

Appendix 3 Delegates' Assembly 2026, Hanoverian Society, TOP 10 motions

In accordance with the Board's decision of February 24, 2026, the Board of the Hanoverian Society is requesting two votes on opening the sales events to horses from other populations.

Reason: In recent years, there has been increasing discussion about opening the auctions so that horses from other populations can be offered alongside Hanoverians and Rhinelanders. Intense and passionately positive discussions were held. In 2023, the Delegates' Assembly voted to open up the licensing and Stallion Sales. In 2024, the Delegates' Assembly decided against opening up the sales events to other auction segments. Since then, however, the discussion has continued, and the conditions for marketing have become even more difficult. In addition to working with direct suppliers for the auctions, employees of the auction center are increasingly scouting horses at training facilities. This cooperation regularly faces the hurdle of the horses' population affiliation, which means that continuous cooperation is not always possible.

In the future, auction exhibitors will still be required to be members of the Hanoverian Society, but this can also be done independently of the horse's origin. By opening up to horses from other populations, the Verden marketing location can use its reach and significance to continue to utilize the spacious auction center to full capacity even in times of declining horse numbers, while at the same time strengthening cooperation on the exhibitor side. In addition, the Stallion Sales of recent years demonstrate the international nature of breeding and marketing, which at the same time did not mean any restrictions for Hanoverian breeders/Rhineland breeders. Considerations and experiments such as the new "High Level" auction segment also show that customers have no reservations about collections open to all populations. However, the goal should and must continue to be to stock such collections predominantly with Hanoverian/Rhineland horses.

For the vote in the Delegates' Assembly, the Board has decided to formulate a new version of the relevant paragraph A.16.1 in the Statutes and to have a separate vote on the sales segments that have not yet been opened. The vote will be on:

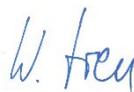
- **Motion 1**
Opening of sales events for riding horses that do not correspond to the classic Verden Society auctions. Example: High Level Auctions.
This means that horses with a Hanoverian or Rhineland horse passport will be accepted, as well as horses with an animal breeding certificate from other populations/breeding societies.
- **Motion 2**
Opening of sales events for riding horses, which are generally aimed at the segment of classic Verden Auctions for younger horses.
Example: Elite Auction, Verden Auctions Online in January/April/November.
This means that horses with a Hanoverian or Rhineland horse passport should be accepted, as well as horses with an animal breeding certificate from other populations/breeding societies.

There will be no vote on opening sales events for foals.

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