



Dear Reiners,

I have a smile on my face, to bring you this good news. What a nice start for a this Reining Year. The organizers Flanders Horse Expo want Reining in their event. We would therefore thank them for this wonderful initiative.

We would like to welcome everyone on this show that is held at the location: Flanders Horse Expo, Maaltekouter 1, B-9051 Gent.

From Thursday 22 February to Sunday 25 February 2018, we will do our best to give you all a great Reining Event.

A sneak preview of some of the things:

- The main arena of 60x30 m and the warm-up arena is 20x40m with the same ground then in the main arena. Both will be maintained daily and nightly with using a drag machine.
- The arena's can only be used on Thursday 22 February from 16.00pm. As you can see, the stables are already available but the arena's NOT!!!! There is NO EXCEPTION !!!! So those who decide to come on Wednesday 21 February can not ride their horses !!!!
- The show secretary's office will be open on Thursday 22 February from 16.00 till 20.00 pm. You can find the secretary between hall 3 and 5 (here you get a groundplan of the facility).
- Don't forgot to pick up your video !!!! There is a video from every run and you get this for free at the booth of Bonaga ([www.andreabonaga.it](http://www.andreabonaga.it)). There is also the Photo-booth.
- The stables will be available from Wednesday 21 February from 16.00pm – 22.00pm. Be careful and don't come after 22.00pm because you cannot enter the area. This is because of the security !!!! Please fill your inscription forms properly with your license plate and if you need electricity or not. We don't want problems when you enter the location. Please note: only cars + trailers / trucks are allowed on the parking. Passengers cars must be parked on the public parking. You get two straps a horse! The stables are inside the building so no wind or water.... !!!!
- The main and warm-up arena are closed after 02:30am until one hour before the first class start.

- Only people with a strap may come in the stables, nobody else !!!! You get 2 straps a horse.
- Information on the location, inscriptions, hotels and B&B's, evening entertainment you can find on <http://www.flanders-horse-expo.be>.
- There is additional hay available at € 14.00 per bale. These may be purchased by the stable manager or secretary.
- We chosen this time for a better atmosphere of our Reining Sport. We give this year Any Horse Any Rider instead of a Paid Warm Up. The following rules are:
  1. This class may be run on any legal bit with 1 or 2 hands. When the combination entered the show arena you cannot change anymore.
  2. There is no restriction on NRHA Lifetime earnings for horse or rider.
  3. The combination must also inscribed in a other class.
  4. Correct western clothing required.
- The costs for electricity is 50 euro. The secretariat give you a receipt that you must place clearly visible. It is very important that you specify directly with you inscription if you need electricity. At the show you can NOT order electricity anymore. This must be with your inscription !
- Please listen carefully to the instructions of the parking attendants and park your vehicles as close to each other as possible and leave enough room for emergency vehicles to get by if necessary (ambulances, fire brigade). At non-compliance with these instructions your vehicle will be towed away at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.
- If you need to cancel any of your entries please use the attached forms and send them to Nicole Keesen via email. You can only officially cancel your entry by using these forms. Any other means of communications for cancellation will not be accepted. (Do not use Facebook or other Social media platforms to contact Nicole on any matter regarding this show.

Special Note: All participants and visitors to this show please adhere to the rules of regulations of the Flanders Horse Expo.

At the awards ceremony correct western clothing required and with horse: No Horse, no Hat, and no Money.

Thanks to our enthusiastic and generous sponsors this year we will be offering a total prize pot of USD 25,000, which I am sure will generate a reining show of high class which will be fought out over the three days.

At the Flanders Horse Expo is more then only Reining you have also jumping, dressage, shops, restaurant, etc..... so there is enough to see for everybody.

If you have any questions, please call + 32 (0) 495 32 11 71

For all information and details please visit our website [www.flanders-horse-expo.be](http://www.flanders-horse-expo.be)

I am really looking forward to seeing all of your familiar faces once again and hopefully also some new faces with the knowledge that you will see and enjoy a super show and a display of Reining at its very best.

Warm regards

Nicole Keesen Show Secretary