



Only two weeks left to Transylvania Horse Show 2014.

The IVth edition of Transylvania Horse Show, the most famous international horse competition in Romania is taking place this year during 2nd-4th of May. As in previous years, the competition is organized in Prod village, Hoghilag district, near Sighișoara.

Competitors and supporters from 19 countries will attend the most popular Romanian event for equestrian sports and horse lovers, held close to Sighișoara, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe. Transylvania Horse Show takes place in Prod village, Hoghilag district (just 16 km from Sighișoara), in a pitoresque scenery recommended by the "Lonely Planet" guide as being one of the finest places in the world for horse back riding.

Being at the fourth edition, the event brings to Romania international competitors and official representatives of the international equestrian association; their presence is a guarantee that the event is conducted according to all international standards. The Federation Equestre Internationale is represented by its Technical Delegate, Andrew Griffiths (Great Britain) and the Belgian referee Michel Van Gerwen being the President of the jury.

One of the news for the 2014 edition is that the Romanians who will not be able to come to Prod to witness the competition, will be able to see the most spectacular trials live on TVR 1. Being the co-producer of the event, TVR will broadcast live Saturday from 15:30 to 16:00 and Sunday from 15:30 to 17:00. The resume of each day will be seen also on prime news at 20:00.

The event hosts three types of official competitions, supplemented daily by a series of spectacular demonstrations and complementary events.

1. Concours Complet International (CCI) is a preparatory step for the Balkan Championships that will be held in mid-May in Bulgaria. Their former edition was carried out last year in Romania at the Transylvania Horse Show. For this eventing, the professional competitors will have to undertake three tests: dressage, obstacles and cross-country. The highlight of this competition is the Cross-Country trial for which the challengers and their horses have to go against the clock on a difficult 3.600 meters long track, with 39 natural obstacles like ditches, water ponds, logs and other obstacles made of hard wood. This competition is organized in cooperation with the Romanian Equestrian Federation (FER) and the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI).



2. Romanian Cup Eventing - Novices class, this section of the competition is for the young horses and for the enthusiast competitors with less experience in the equestrian competitions for eventing. The cross-country track for this competition is 1500 meters long counting over 17 natural obstacles. The organizers introduced this section in order to encourage athletes to choose this spectacular, yet risky discipline.

3. The Student Riders Nations Cup (AIEC Student Riders Nation Cup - Romania 2014) is organized together with the Association International des Etudiants Cavaliers (AIEC), the largest association of this kind in the world. In this section, students all over the world compete in two trials: dressage and obstacle jumping. **Transylvania Horse Show** was rewarded „Competition of the year” for 2011 & 2012 editions by AIEC (Association Internationale des Etudiants Cavaliers). For this competition, horses are provided by the organizer. The challengers have only 5 minutes to get used to the horses before entering the arena. The horses are very well trained and must meet competitive standards. Choosing the 48 horses for this trial involves testing a large number of sport horses belonging to the biggest equestrian clubs in the country.

The horses come from equestrian clubs in Bucharest, Cluj, Tâgu Mureş, Timișoara and from the host club - Cross-Country Farm through equestrian association Hipohouse. The total number of the foreign competitors and supporters exceeds 100 people, which is the record up to now among the four editions. Many of the participating student riders at this section compete successfully as professional riders in other high level equestrian competitions in well known countries for this sport.

*“It is very difficult to motivate a rider from the west, not to mention those from other continents - to come and compete in Romania with their own horses and even so, year by year their number increases. I want this effort to motivate also the Romanian riders to move towards this discipline, which is why I have introduced this year the trial **Romanian Cup Eventing - Novices**”.* - Mihnea Vîrgolici, promoter and organizer of the event.

Registration for CCI and Romanian Cup Eventing - Novices are open until April 24th, the students registration being already closed.

As a first timer, this year’s show will bring spectacular demonstration carts with two horses performed by professional athletes, pony carts and other unique moments prepared by the organizers. Transylvania Horse Show 2014 organizers invite both horse enthusiasts and those who want to learn more about horseback riding to a fairy tale weekend in the heart of nature. Here are some options for accommodation in the area: <http://www.horseshow.ro/ro/cazare>

For all the 3 days of the competition, the programm will start at 09:00 and will end around 17:30. The full schedule can be found here: <http://www.horseshow.ro/ro/program-general>



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