Horse Riding Excursion Registration

Eurocheval July 9 to 11, 2027 | Offenburg

Dear long-distance and leisure riders, dear long-distance and leisure drivers,

For eurocheval 2027, we cordially invite you to the international Star Ride and Star Drive to Offenburg.

The destination is eurocheval, one of Germany‘s most famous and largest horse fairs. The Star Ride and Star Drive offer a unique opportunity to turn your journey to the trade fair into a special experience together with your horse or carriage, actively living the core values of trail riding and driving.

Route planning and distance can be freely chosen by each participant. However, the distance covered must correspond to at least a full day‘s ride or drive in order to qualify as a Star Ride or Star Drive. We expect you to accurately assess the fitness and capabilities of your horses.

Overnight accommodation is available in the trade fair camping area. Tent pitches as well as parking spaces for caravans and motorhomes are available here. Sanitary facilities with showers and toilets are provided on site.
Alternatively, sleeping berths can be booked in the exhibition halls.
Hotel accommodations must be organized and paid for by the participants themselves.

Horses will be accommodated in stalls on the exhibition grounds.Access to the exhibition grounds is not permitted without prior submission of an entry.

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1. Objective of the Star Ride / Star Drive

1.1 Destination and location

- The destination of the Star Ride and Star Drive is eurocheval / Messe Offenburg-Ortenau GmbH. Offenburg is located in the Ortenau region in western Baden-Württemberg, on the edge of the Black Forest.

1.2 Destination address

- The destination address is:
- Messe Offenburg-Ortenau GmbH, Schutterwälder Straße 3, 77656 Offenburg, Germany

1.3 Arrival and route planning

- Arrival at the exhibition grounds is at the participants‘ own risk. Route planning as well as the choice of suitable rest and overnight stops during the journey are the sole responsibility of the participants.

2. Start of the Star Ride / Star Drive

2.1 Route planning and preparation

- The planning and preparation of the route is the sole responsibility of the participants.

2.2 Selection of a suitable starting point

- Participants who cannot start directly from their home barn may choose a suitable starting point closer to the destination.

3. Proof of Route

3.1 Requirement for proof

- The route covered must be documented by proof of route. This must be submitted upon arrival on Friday or Saturday (see section 10 „Program Schedule“).

3.2 Digital recording

- Proof can generally be provided digitally via GPS recording. Common options include:

3.3 Outdoor apps for smartphones

- Outdoor smartphone apps: e.g., Komoot, Outdooractive, OsmAnd, or Strava. All of these record the route via GPS.

3.4 GPS devices and smartwatches

- GPS devices and smartwatches: e.g., Garmin, Wahoo, or Suunto, along with their respective platforms (e.g., Garmin Connect).

3.5 Submission of proof

- Proof: Export as a GPX file or screenshot/PDF of the recording showing the date, start and destination locations, and distance covered must be submitted upon arrival at the exhibitor office / Check-In.

3.6 Alternative proof

- Alternatively: A handwritten log accompanied by a map excerpt and details of overnight stops.

3.7 Recommendations for recording

- We recommend testing the recording feature before departure and ensuring sufficient battery level as well as offline maps if necessary. The proof must cover at least one full day‘s stage.

4. Stabling of Horses

4.1 Stall accommodation

- Horses will be stabled in FEI-compliant stalls inside a temporary marquee barn or within the exhibition halls.

4.2 Paddocks and pastures

- Unfortunately, paddocks and pastures cannot be provided.

4.3 Prohibition of personal fencing

- Setting up individual paddocks, mobile electric fences, or other enclosures on the exhibition grounds is strictly prohibited. For safety and organizational reasons, horses must be housed exclusively in the stalls assigned by the organizer. Instructions given by stable staff must be followed.

5. Carriage Accommodation / Parking of Escort Vehicles

5.1 Parking space for carriages

- Upon prior registration, a limited number of parking spaces for carriages are available within the exhibition grounds.

5.2 Towing vehicles and horse trailers

- Towing vehicles and horse trailers must be parked in designated trade fair parking areas. Parking permits can be booked directly during entry registration.

6. Food and Drinks

6.1 Catering in the riders‘ canteen

- A catering package (chargeable) including breakfast, lunch, dinner, and non-alcoholic drinks in the riders‘ canteen can be booked in advance.
- Further information will be provided upon receipt of your entry.

7. Care and Maintenance of Horses

7.1 Included in the entry fee

- Included in the entry fee:
- Initial bedding
- One bale of hay

7.2 Additional supplies to bring or purchase

- Hard feed/concentrates must be brought by the participants. Additional hay or bedding can be purchased on site.

7.3 Grooming and stable equipment

- Grooming tools for the horse and stall, as well as a stable halter and lead rope, must be brought along by each participant.

7.4 Feed and water intake

- Participants must ensure that their horses receive adequate and species-appropriate feed and water throughout the entire event.

7.5 Horse care and hoof care

- Horses must be groomed and maintained appropriately. This includes regular, needs-based hoof care. Handling and grooming must be conducted in a way that guarantees the horse‘s health, well-being, and safety. The assigned stall must be regularly cleaned and mucked out by the participants and kept in a clean and orderly state.

7.6 Horse exercise

- Horses must receive sufficient and species-appropriate exercise during their stay at the exhibition grounds. Designated areas and facilities must be used for this purpose. Trail rides in the surrounding area are at the rider‘s own risk.

7.7 Veterinary care

- Participants are responsible for maintaining the health of their horses. In the event of illness, injury, or other health abnormalities, a veterinarian must be consulted promptly. Instructions from the official checking or treating veterinarian must be followed.

7.8 Consequences of non-compliance

- Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disqualification from the event.

8. Prerequisites and Conditions of Participation

8.1 Liability insurance

- Participating horses must be covered by third-party liability insurance, healthy, free from contagious diseases, and at least five years old.
- Proof of liability insurance must be presented upon request.

8.2 Vaccination

- Vaccination against equine influenza is mandatory.
- After primary vaccination is completed, at least one annual booster vaccination is required.
- The last influenza vaccination must not date back more than 11 months at the time of arrival.
- Following primary vaccination, at least 28 days (4 weeks) must pass between the second injection and the start of the event.
- Following a booster vaccination, at least seven days must pass between the vaccination date and the start of the event.
- Vaccinations against tetanus and Equine Herpesvirus (EHV) are strongly recommended.
- Vaccination status must be proven via veterinary confirmation as outlined in section 8.4.
- Horses without valid, mandatory vaccinations will be removed from the exhibition grounds.

8.3 Health certificate

- In addition, an official health certificate issued by the responsible veterinary authority is required. A template will be sent to participants after the registration deadline and acceptance of entry.
- The health certificate must generally not be older than 10 days upon arrival. If this is impossible due to the length of the route, a special extended health certificate can be requested from the responsible veterinary authority.

8.4 Veterinary confirmation of vaccination status and non-notifiable diseases

- Furthermore, a confirmation from the treating veterinarian must be submitted, stating:
- The current vaccination status of the horse,
- That at the time of examination, there are no signs of contagious, non-notifiable diseases,
- Specifically, that no cases of strangles have occurred in the horse‘s home barn within the last six months, and no suspected cases are known.
- The official veterinary health certificate and the treating veterinarian‘s confirmation must be submitted in advance by email and presented in original format upon arrival at the latest. Corresponding forms will be sent to participants following acceptance of registration.

8.5 Foreign participants

- Foreign participants must comply with and present the required TRACES documents as well as any applicable veterinary regulations of their country of origin and the Federal Republic of Germany.

8.6 Equipment

- Tack and equipment used must fit the horse correctly and be suitable for a multi-day trail ride or drive event.
- In accordance with the guidelines of the German Equestrian Federation (FN), bridles, harnesses, and other gear must be applied professionally, properly, and humanely, tailored to the horse‘s training level and physical condition.
- During the initial inspection, chafing, pressure marks, wounds, swellings, or other issues related to tack will be documented.

8.7 Veterinary check

- Upon arrival at the exhibition grounds, a veterinary check will be conducted.
- This check assesses overall health, soundness (freedom from lameness), and the condition of hooves and horseshoes. Hooves must be well-maintained, durable, and safe. Loose, damaged, or unsuitable shoes for the distance covered may be flagged.
- Horses without the required health documentation or without passing the veterinary check will not be granted access to the exhibition grounds.
- If defects are identified during veterinary or tack inspections, the organizer may issue conditions, order a re-inspection, or disqualify the participant from evaluation. In case of doubt, the inspecting veterinarian‘s decision is final.

8.8 Riders and Drivers

- Wearing a riding helmet that meets current safety standards is strongly recommended. Helmets are mandatory for children and minors under 18 years of age.
- Minors may only participate under the supervision of a legal guardian or an authorized adult designated by them. Written parental consent must be submitted upon registration.
- Instructions given by the organizer and event staff must be followed without reservation.
- Participants remain the animal keepers within the meaning of § 834 BGB (German Civil Code) throughout the entire event.

8.9 Liability and damages

- Participation is at the participant‘s own risk.
- The participant indemnifies the organizer against property and financial damage claims, provided these were not caused by intentional or grossly negligent behavior on the part of the organizer or its vicarious agents.
- Taking out private accident insurance is recommended.
- No custody or safekeeping is assumed for brought animals, vehicles, or personal belongings.

8.10 Dogs

- Dogs must be kept on a leash throughout the entire event.
- The vaccination passport/record must be carried along.
- Dogs are not permitted in the sleeping berths of the exhibition halls overnight.
- Applicable statutory regulations of the state of Baden-Württemberg and local municipal regulations of the city of Offenburg apply.
- Dog owners are solely responsible for compliance with all animal welfare, public order, and veterinary regulations.
- Participants from abroad must comply with entry regulations for dogs into Germany. In particular, required vaccinations, identification (microchip), and European pet passports or health certificates must be carried and presented upon request.

9. Registration and Entry Fee

9.1 Registration
- Registration takes place by submitting the entry form prior to the deadline.

9.2 Registration deadline and participant spots
- The deadline for registration is April 30, 2027. Participant spots are limited.

9.3 Payment request and binding agreement
- Upon receipt of the entry and after the closing deadline, participants will receive a payment request for the entry fee and any booked additional services. The entry becomes binding and valid only after full payment has been received.

9.4 Forms
- Forms for the official veterinary health certificate as well as the veterinary vaccination and health confirmation will be sent after entry approval.

9.5 Non-participation and refunds
- If a participant is unable to attend after completing registration, entry fees will not be refunded. Travel cancellation insurance is recommended.

9.6 Access to the exhibition grounds
- No access to the exhibition grounds is possible without a valid entry.

10. Program Schedule

10.1 Friday, July 09, 2027
- Arrival of Star Ride and Star Drive participants
- Submission of route documentation
- Veterinary check and equipment inspection
- Arrival by 7:00 PM at the latest

10.2 Saturday, July 10, 2027
- Last arrival window
- Arrival by 11:00 AM at the latest
- Submission of route documentation
- Veterinary check and equipment inspection
- Participant award ceremony on Saturday afternoon
- Departure at 6:00 PM at the earliest, 8:00 PM at the latest

10.3 Sunday, July 11, 2027
- Departure day
- Departure by 5:00 PM at the latest

11. Additional Notes

11.1 Weather
- The event will take place regardless of weather conditions.

11.2 Number of participants
- The number of participants is limited. Early registration is recommended.

11.3 Exercise and trail rides
- Horses may be exercised in designated areas outside of exhibition opening hours.

11.4 GALA-Shows
- Participants in the Star Ride / Star Drive have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for the GALA-Shows. Further details will be provided after registration and the entry deadline.

12. Contact

12.1 Email

- Entries via email to: eurocheval@messe-offenburg.de

We look forward to your participation and wish you all the best with your preparations and a memorable, successful Star Ride or Star Drive to eurocheval 2027!

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