

Arabians in Sport

OPEN AUSTRIAN & OPEN LOWER AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPORTS ARABIANS 8.-10.JUNE 2012

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This year the two Titels given by Austrian Equestrian Federation "OPEN AUSTRIAN more difficult and OPEN LOWER AUSTRIAN CHAMPION" a level less difficult are offered. All Arabians registered in a WAHO accepted Studbook are able to participate for this title. Guests from other countries as Austria will have a guest license from the Austrian Equestrian Federation.

It becomes tradition that this event is organized on the wellknown beautiful trainingscentre from Helmut & Dennis Schulz south of Vienna. Wellknow for several European Championships Reining and other great events. Solid stables gives the chance to arrive earlier for practices.

The wide range of Western competitions like Reining, Trail, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Riding starting with low level for beginners over medium level up to high level will be offered. First time this year Walk/Trot Pleasure for Western & Classic Riders for young horses or young riders to start a competition career.

Classic Section is represented with Dressage from A up

to S (Prix St. Georg) and Showjumping A-M (Ponyniveau). Patterns will be announced some weeks in advance on the VVÖ homepage.

There will be also the group of special competitions for Arabians, wellknown and published in the rulebook of Austrian Equestrian Federation (OePS), like: Traditional Arabian Riding, Ladies Sides Saddle, Pleasure Driving und Classic Pleasure.

The Austrian Breeders Association „Verband der Vollblutaraberzüchter Österreichs“ – VVÖ – is, as it was in the past always, the organizer and the sponsor of this important sports event.

The very popular Titel of All Around Champion will be given also in the Western and Classic Section, but only for the highest level. All the results of different Competition (Western or Classic) will be added together plus the result from the exterior- Type & Conformation. The highpoint horse in total will be the Champion.

Traditionally the atmosphere between the riders is very friendly and all together have a lot of fun. Freestyle Reining is one of the competitions with very high quality

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of riding and about the costumes of horse & rider with a lot of fun.

It looks like that the Arabian horse has a special talent for Western Trail. The competitions will be offered from low over medium up to very difficult. The patterns will be announced some weeks in advance on the homepage of VVÖ.

Because the Championships are only for the breed of Arabians, there is a rule that each rider is allowed to participate in every competition with as many horses he or she is able to ride. On the opposite only one rider per horse during the whole weekend is possible.

Last year two Championships went to Poland. This year we have already messages from Slovakia, Germany & Poland for participation. We invite all riders from all countries very warmly to meet in Austria. □

Invitations and Entryforms are available on request under

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