



Entente Européenne d'Aviculture et de Cuniculture

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Europäischer Verband für Geflügel-, Tauben-, Vogel-, Kaninchen- und Caviazucht
European Association of Poultry, Pigeon, Bird, Rabbit and Cavia Breeders
Association Européenne pour l'Élevage de Volailles, de Pigeons, d'Oiseaux, de Lapins et de Cavia

Regulations of the European Standards Committee – Rabbit Section

Article 1: Objects, purpose and responsibilities of the European Standards Committee

1.1 The European Standards Committee of the Rabbit section (ESKK) is a technical committee within the EE.

(Constitution of the Entente Européenne d'Aviculture et de Cuniculture EE – § 1 Name and Domicile.

The European Society for Poultry and Rabbit breeding (European Society for Small Livestock breeding) was founded in Brussels on 18th. June 1938 by the small livestock societies of Belgium, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The society will hereinafter be referred to as the EE, in line with the French translation of the original name – Entente Européenne d'Aviculture et de Cuniculture.

Nowadays the EE is known as: European Association of Poultry, Pigeon, Cage Bird, Rabbit and Cavy breeders. The legal seat of the EE is in Luxembourg.

1.2 The European Standard Committee (ESKK) has the responsibility to establish a European standard and thereafter amend it whenever necessary, in accordance with the Constitution of the EE.

1.3 All majority decisions reached by the ESKK are fundamentally binding for all affiliated countries after ratification by the section meeting.

Article 2: The European Standard

2.1 The European standard has been in existence in German since 2012. All non German-speaking countries can translate this standard and use all photographs after approval of the ESKK. When in doubt, the original German version from 2012 will prevail.

After publication in 2012, the fifth version has been totally revised. This standard should facilitate for rabbits to be bred in accordance with nature.

2.2 Amendments fall under the jurisdiction of the Standards Committee. The ESKK will check the standards submitted by all affiliated countries against the EE Constitution.

2.3 In order for a breed or colour to be included in the European standard, it needs to be fully standardised in at least 3 EE affiliated countries. The breed or colour must have been shown at a European show prior to inclusion.

2.4 Breeds or colours of rabbit that are not included in the European standard, can be judged at a European show as long as a guidance description is available to the judge in one of the 3 official languages (German, English or French).

Article 3: Validation and Judging system

3.1 The European rabbit standard must be implemented at all European shows, European Breedspecific shows and ideally at all international rabbit shows. The European standard can also be used at national shows.

3.2 Judging system

All rabbits are judged according to the judging system as laid down in the European standard, as follows: a 100 points system distributed across 7 positions.

Pos.	Judging criteria	Maximum amount of points
1.	Type, shape and build	20 points
2.	Weight	10 points
3.	Coat	20 points
4.		15 points
5.	Breedspecific features	15 points
6.		15 points
7.	Condition & Presentation	5 points
	Total	100 points

Judging underlies certain regulations, whereby the following values are used:

97–100	points	=	excellent	= V
96,5	points	=	outstanding	= HV
94–96	points	=	very good	= SG
92–93,5	points	=	good	= G

90–91,5 points = satisfactory = B
under 90 points = not satisfactory = N.B.

Whilst judging, a number of points has to be given in all 7 positions and a total number of points awarded at the end. This totals all the points of all 7 positions added together. Half points can be awarded in all positions bar position 2.

A rabbit is disqualified if it is awarded less than 15 points in positions one (1) or three (3), less than 11 points in positions four (4), five (5) or six (6) and less than 3 points in position seven (7).

Every disqualification has to be justified and the head judge or another colleague has to be consulted for confirmation.

For a uniform judgment, comments are made against each position alongside the points:

A deduction of 1,5 points in one position = ALWAYS JUSTIFICATION

A deduction in position 7 - Condition = ALWAYS JUSTIFICATION

For the higher points' totals from 97 to 100 (excellent), confirmation of a second judge or head judge is obligatory.

The allocation of the highest awards in cases of the same points' totals and values are decided by comparing the following positions:

1. Higher points' total and value in position one (1. Type, shape and build)
2. Higher points' total and value in position three (3. Coat)
3. Better combined points' totals and values in positions four (4.), five (5.) and six (6.) (Breedspecific features)

Article 4: Organisation of the European Standards Committee – Rabbit section (ESKK)

4.1 The European Standards Committee for Rabbits (ESKK) is a permanent committee of the Rabbit section and is subordinate to its section's meeting.

4.2 It consists of 5 – 7 members.

4.3 Membership of the ESCK presupposes an active and faultless judging career in the home nation.

4.4 Nominees for the ESCK have to be submitted by the affiliated countries.

4.5 Possible members of the ESKK are elected by the Committee and confirmed by the section meeting.

4.6 Members are elected for a term of three years and re-election is possible.

4.7 The ESKK is led by: 1. President; 2. Vice President; 3. Secretary. President, Vice President and Secretary are elected by the ESKK. Term of office is 3 years and re-election is possible.

4.8 The President calls the meetings of the ESKK and chairs them. In his absence, the Vice President chairs the meeting. Generally, the President hands out tasks to the ESKK.

4.9 The Secretary writes the minutes of the ESKK. These have to be in the hands of the section President within 2 months after clearance from the President of the ESKK. In his absence another ESKK member will write the minutes.

4.10 An ESKK member who cannot make the meeting may be represented by someone else after permission has been obtained from the Executive.

4.11 Additional experts can be invited to the meeting in limited numbers with permission from the ESKK.

4.12 ESKK meetings are usually held in conjunction with the annual convention, at European shows or when needed.

4.13. Information from the ESKK meetings is usually conveyed to the section meeting by the respective President.

4.14 There is a ruling concerning partial payment of expenses through a decision of the EE Executive of June 1st. 2014.

Article 5: Responsibilities of the European Standards Committee Rabbits ESKK with regard to European shows:

5.1 According to the Rules of EE European shows, members of the European Standards Committee (ESKK) are appointed as follows:

5.2 The International Jury consists of at least 3 representatives from participating nations.

5.3 If the President is attending, he will be automatically officiating in the Jury as well as leading it. If the section President is not a judge, this task will be carried out by the President of the Standards Committee.

The President of the Standards Committee also automatically qualifies as a member of the Jury. Further members are recruited from the Standards Committee of the relevant section. These have to be appointed by the Jury President in cooperation with the section at least 4 months prior to the show.

5.4 The International Jury has a say in the organisation of the judging process. It gives technical help and is granted rights of a say in all matters. In order that these rights can be carried out, the show organisers have to send the organisation of judging in writing to all Jury members at least 3 months before the European show.

5.5 The International Jury awards all European Master and Champion titles as well as the EE medals in collaboration with the head judges.

5.6 In order that the awarding of all European titles and medals can be prepared properly, the show organisers have to send a draft catalogue without the names of the exhibitors but with the country codes to the Jury President 3 weeks after the entries have closed at the latest.

5.7 From these documents, it will be worked out in which breeds and colours European champions have to be awarded. These details will be included on the awards lists and handed out to the head judges. As soon as one breed has been judged entirely, the head judges will present the International Jury with this document on which all exhibits with the highest points are listed, who will then proceed to award the titles in collaboration with the head judge.

5.8 Awarding the European Champion titles for breeds that are judged on the first day will be completed on that same self day and submitted to the show organisers on a special sheet.

5.9 The number of EE medals to be awarded will be worked out from the entries and the medals are distributed evenly over the acting judges. The judges will award the medals at their own discretion to the exhibits with the highest points, whereby rare breeds must also be considered. Exhibits that have been awarded a European Champion title, may not be given an EE medal.

These Regulations were approved by the European Standards Committee Rabbits (ESKK) in Metz/France on the 14th. Day of May 2015 and confirmed by the section

meeting in Metz/France on the 15th. Day of May 2015 and came into force with immediate effect.

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