

C- THE EVALUATION PROCESS

Introduction To the Judging Cards for the 10- and 5 Figure Systems

Today most of the countries use a figure system when evaluating. For instance Norway, Holland and Sweden use 5 figures, but the system used in Sweden is not identical to the Norwegian system.

Both Denmark and USA use 10 figure systems, but again they are not identical. For instance decimals such as 7,3 is used in USA. And in Denmark additionally a 5-figure system is used at foal- and young horse shows.

The commission found that, as both 5 - and 10 figure systems are in recognized use, they shall continue in parallel, and international judges shall be able to work with both of them.

It was decided that the **5- Figure System** as used in Norway and the order of the contents of the **10- Figure System** as used in Denmark shall be the systems for international evaluation use.

The commission have developed judging cards for both systems. You will find space for possible performance tests. As figures cannot stand alone, there is space for detailed description beside the figures and on the back of the Judging Card there is room for a detailed written interpretation of the assessment.

In order to promote a common approach to judging, the commission set up a basic 'List of the Contents' for the different figures, and made an arrangement of distribution of these contents for each judging system.

In the two Judging Cards for the 10- and 5- Figure System the content of each figure is inserted in small print as a reminder for the judge.

Both 'List of Contents' are to be found in chapter Z – Appendix.

The last figure in both systems is for "**Overall Impression**". This is a figure for the total exterior quality of the horse. Therefore in a way it shall relate to the other figures, but the commission's opinion is that it is wrong just to calculate this figure from the sum of the other figures.

Scores; the commission found that the use of decimals was not wanted. It is obvious that using decimals pretends an accuracy in giving scores that has nothing to do with reality.

As without doubt, a different basis in scoring occurs in the different countries, the commission agreed that the **Mark Scale** should be translated as seen on the following page. This in practice will mean that the figures used will vary from 3 to 10, with 3 and 10 very seldom used.