



Alberta Friesian Horse Association

2025 September 2: KEURING/INSPECTION INFORMATION.

The information in this document is in addition to information on the FHANA website (www.fhana.com). Please make yourself familiar with all the info, it has been updated recently.

The annual Inspections are directed by the Friesian Horse Association of North America (FHANA) and KFPS. Hosted by the Alberta Friesian Horse Association (AFHA).

By signing the FHANA inspection entry form you agreed to all the terms and conditions of the Inspections.

- **Inspection site:** Olds Regional Exhibition Megadome – 5225-54 Street, Olds, AB.
- **Move In:** Monday September 1, 2025, after 10 am.
- **Arena use:** Free to use the arena on Friday for lunging, riding, driving, or hand walking, to get your horse familiar with the surrounding.
- **Monday evening:** We are planning to have dinner together with judges, runners, participants, and members in one of Olds restaurants the evening before the inspection (at your own expense).
- **Tuesday, September 2 –** We start with measuring the adult horses around 8:30 am. Then a Flag Parade and Opening, then a short session on Inspecting Friesians by the judges, followed by the one IBOP test. More detailed time schedule TBD.
- **Judges:** Jolanda Slootjes and Willem Sonnema.
- **Runners:** Remmelt Hoekstra and Niels Kramer – Fee: \$ 150.00 per horse.
- **KFPS** does not allow horses from foreign associations to be inspected and re-inspected in the same year.
- **AFHA's** requirement for all horses over the age of 1 year is a proof of vaccinations (copy of receipt or vaccination labels)
- **Attention participants!! Please read:**
 1. [Inspection Handbook](#) This will provide you with all FHANA inspection rules, regulations, training and grooming guidelines, and other info. Also, the IBOP explanation and attire and tack info is explained.
 2. Other information on FHANA's website [Inspection Info](#).
- **Owners, grooms, helpers:** Anyone handling a horse during the event must be a member of a Provincial Equestrian Sports Office (for Alberta: AEF).
- **Stabling:** Box stalls are available. (See site entry form)
- **Bedding:** included.
- **Facility Rent:** Mandatory share of the facility rent.
- **Fees:** Payment of the fees before August 28, 2025, and can be done by e-transfer (contact@afha.ca) or cheque.
- **Participant's package** will be given to you when you arrive or on the morning of the keuring/inspection

- **Be sure to bring your horse's papers: the original laminated papers for older horses that already have them and the foal's blue papers.**
- **Your foal must be micro chipped by your vet prior to the keuring.** There will be no onsite micro chipping.
- **Chasing/encouraging** with whip and/or rattle box:
This is your responsibility, and you must take care of that yourself or ask someone in advance to do the chasing of your horse(s) at the time of its inspection. It is in your advantage that the runners don't do that, so they can focus on showing your horse(s) on its best.
- **Do not forget:** Feed and hay, feed and water buckets, presentation halters, bits & bridles and leads, grooming supplies, show sheen, clippers, and hoof black.
- All horses must arrive at least one hour prior the start time.
- Organizer reserves the right to refuse any entry or participation to any individual who has been expelled from, refused membership in, or is otherwise not in good standing with any local or provincial equestrian organization.
- We ask that all who are participating with horses please fill out and sign the Liability forms.
- Arriving at the facility: after 10 am on Monday the 1st of September.
- Stall cleaning: Stalls don't need to be cleaned.

Additional information:

- Adult horses of category 5 & 6 & 12 (4+ yr. and 3 yr. old Mares and 3+ yr. old Geldings for studbook/star) will be initially presented in a group. The reason for this procedure is that horses in a group are more relaxed and therefore the walk can be judged better. Owners need to have their horses at ringside when the class starts and ready to go in with someone prepared to lead the horse at a walk. This procedure will also happen at the end of most classes. There will not be enough runners to lead all these horses, so owners need to be prepared to do this and properly attired and shod to walk briskly in the dirt with the horse. Horses are being judged at this time!! While not required, it is customary to **wear white pants and a white shirt**. Please do not wear anything odd such as a dress or a tuxedo as this will be distracting. The desired effect should be functional and neat.
- Ribbon and award information:
A yellow participation ribbon is to be handed out to horses in categories 1-7 and 12, 13, 15,16, and 17 that do not receive a premie.
Blue ribbon-A new ribbon has been established in 2015. It is a navy-blue ribbon and is to be handed out to horses in categories 8-10 and 14 that do not receive a 1st premie.

Champions and Reserve Champions

Main Book horses are eligible for reserve and champion awards. FHANA does not offer reserve or champion awards to BBook II horses.

Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons: There could be 6 champions/reserve champions awarded. Only foals/horses with a 2nd premie or higher are eligible for champion or reserve champion in each category.

1. Champion/Reserve Champion colts (category 1)
2. Champion/Reserve Champion fillies (category 2)
3. Champion Youth mares (Categories 3-4)
4. Champion Youth colts/stallions (Categories 15-16)
5. Champion/Reserve Champion mares (Categories 5-6-7-8-9-10-11)

6. Champion/Reserve Champion geldings (categories 12-13-14)

Stallions 3 yrs. and older are not to be considered for Champion rounds.

Champion and Reserve Champion of the Day: Horses from categories 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,11, 12, 13, and 14 and that have earned a 2nd premium or higher are eligible for the champion and reserve champion of the day.

IBOP Cup (Iron Spring Farm Riding & Dream Gait Friesian Driving) There will be a champion and Reserve Champion Ribbon for both Ridden and Driven IBOPS. Only those horses that have a qualifying score of 73 or higher be considered for the Champion or Reserve Champion.

Majestic Friesians North American Breeders Award The award criteria can be found at:

<https://fhana.com/news/majestic-friesians-north-american-breeders-award/>. To be awarded to the best 3 or 4-year-old mare judged in each year's North American keuring cycle. (born in Canada or USA).

- If you have any questions regarding your results, we encourage you to talk to the judges or contact the FHANA office at 859-455-7430.
Just as a reminder if your horse does make either Ster, Kroon, or model. You will be invoiced for a fee before your new papers will be issued. Upon completion of the inspections, it normally takes 4-6 weeks before your new papers will be sent from the FHANA office.
- **Registration papers** will be retained by the judges following the inspection. If your horse does not receive a "promotion" then the registration papers will be returned to you following the inspection.
- **Camping:** You are free to park and camp on site of the MegaDome.
- **Dinner together:** Please join for dinner (on your own expense) with the judges, runners, members, and participants, on Monday night in one of the local restaurants in Olds. Time and place TBD.
- **BBQ after closure of the Inspection:** for participants and AFHA members @ \$ 15.00 pp. Non-members: \$25.00 pp. R.S.V.P. by August 28, 2025

Hope it will be an excellent inspection/keuring for you all.

Any questions or concerns? Don't hesitate to call or e-mail

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Each Participant is responsible for the following

- Register the horse for the appropriate category.
- Responsible for fees to be paid in advance of service.
- Supply the judges or site host with the registration papers.
- Supply site host with appropriate Health documents
- Coordinating or presenting the horse or have someone available to present the horse on their behalf.
- Responsible for their horse before, during and after presentation.
- Responsible for their guests and children.
- Adhering to the FHANA Code of Conduct.
- As applicable, general guidelines of the Inspection Participants Manual.