

Hats off to the new European Haflinger Champions!

Four days filled with equestrian sports at the 2018 European Haflinger Championship have just turned the Stadl-Paura Equestrian Centre into the heart and hub of everything Haflinger-themed. Organised by the World Haflinger Breeding and Sports Federation, the tournament takes place every three years and unites a vast variety of different equestrian sports disciplines – a fact that mirrors just how extremely versatile this traditional horse breed is.

"We are pleased to draw a positive balance in all accounts: not only with the high number of registrations and the distinct increase in quality, but also with the fact that everything went well and smoothly", as Roland Morat, the technical director of the tournament, summarises the event. Some 370 participants and 330 horses from 12 nations competed to take home one of 20 Championship titles in a wide range of disciplines including dressage, carriage driving, loose jumping, show jumping, eventing and five Western disciplines, making this edition the largest European Haflinger Championship to date. This upward trend is not merely limited to quantity, though: Quality levels are also visibly on the rise, Morat continues: "Since the last edition three years ago, the overall quality of the horses has significantly gone up. The younger horses in particular have proven to be of a very high standard", he concludes. This year, two titles were for the first time won by equine contestants of a more tender age: Free Jumping and the young horses' Singles' Driving contest.

For four exciting days, the large crowds were treated to with top-level Haflinger sports. And the audience rewarded the athletes and their horses with full, bustling grandstands and roaring applause – even in traditionally rather quiet disciplines such as dressage.

An overview on the 2018 European Champions

DRESSAGE – Young Horses

- 1 Maike Haunschild (GER) / Wino 16,27
- 2 Martina Studnicková (CZE) / Arcane 15,93
- 3 Isabell Baier (GER) / William 15,86

DRESSAGE – Horses aged 6+

- 1 Alena Bösl (GER) / Sternfänger 140,50
- 2 K.A. Hardt-Leendertse (NED) / Pearl van de Feoramo 139,41
- 3 Laura Lisková (CZE) / Hany 139,35

DRESSAGE – Advanced class

- 1 Nicole Wiedner (GER) / Ariano vom CJD Gestüt 134,72
- 2 Stefan Hirnböck (AUT) / New York 134,42
- 3 Sandra Singer (AUT) / Rainhof's Bonifaz S 134,32

DRIVING – Singles Young Horses

- 1 Johannes Remer (AUT) / Achenbach
- 2 Thomas Striedner (AUT) / Artist
- 3 Isabella Schlemmer (AUT) / Miss Wonderland

DRIVING – Singles Horses aged 6+

- 1 Cristiano Cividini (ITA) / Aron-L 87,99
- 2 Kathrin Karosser (GER) / Winzertraum 89,82
- 3 Bernhard Obenaus (AUT) / Akkord 101,77

DRIVING – Pairs Horses aged 6+

- 1 Lothar Zebisch (AUT) / Antigone & Hermine 91,28
- 2 Emilio Gamba (ITA) / O'Hara & Q-Hanja-W 103,12
- 3 Josef Kronbichler (AUT) / Ciara Camilla & Wolli 106,59

FREE JUMPING

- 1 Aristo-A (AUT) 9,70
- 2 Viola-Z (ITA) 9,50
- 3 Warenne-U (ITA) 9,30

SHOW JUMPING – Young Horses

- 1 Susanne Kremer (ITA) / Ulisse-Z 15,50
- 2 Angela Kirchmair (AUT) / Akeno 15,30
- 3 Gabriela Saláková (CZE) / Whitney 14,40

SHOW JUMPING – Horses aged 6+

- 1 Vera Senoner (ITA) / Rosenrot 0 / 30,75 (im Stechen)
- 2 Daniel Pospesch (CZE) / Artist-L 0 / 32,15 (im Stechen)
- 3 Mylene Le Baud (FRA) / Rock Amadeus 0 / 34,10 (im Stechen)

EVENTING – Young Horses

- 1 Pauline Möller (GER) / Walesco 23,50
- 2 Anna Bischof (AUT) 22,80
- 3 Christina Obernosterer (AUT) / Adoro 20,96

EVENTING – Horses aged 6+

- 1 Nadja Lang (AUT) / Starello 34
- 2 Rouget Guillemette (FRA) / Opium Nick 35,2
- 3 Lisa Maria Stiegelbauer (AUT) / Stuart Little 36,0

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP – Young Horses

- 1 Silvia Cottone Mair (ITA) / Urania
- 2 Gabriela Filipová (CZE) / Amulet

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP – Horses aged 6+

- 1 Kristina Müller (GER) / Aquilino
- 2 Kathrin Mink (GER) / Wunschtraum
- 3 Charlotte Jorgensen (DEN) / Tor

MOUNTAIN TRAIL

- 1 Luca Tognetti (ITA) / Selva 76,5
- 2 Julia Wiggli (SUI) / Mädi 72,5
- 3 Priska Kelderer (ITA) / Lilli 63,0

RANCH RIDING – Young Horses

- 1 Julia Frewein (AUT) / Scarlet
- 2 Silvia Cottone Mair (ITA) / Urania
- 3 Gabriela Filipová (CZE) / Amulet

RANCH RIDING – Horses aged 6+

- 1 Kristina Müller (GER) / Aquilino
- 2 Kathrin Mink (GER) / Wunschtraum
- 3 Mirjam Haas (GER) / Notting's Nebraska

REINING

- 1 Julia Frewein (AUT) / Scarlet
- 2 Mirjam Brunner (ITA) / Tosca
- 3 Jennifer Tadge (GER) / Alexo

WESTERN TRAIL – Young Horses

- 1 Julia Frewein (AUT) / Scarlet
- 2 Gabriela Filipová (CZE) / Amulet
- 3 Silvia Cottone Mair (ITA) / Urania

WESTERN TRAIL – Horses aged 6+

- 1 Julia Wiggli (SUI) / Mädi
- 2 Jennifer Tadge (GER) / Alexo
- 3 Isabelle König (SUI) / Stuart

WESTERN PLEASURE

- 1 Kristina Müller (GER) / Aquilinio
- 2 Maria Rummerstorfer (AUT) / Steve
- 3 Charlotte Jorgensen (DEN) / Tor