



Baltic Carriage Driving League. Baltic Cup Rules for year 2013.

Baltic Carriage Driving League (hereafter referred to as BPBL) was established on the 8th of December 2010. BPBL is a carriage driver's league that co-ordinates national competitions which are organized under the name Baltic Cup (hereinafter referred to as BC).

The aim of BPBL is to organize quality BC competitions as follows:

Competition content – commonwealth competitions, with stages in each country: promote carriage driving in friendly competition, develop drivers skills, increase the level of proficiency within the jury and improve the quality of competitions .

1. Participation in BPBL:

1.1 BPBL representatives of member countries:

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1.2 Other competition organisers from other countries can enrol in BPBL if there is arranged at least one BC series competition in the country of the competition organiser and in accordance with BC rules and each country's currently valid competition rules.

1.3. New competition organisers from other countries can enrol in BPBL in the current year *after* the final competition.

1.4 Regulations for next year's BPBL establish current year's BC final organizers.

1.5 The organizers for next year's BPBL final announces to all participant countries dressage scheme, which comply with FEI carriage driving regulations, not later than two months before first BC stage.

1.6 BC competitions are being judged according to FEI carriage driving regulations with exceptions, which are mentioned in this regulation.

2. Baltic Cup (BC) competition organizing general rules:

- 2.1 Within BC participant countries are allowed to organize additional competitions.
- 2.2 BC competitions are organized not less than within 3 days.
- 2.3 In BC competitions there are four classes– one horse class, double horse class, one pony class, double pony class.
- ~~2.4 In BC participants are not being disqualified from competition, but in the stage where the participant would be disqualified, he received results which are twice as large as last's participant result, which was not disqualified, and ranks after the last participant who is not disqualified.~~
- 2.5 The size of the dressage arena is 100m X 40m
- 2.6 In Phase A of the BC series competition, in other words the Dressage Test, there must be three national level judges. In the BC final competition there has to be four national level judges and one international level judge.
- 2.7 The complete distance of Phase B, in other words the Marathon Test is 10 km – 12 km.
- 2.8 The length of the Marathon's Phase B, in other words the Marathon's Walk Section is 800 m – 1000m and in the BC final competition 1000m.
- 2.9 There are 20 obstacles in the third phase of the BC series competition, in other words the Obstacle-Cone Driving Test and it contains a maximum of two serial obstacles.
- 2.10 The BC's series competition Phase C, in other words the Obstacle-Cone Driving Test can be organized in two ways:
- 1) The course as a Fault Competition (954§) and a Drive-Off (958§). The winner of the Obstacle-Cone Driving Test is determined on the grounds of the Drive-Off (958§).
 - 2) A Competition in Two Sections (960§), in which penalties incurred in the first section will be taken into account with placement in the whole competition and the winner of Phase C being determined according to the result of the second section
- 2.11 In the BC final competition Phase C, in other words the Obstacle-Cone Driving Test will be driven according to a Fault Competition (954§) and a Drive-Off (958§). Placement will be according to (958§).
- 2.12 The cost of one competition will be 30 euros.
- 2.13 The cost of one horse box will be 30 EUR, which includes electricity, bedding and hay.
- 2.14 Tenting sites and parking for cars is free of charge.
- 2.15 ~~Evening banquet for participants is for free.~~ [Evening banquet participation requirements/rules will be in regulations..](#)
- 2.16 BC competition awards prize money breakdown of not less than

| Class Place | Singe harness horse EUR | Double harness horses EUR | Single harness pony EUR | Double harness pony EUR |
|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2. | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| 3. | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |

If there are in a BC competition in one class:

- 1-2 participants the prize money consists of 25% of the prize money.
- 3 participants the prize money consists of ~~50%~~ 75% of the prize money.
- 4 participants the prize money consists of ~~75%~~ 100% of the prize money.
- ~~5~~ participants and more the prize money consists of 100 % of the prize money.

2.17 The competition rules have to be published 4 weeks before the competition.

3. Participation in competition.

- 3.1 Drivers from whatever country can participate in the BC .
- 3.2 In BC series athletes it is possible to compete in every series with a different horse and groom.
- 3.3 ~~Each competitor can participate only once in every class.~~ If the participant is competing in one class with two horses, then before the start of competition participants has to apply with which horse he will be judged in BK total results.
- 3.4 In BC competitions a driver can participate as a groom, and a groom as a driver.
- 3.5 A driver can compete with whatsoever carriage and with whatever width of carriage (A and B Phases.) If it is contrary to the competition rules and the host country are not permitted to deviate from them, then State must ensure the drivers with carriages, that are in line with its national rules.
- 3.6 In BC single harness class 5 years old and older horses and ponies may participate. And in pair harness class for horses and ponies- at least 4 year old horses and ponies if the other horse or pony older
- 3.7 Competitors from all countries can receive prize money, rosettes and gifts but only competitors that come from the countries where BPBL competitions are organised can receive the BC title and cup.
- 3.8 All drivers can participate in the BC final competition. Athletes that are eligible to receive the BC ranking winner's title or the final competition winner's title must have participated in at least one earlier BC series competition.
- 3.9 Participants exclusion from any of stages is credited as participant's participation in competitions.

5. Team rules.

- 5.1 The BC Team Competition is contended for between national teams.
- 5.2 Every participating national team consists of a horse single, a pony single and either a horse or pony pair.
- 5.3 National Team results are calculated by the most successful results of every class according to the points table. In the event that points are equal the team which has the higher place in the final BC competition will receive the higher placement.
- 5.4 ~~In the BC series competitions, members of the winning team will be awarded with a rosette.~~ One drivers best score is measured in only one class. If driver has shown the best results in a number of classes, then in next class, in team evalutaion, result from this country next best driver is counted. Primary for each driver the class where he has the highest score.
- 5.5 If the team ir representing three classes - the result will be increased three times, if the team is representing two classes-the result is increased twotimes.
- 5.6 ~~In the BC final competition, team members obtaining 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded with a rosette and the winning team will be awarded with a cup.~~ The winning team is awarded the BC finals

6. Appeal Comitete.

- 6.1 Any misunderstandings or arguments, that are in BC competitions will be resolved by the BPBL Appeal Committee
- 6.2 The organisers of the BC competition has to remind the Head Judge that in BC competitions the judge takes into account the BPBL's decision in situations of dispute.
- 6.3 The BPBL Appeal Committee consists of four members – one member and one substitute member from every country organising a competition.
- 6.4 .Every BPBL Appeal Committee member and substitute member has one vote.
- 6.5 In the situation of a settlement of a dispute, one member or a substitute member from every competing country participates in the settlement of the issue. If there is a tie-break, then the country organising the competition has two votes.
- 6.6 Appeal Committee members and substitutes.
 - EST – member Marko Villemson substitute Elerin Roadik ,
 - LIT – member Arunas Jurgaitis substitute Gediminas Kuprevicius
 - LAT – member Ligija Biteniece, substitute Kārlis Neilands
 - FIN – member Jarmo Murola , substitute Tuire Suvanto

7. Stages Competition Dates 2013

LIT- May 17-19, 2013 Baltic Cup I stage

FIN Juni-July, 2013. Baltic Cup II stage

LAT- August 22-25 2013. Baltic Cup III stage

EST- September 13-15 2013. Baltic Cup Final

P.S The original rules are in Russian from which an English translation has been done.