



132nd CONCOURS GENERAL AGRICOLE

(General Agricultural Competition)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANIMAL JUDGING COMPETITION
Section: Trophy for the Best European Livestock Judge

INSTRUCTIONS



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Introduction

The Concours Général Agricole (CGA), General Agricultural Competition in English, was created in 1870 and every year it selects and rewards the best products and livestock from France's agricultural heartland. It is owned by the French Ministry of Agriculture and the CENECA, National Centre for Agricultural Shows and Competitions and it helps encourage producers, supports economic development in agrifood sectors, enables consumers to find their way around local regional product offerings by assisting their product choices and contributes to the training of future sector professionals.

It includes competitions for livestock, products, wines, agroecological farming methods and eight competitions specifically for young people in agricultural education:

1. The Young People's Animal Judging Competition (CJAJ)
2. The International Trophy of Agricultural Education (TIEA)
3. The Youth Draughthorse Challenge (Equi-Trait-Jeunes)
4. The Inter-High-School Goat Challenge (Challenge Caprin Inter-Lycées)
5. The Inter-High-School dog Challenge (Trophée Canin Inter-Lycées)
6. The Young Judges Agroecological Farming Competition "grassland and pasture"
7. The Young Judges Agroecological Farming Competition "Agroforestry"
8. The Wine Tasting Competition by Young Professionals.

The competitions are conducted under the oversight of the Ministry of Agriculture's General Directorate for Education and Research (DGER).

The next session of the European Young People's Animal Judging Competition (CJAJ) will take place on Wednesday, 1 March 2023 in Paris during the Paris International Agricultural Show.

Objectives

A young people's animal judging competition is held in order to assess their ability to judge livestock and evaluate the morphological characteristics of breeding animals with the following objectives:

- To help make young people more aware of the importance of describing and assessing the morphology of breeding livestock for breeding selectively and providing income for the livestock farmer,
- To support vocational training programmes in this field.

A section has been opened in the CJAJ competition for foreign candidates: this is the Trophy for the Best European Livestock Judge in which young students are asked to evaluate suckling and dairy cattle breeds.

Eligibility conditions for the Trophy for the Best European Livestock Judge

The Trophy for the Best European Livestock Judge is open to students (pupils, apprentices and students) registered in an agricultural training establishment on the European continent. Candidates must be aged between 15 and 25 on the opening date of the Paris International Agricultural Show.

No European candidate who has already competed for the Trophy for the Best European Livestock Judge can be selected.

Candidate registration

The Ministry's Office of European Relations and International Cooperation (DGER) is open for reception and validation of registration applications from foreign candidates between 1 October and 2 December 2022. Candidates will be short-listed in accordance with procedures specific to each individual foreign country.

Conduct of the judgement competition rounds

A candidate's ability to evaluate livestock is assessed on the basis of the difference observed for each animal and each heading on the evaluation chart between the points awarded by the competitor and those awarded by a reference jury. Both competitor and jury will be using the same evaluation chart.

The competitors conduct their evaluations simultaneously. For the European trophy, they must judge four cows (if available) as follows:

- Two cows from the dairy breed chosen by the competitor from the following: Brune (French Brown), Montbéliarde, Holstein Friesian,
- Two cows from the suckling breed chosen by the competitor from the following: Blonde d'Aquitaine, Charolais, Limousine.

They have one hour to carry out their evaluations (no more than fifteen minutes per animal).

The order in which competitors return is recorded on the competitors' livestock evaluation checklist.

The candidates are ranked in accordance with the total penalty points incurred by each competitor based on the use of the livestock evaluation chart.

In the event of a dead heat, the order in which competitors returned their evaluation checklists is taken into account.

NB: The livestock evaluation chart makes a clear distinction between descriptive morphological criteria (without value judgement) and morphological evaluation criteria (entailing a value judgement).

The jury

The members of the jury are appointed by the General Agricultural Competition's General Commissioner.

In the case of each species, an arbitration judge is responsible for verifying the consistency of the judgements reached by the reference juries and has the option of making corrections to them.

The reference jury comprises one or two experts whose names are put forward by each Breed Association, including one technical worker certified by the Breed Association.

The reference jury carries out a detailed evaluation of the livestock either at the same time as the students, or possibly after they have completed their evaluations, doing so while the students are not present.

Round scoring

The round is scored as follows:

- For each heading relating to the various criteria, the competitors and the members of the jury award a score from 1 to 9 or 10 in the appropriate column. The differences in scoring for each category are converted into penalty points by applying the following scale:

Difference per heading	Penalty points
1	4
2	10
3	20
4 or more, or heading omitted	30

- For each heading reflecting the various criteria for evaluation of livestock morphology, the competitors and members of the jury award a rating (or length in centimetres) following the indicated scale defined in whole points. The differences in scoring for each heading are converted into penalty points in accordance with the following formula: the number of penalty points is equal to double the number of points in the difference on the table, subject however to a maximum of 20 points.

As determined by the competitor, one of the two breeds or categories they have chosen will appear under option A (i.e. full penalty points), and the other under option B (i.e. penalty points reduced by one half).

Candidate dress and behaviour

Competitors must wear the sleeveless jacket provided by the General Agricultural Competition during competition rounds and the prize ceremony.

Any communication or attempt to communicate between competitors or with third parties may lead to their exclusion from the competition.

No instrument or means for measurement, and no documents published by Breed Associations are permitted, unless otherwise determined by species or breed representatives. In that event, the Breed Association will provide the

competitors with the relevant measurement instrument or document. The use of mobile telephones or any other means of communication during the competition will lead to penalties.

Candidates are not permitted to touch the livestock during the judgement process.

Competitors called to attend but arriving late at the competition will be able to compete insofar as the time of their arrival allows them to take part under acceptable conditions, at the discretion of the person responsible for the competition. The end time of the round cannot under any circumstances be put back.

Prizes

A diploma attesting to the final ranking of each competitor taking part in the Best European Livestock Judge will be awarded at the prize ceremony.

Additional prizes or rewards may be awarded by the General Agricultural Competition/Comexposium, its partners or the partners of the Breed Associations. Rewards will be paid by fund transfer to the account of the winner no later than three months after the end of the Show.

Allowances and contributions to subsistence expenses

Foreign competitors for the Best European Judge of European cattle will be provided with a flat-rate allowance by the Ministry of Agriculture on the following basis:

- A subsistence allowance of €60 per competitor;
- A travel allowance of €120 per competitor irrespective of the mode of transport used.

Warning : this participation package (180€) offered by the Ministry of Agriculture cannot be combined with the funding that would be obtained under the Erasmus KA121-VET action for participation in VET skills competitions (Erasmus accredited mobility projects for learners and vocational education and training staff - KA121-VET)

Accommodation for a period of three days will also be provided to the candidates and adult staff accompanying them.

Privacy & Image Rights

Participants in the Young People's Animal Judging Competition and accompanying adults authorise free of charge for a term of five years the organiser and the organiser's partners to photograph them and to make use of their images in all known media and in all forms for the purposes of the event and in connection with communication associated with the event.

"Use" of the images is notably understood here to mean the right to reproduce, publish, represent, adapt, retouch, edit, digitise and display images of the participants on condition that said images are in no way distorted.

By registering for the Young People's Animal Judging Competition, participants automatically give their consent to the reproduction and dissemination of their images by the General Agricultural Competition and partners.

Parents of participants aged under 18 at the time of registration will be asked give consent to the dissemination of images (see Annex no. 1).

Participants aged under 18

Candidates aged under 18 at the time of registration must submit a signed consent form from both parents allowing them to participate (see Annex no. 2).

They must take part in the competition in the charge of an accompanying adult.

In the case of candidates aged under 18, consent to the dissemination of their image and a document granting rights to image use must be returned before **Friday, 20 January 2023**.

Candidates aged under 18 who have not sent back the aforementioned two forms will not be permitted to compete for the Trophy.

ANNEX 1



**132nd CONCOURS GENERAL AGRICOLE
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Privacy and Image rights for candidates under 18**

Your son/daughter has been selected **to take part in the Trophy for the Best European Livestock Judge in the Young People's Animal Judging Competition (CJAJ).**

This competition will take place on Wednesday 1 March 2023 in Paris at Parc des exposition – Porte de Versailles during the International Agricultural Show .

The purpose of the present document, which we ask you to complete, is to obtain your consent for the privacy and image rights of your son/daughter

I undersigned

parent of (name and first name).....

date of birth

attending the following school (name , postcode postal, town or city, country)

.....

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Father's signature	Mother's signature
Date:	Date:
Name:	Name:
Signature preceded by the handwritten words "Lu et approuvé" (Read and approved) :	Signature preceded by the handwritten words "Lu et approuvé" (Read and approved) :

Both parents must sign it.

ANNEX 2

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Release document for candidates under 18



Your son/daughter has been selected **to take part in the Trophy for the Best European Livestock Judge** in the **Young People's Animal Judging Competition**.

This competition will take place on Wednesday, 1 March 2023 in Paris (France) at Paris-Expo Porte de Versailles during the Concours General Agricole (General Agricultural Competition).

The purpose of the present document, which we ask you to complete, is to obtain your consent to such participation by your daughter/son.

I, the undersigned.....

hereby authorise my daughter/my son (first and last names)

born

attending the following school (name , postcode postal, town or city, **country**)

.....

to travel to Paris in order to take part in the **Trophy for the Best European Livestock Judge** as part of the Young People's Animal Judging Competition, thus releasing the organisers of all and any liability for such travel.

Father's signature	Mother's signature
Date: Name: Signature:	Date: Name: Signature:

Both parents must sign it.