

Equal treatment in equestrian competitions

In equestrian competitions and events, unequal treatment is not allowed between purebred horses/ponies/donkeys registered in a studbook in the Netherlands and those from another Member State. However, an exemption is possible for certain types of competitions and events.

This overview shows which competitions and events are exempt.

Overview of Equestrian competitions and events falling under the derogation from the principle of non-discrimination laid down in Article 3 of Directive 90/428/EEC.			
Member State	The Netherlands	Year	2026
Equestrian competition or event	Number of competitions/events falling under the derogation according to first indent of Article 4(2) of Directive 90/428/EEC	Justification	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonkerprijs - Jofferprijs - Productendraverij - Sweepstakes Merries - Sweepstakes Hengsten en ruins - Derby selecties Hengsten en ruins (hoeveelheid afhankelijk van aantal aangiften) - Derby selecties Merries (hoeveelheid afhankelijk van aantal aangiften) - Derby - Merrie Derby - Fokkers Trofee - Fokkers Trofee merries - Criterium der 3-jarigen - Criterium de 4-jarigen - Het Sprintkampioenschap - Derby der 4-jarigen - De Breeders Crown Hengsten en Ruins, voor 4- tot en met 7-jarige paarden - De Breeders Crown Merries, voor 4- tot en met 7-jarige paarden - De Gouden Zweep 	<p>17 of the approximately 800 competitions are exempt from the non-discrimination principle.</p>	<p>Trottings only open for participation by horses born and registered in the Netherlands.</p> <p>Classics and/or special races for which from the birth of the trotter until the riding of the trotter in question several entry fees have to be paid by the breeder or owner.</p>	