

## Ad.3. Mr. Ype Tels' Lecture Regarding Judging on Trotting Races

### EXPLANATION:

At the invitation of the Slovenian Trotting Association Mr. Ype Tel, an experienced referee on trotting races, attended a meeting of the Technical Committee. Because of his visit, the agenda of the meeting was a bit adapted. The meeting turned into an interesting instructive lecture regarding the judging on trotting races and all the other virtues that go together.

Maša Habjan gives the floor to Mr. Ype Tel, who has previously asked to display certain points of his lectures, which are:

- RESPECT
- COMMUNICATION
- KNOWLEDGE
- COMPARE
- TRAINING / EVALUATION

#### ➤ RESPECT

- a. Respect drivers, trainers and owners and they will respect you in your decisions.
- b. Respect is based also on knowledge and experience of the trotting sport.
- c. Take distance from the drivers in general and especially on your working day; you are the referee.
- d. Respect is SILENCE. There's no shouting from and in the judging van, no shouting to participants, no shouting to each other

#### ➤ COMMUNICATION

- a. In case of violation the driver should be summoned to the judges for a hearing.
- b. Only the president should speak with the driver and the other judges should listen and not talking with each other
- c. Discussions on public networks ( Facebook, Twiter, Forum, ... ), restaurants, pubs, etc. are not appropriate.
- d. IMPORTANT: when judges make a decision, it is a decision of ALL THE JUDGES. There should be no discusion after it. WITH NOBODY.
- e. The president of judges can contact Mr. Ypa Tel.

➤ COMPARE

- a. People always compare: why is my horse disqualified and the other one is not? They don't know the differences in races and can only see their own perspective.
- b. Always try to make the same decisions. Sometimes it is a difficult task, but it is necessary to strive for equal decisions.

➤ TRAINING / EVALUATION

- a. It is necessary to evaluate the races and decisions taken.
- b. Some training is also required to recognize irregular trotting.

On prior request of Mr. Tel, Maša Habjan prepared video material of some judges' decisions in the season 2016 which weren't exactly the best and on the basis of these videos a discussion between the members was held. The main conclusions of the discussion are:

1. Prior to the announcement of the official results you should always view a snapshot of at least the last turn and the finish line.
2. It is mandatory to change the rules of PKD: The horse should be disqualified if in the last turn or last straight line before the finish, makes 5 or more gallop, irregular passes or is in pace ( can be after Enquête ).
3. It is strictly necessary to respect the starting procedure, when the autoclock is at 0 sec, the autostart should go. Autostart should not wait for any driver. It's a DRIVERS RESPONSIBILITY to reach the starting gates in time and on their right number ( and in SILENCE ) , ther's no need the drivers to be noted.
4. It is mandatory to change the rules of PKD: With autostart procedure, the driver is required from the command "start in 30 seconds" till command "start free" to be in an area between a blue marker and the autostart. In these case at the command "start free", the drivers are positioned so that start can take place.
5. It is mandatory to change the sentencing at the volt start. It shouldn't be ALLOWED or it's even IMPOSSIBLE to disqualify a horse for causing the fault start before the race starts. Disqualification means during the race, never before the race. Options: a fine for the first fault start, a fine for the second and the third fault start, at the fourth fault start move the horse to the last starting position. In extreme cases, the horse is eliminated from the race ( not disqualified ) and betters get money back.

6. If the judge's decision for any of the situations was not good, it is advisable to admit that decision taken wasn't really the best.
7. At the end of each racing day it's very helpful to have 5 minute discussion regarding referee's decisions. Representatives of the judging organization should have a meeting at least every 3 months for internal analysis and also a meeting with other interested public.
8. With some judges with destructive influence on decisions and thus on the judging organization, it is necessary to talk and try to change their way of attitude and thinking. And on the other hand some perspective judges should be more engaged in training and we should invest in them so they could get even more knowledge.

TC concludes:

***Conclusion Nr. 135: TC of STA takes note of all the information given by Mr. Ype Tel in terms of values, knowledge, behavior of judges, and the overall conclusions of the debate. Mr. Petovar, the chairman of the judging organization, is authorized to transfer the knowledge given to other members of the judging organization.***

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