



HOLSTEIN NIGHT 17 March 2018

Dear cattle farmer,

The day is approaching. We would like to thank so many of you for responding. For us, this is a recognition of all the hard work we have put in.

Very soon it'll be time for you to join us at Holstein Night. Below, you will find all the information you need to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

- 1) **Rules for participating** in the Holstein Night 2018 competition.
- 2) **Access map.** Please comply strictly with this map. Parking will be available in the farmer car park. This car park leads to Hall 2 (animal exhibition), making it easy for you to collect your equipment.
- 3) **Entry.** The doors to the hall will be shut **on Saturday 17 March from 10 am**. After this time, access to the hall will be granted upon presentation of a Holstein Night entry pass or bracelet, via the public entrance only.
- 4) **Competition times:** The list of participants and numbers (in ascending age order) for the animals, are listed in the catalogue for each cattle farmer (see attached files). Due to the large number of participants, we have changed the starting time of the competition.
- 5) **Transporting animals:** There are no restrictions for transporting the animals, apart from farmers from Namur and Luxembourg who wish to take advantage of free transportation. The Organising Committee has put Mr Robert and Julien Talmasse in charge of this (tel. +32 475719959 or +32 493565616). They will let you know what time they will be picking your animals up by **6 pm on Tuesday 13 March**. If you do not hear anything by then, please don't hesitate to contact them.

All other farmers will be assisted in covering the costs of transporting their animals.

Only those who correctly fill out their bank details at reception will receive the compensation.

Note: Only animals wearing two ear tags, accompanied by their health documents (participation certification, SANITEL cards, etc.) may be unloaded to the designated area (see map), **in the presence of a designated committee representative. Please let us know your approximate arrival time by calling the following number +32 470 28 40 25.**

- 6) Like last year, we ask you (or one of your representatives) to attend the **cattle farmer briefing on Saturday 17 March at 11.30 am** (meeting room to be confirmed).
- 7) **Your "competition kit"** (animal number tags, bibs, etc.) will be available for collection from reception **at 1.30 pm**.
- 8) From 4.30 pm on Friday, **a supervised team of students from La Reid School** will be available to show you where the different areas are (manure disposal, etc.). **Please note that we have designated areas where you can store your equipment and food** (in

front of and between the animals AND IN THE FARMER CAR PARK) so that we can keep other areas free for the animals, and above all for the public.

- 9) **Food and bedding:** ideally, you should bring your own food for your animals. However, hay and mixed animal feed will be available for farmers who request it **and for emergencies**. Sufficient bedding will be placed in the stalls by the organisers so that the animals can be seen. Spare sawdust and straw will be available. Please bring your own tools (pitchforks, shovels, etc.) so that we can make sure we have enough.
- 10) **Milking the cows:** Some participants decide to administer their cows with preventive antibiotic treatment, and there is no rule put in place to prohibit this. Furthermore, to avoid spillage, please comply with milking the animals with the appropriate claw. There will be **4 claws for “good” milk and two clearly labelled claws for “bad” milk**, to avoid any inadvertent mistakes. The committee reserves the right to carry out checks on site **and may charge a penalty (€200) to those responsible for contaminating the milk inside the tank**. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
- 11) To ensure that the competition is an enjoyable event for all, it is essential that the animals are **tamed**.
- 12) **Presence of the vet:** **From the Saturday, a vet will be available on site. We will bear the cost of all the vet's services (aside from medication). However, we request a participation of €5 per cow registered.**
- 13) **Ethics inspection in the pre-ring:** Please be attentive to this. The committee will be in charge of ensuring correct adherence to the **code of ethics (see attached)** before and/or after entering the ring.
- 14) **PHOTO service:** The winning animal from each category is obliged to be **photographed by a professional photographer upon leaving the ring. The farmer will be offered this photo**. Nevertheless, you can also have other professional photos taken during the Holstein Night competition if you wish to. They will be charged by the organisation at a base price of €140 excl. VAT.
- 15) **The “Spaghetti Supper”:** traditionally, on the evening before Holstein Night, the organisers bring all the cattle farmers together for an evening of festivity. **This supper is free of charge.**

We look forward to hearing from you, and, in the meantime, we wish you all the best with your preparations and good luck in the competition.

The Organising Committee

The GENETIC partners wish you the best of luck!

