Official Representative) shall be present at racecourses during ARK flat races to monitor the Organizer's activities.

8.2. The Official Representative may also be present at the racecourses referred to in clause 8.1 during preparation for ARK flat races.

8.3. The Official Representative may not interfere in the panel's work or the Organizer's financial and business activities, but may explain the application of these Rules where necessary.

8.4. The Organizer shall assist the Official Representative in performing their functions, including access to all documents relating to ARK flat races and to the technical facilities used in them.

8.5. If violations of these Rules are identified, ARK shall issue an official written warning to the Organizer and inform ARK's Supervisory Council.

9. Formation and Distribution of Prize Funds

9.1. ARK flat-race prize money shall be distributed as follows, as percentages of the principal prize amount:

Number of runners	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	5th place
7 or fewer	50%	30%	20%	-	-
8-11	50%	25%	15%	10%	-
12 or more	50%	25%	15%	7%	3%

9.2. Prize amounts and the number of paid places shall not change when horses are withdrawn on the day the prize is contested.

9.3. The Organizer shall pay prize money to owners/holders in full.

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