



— 2nd MADONA —

INTERNATIONAL POULTRY AND RABBIT EXHIBITION AND MARKET

REGULATIONS



23–25 OCTOBER 2026

Madona Sports Centre, Gaujas iela 13, Madona

ORGANISED BY:

LŠMAA

Latvian Association of
Purebred Poultry Breeders

SIA “Norkalni EKO+”

Waterfowl Breeding

1. General Information

1.1. These Regulations set out the rules for participation in the *2nd Madona International Poultry and Rabbit Exhibition and Market* (hereinafter – the Exhibition).

1.2. The objectives of the Exhibition are:

- to educate the public about the diversity, conservation and breeding of purebred poultry and rabbits;
- to promote selective breeding in accordance with breed standards recognised in the European Union and to provide breeders with an opportunity to obtain a professional assessment of their breeding stock by qualified judges;
- to promote the exchange of experience and cooperation between poultry and rabbit breeders from Latvia and other countries;
- to provide a legal framework for the sale of purebred animals and goods related to their breeding and keeping.

2. Exhibition Management and Organising Committee

2.1. The Exhibition shall be managed by an Exhibition Organising Committee (hereinafter – the Committee) established by the organisers (LŠMAA and SIA “Norkalni Eko+”).

2.2. The Committee shall:

- approve the Exhibition Regulations, programme, judges and judges’ assistants;
- organise the admission, housing and care of animals;
- ensure the provision of veterinary, technical and organisational services;
- approve the Exhibition results and awards.

2.3. During the Exhibition, organisational decisions adopted by the Committee shall be binding on all participants, visitors and other persons involved in the Exhibition.

2.4. The Committee shall appoint a Chief Judge, who shall coordinate the work of the judges, resolve professional matters related to judging, and make the final decision in cases where disagreements arise during the judging process or where interpretation of a breed standard is required.

2.5. The Committee and the Exhibition organisers shall not, in any manner, advise, make recommendations to, influence or otherwise interfere with the work of the judges or the judging results, unless they are participating in the judging process in the capacity of judges’ assistants.

3. Participants and Conditions of Participation

3.1. Natural and legal persons from Latvia and other countries who breed purebred poultry, other captive birds, or purebred rabbits and comply with the requirements of these Regulations may participate in the Exhibition.

3.2. The Committee shall have the right to refuse participation or refuse to admit animals to the Exhibition if:

- the required documents have not been submitted, have been submitted after the specified deadline, or the information provided therein does not comply with the requirements of these Regulations;
- the animals do not comply with veterinary or animal welfare requirements;
- the requirements of these Regulations are not complied with.

3.3. By participating in the Exhibition, the participant agrees that photographs and video recordings taken during the Exhibition in which the participants or their exhibited animals are visible may be used in the organisers' informational and publicity materials, in compliance with applicable personal data protection requirements.

4. Animal Registration and Documents Required for Participation in the Exhibition

4.1. Animals must be registered for participation in the Exhibition by 4 October 2026 (inclusive).

4.2. Applications shall be submitted electronically to: izstade.ismaa@gmail.com

4.2.1. The application shall include:

- information about the owner or keeper of the animal: for natural persons – first name and surname; for legal persons – legal form, name and registration number (except for state and municipal institutions);
- information regarding the registration of the animals in accordance with the requirements of the applicable legislation of the respective country; for participants from Latvia – the holding number and herd number.

4.2.2. The following information must be provided for each poultry specimen entered in the Exhibition:

- breed;
- breed variety (colour or other recognised variety);
- sex;
- age group (young or adult bird);
- identification ring number.

4.2.3. The following information must be provided for each rabbit entered in the Exhibition:

- breed;
- breed variety, including colour variety;
- sex;
- age group;
- identification tattoo.

4.3. The Committee shall be entitled to request additional information or clarification if the information provided in the application is incomplete or does not comply with the requirements of these Regulations.

4.4. The following documentation is required for participation in the Exhibition:

4.4.1. a veterinary health certificate concerning the health status of the animals, issued no more than 48 hours prior to admission to the Exhibition (see Annex 3);

4.4.2. where animals are brought into Latvia from another country for the duration of the Exhibition, they must be accompanied by documents issued by the competent authority of the country of dispatch in accordance with the applicable legislation governing the entry and transport of animals (*Cabinet Regulation No. 895 of 26 October 2004*).

4.5. The fee for each animal entered for judging is EUR 5.00 (five euros and 00 cents). Only one animal may be housed in each exhibition cage.

4.6. By 4 October 2026, the participant shall make an advance payment amounting to 50% of the total participation fee. The remaining 50% of the participation fee shall be paid no later than on the

day the animals are admitted to the Exhibition. The advance payment shall be credited towards the total participation fee.

Payment details:

Beneficiary: LV. ŠKIRNES MĀJPUTNU AUDZĒTĀJU ASOC.

IBAN: LV08PARX0031843530001

Payment reference: *Advance payment for the Exhibition – participant's first name and surname or name of the legal entity.*

A copy of the payment confirmation shall be sent to: izstade.lsmas@gmail.com

4.7. The advance payment confirms the participant's reservation for the Exhibition. If, after confirmation of the reservation, the participant withdraws from participation or fails to attend the Exhibition, the advance payment shall not be refunded.

5. Requirements for Animals Participating in the Exhibition

5.1. Veterinary and Animal Welfare Requirements

- Only clinically healthy animals showing no signs of infectious disease, external parasites, open wounds or other health disorders may participate in the Exhibition. Excessively nervous or excitable birds that may endanger the health of other animals or compromise their own welfare shall also not be admitted.
- The Committee shall have the right, at any time, to refuse admission of an animal or remove it from the Exhibition if there is any suspicion of disease, non-compliance with biosecurity requirements, or other veterinary risks. Such a decision shall not constitute grounds for a refund of the participation fee.
- If a participant has registered for the Exhibition, reserved a cage and fails to attend, the advance payment shall not be refunded.
- If, during the Exhibition, the competent national authority imposes additional veterinary or biosecurity requirements, such requirements shall be binding on all Exhibition participants and shall apply from the moment they are imposed.

5.2. Animal Identification

5.2.1. All poultry must be fitted with an intact identification ring bearing the following clearly legible information:

- country code;
- ring diameter (mm);
- year of issue of the ring;
- unique identification number;
- abbreviation of the issuing organisation or the breeder's initials.

5.2.2. Rabbits must be identified by a permanent and clearly legible **tattoo in accordance with the applicable requirements of their country of origin.**

6. Housing and Management of Animals at the Exhibition

6.1. Animals shall be admitted to the Exhibition on 22 October 2026, from 12:00 to 18:00.

6.2. Prior to being placed in the exhibition cages, all animals shall undergo an identification and veterinary inspection.

6.3. Animals shall be placed only in cages designated by the Committee. Once an animal has been placed in its cage, it may not be moved, replaced or removed without the permission of the Committee.

6.4. Feed for the animals shall be provided by the animal owner and placed on the floor beneath the cage. If the owner wishes the animal to be given water supplied by the owner, it shall likewise be placed beneath the cage. Feeding and watering of animals in the Exhibition area shall be carried out by the Exhibition organisers. In the Market Hall, animal owners shall be responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.

6.5. During judging, on 23 October 2026 from 10:00 to 18:00, the Exhibition area shall be closed to animal owners, visitors, participants and all other unauthorised persons.

6.6. The purchase and sale of animals shall be permitted throughout the event. Sold animals may be removed from their cages and taken out of the Exhibition premises from 15:00 on 24 October 2026. Until that time, all animals entered in the Exhibition, including animals that have been sold, shall remain in their designated cages within the Exhibition area. Exceptions may be authorised only by decision of the Committee on grounds relating to animal health, welfare or safety.

6.7. An animal may be entered for judging only, without participating in the Exhibition and without being included in the Exhibition catalogue, provided that all requirements applicable to Exhibition animals are met.

6.8. During the Exhibition, animal owners and participants shall keep their exhibition area clean and orderly and shall comply with the instructions of the Committee, judges and the Exhibition veterinarian.

6.9. At the request of the Committee, the Exhibition veterinarian or a representative of the Food and Veterinary Service of Latvia (PVD), participants shall present veterinary documents or other certificates or documentation required under applicable legislation for animals participating in the Exhibition.

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7. Judging of Animals

7.1. Poultry and rabbits entered in the Exhibition shall be judged by qualified judges invited by the Committee.

7.2. Judges' assistants shall be approved by the Committee. A person may serve as a judge's assistant at the Exhibition if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- holds a higher education qualification in veterinary medicine;
- holds a higher education qualification in agriculture with a specialisation in animal science;
- has completed a poultry or rabbit exterior judging training programme organised or recognised by the Latvian Association of Purebred Poultry Breeders (LŠMAA) or by a member organisation of the *Entente Européenne* (hereinafter – EE).

7.3. Poultry shall be judged in accordance with the EE Standards.

7.4. Rabbits shall be judged in accordance with the applicable EE breed and colour variety standards.

7.5. The judge shall assess only the animal's current phenotypic conformity to the applicable breed standard. The animal's origin, previous judging results, breeding value or reproductive performance shall not influence the assessment awarded.

7.6. All animals shall be judged in accordance with the judging system established by the EE.

7.7. Each animal shall be judged individually. The judge shall record the assessment, points awarded, identified merits, wishes, faults and, where applicable, the reason for disqualification on the judging card or in the Exhibition's electronic judging system.

7.8. Information concerning the owner of an animal shall not be disclosed to the judge before or during judging. Judging cards and cage labels shall not contain any information that would enable the animal's owner to be identified.

7.9. During judging, participants are prohibited from communicating with a judge regarding the assessment of a specific animal or attempting to influence the judge's decision. Such conduct may constitute grounds for the exclusion of the participant or animal from the Exhibition.

7.10. Once judging has been completed and the results have been approved, the judging cards shall be displayed at the respective cages or published in a manner determined by the Committee.

7.11. The assessment and points awarded by the judge shall be final and not subject to appeal.

8. Awards

8.1. Awards shall be granted on the basis of the assessments awarded by the judges and in accordance with the requirements of these Regulations.

8.2. Individual awards shall be granted only to animals that have received at least 95 points, unless otherwise specified for a particular award category.

8.3. The following principal titles shall be awarded at the Exhibition:

8.3.1. Overall Titles

- Best in Show;
- Reserve Best in Show.

8.3.2. Poultry Categories

- Best Poultry;
- Best Large Fowl;
- Best Bantam;
- Best Waterfowl;
- Best Turkey;
- Best Guinea Fowl;
- Best Quail.

8.3.3. Rabbits

- Best Rabbit.

8.3.4. Breeding Groups

- Best Trio;
- Best Collection.

8.4. The title Best of Breed may be awarded for each breed to the highest-scoring animal of that breed.

8.5. The Committee may also award:

- Honorary Awards;
- Special Awards;
- Sponsor Awards;
- Awards from partner organisations;
- Young Breeder Award;
- other special awards or titles.

8.6. An individual animal may receive more than one award, provided that it meets the criteria for the respective award categories.

9. Sale of Animals

9.1. During the Exhibition, the sale of poultry, other captive birds and rabbits shall be permitted in a designated separate area (the **Market Area**), subject to the requirements of the laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia and these Regulations.

9.2. The application form shall specify the number and breeds of animals intended for sale in the Market Area.

9.3. All Market Area participants and animals offered for sale shall be subject to the same requirements as Exhibition participants and animals.

9.4. Ownership of an animal shall pass to the buyer upon payment of the full purchase price.

9.5. The Committee shall not be liable for any obligations between the parties following the transfer of an animal to the buyer.

9.6. The Committee shall have the right to prohibit the sale of an animal or cancel a transaction if the animal is found not to comply with the veterinary requirements (see Section 5.1 of these Regulations). Such a decision shall not constitute grounds for a refund of the participation fee.

9.7. The seller of the animal shall be responsible for issuing documents evidencing the transaction, paying applicable taxes, and complying with all other applicable legal requirements relating to the transfer of ownership of the animal.

10. Rights and Responsibilities of the Organisers and Participants

10.1. The organisers, participants and visitors shall comply with biosecurity, fire safety and public order requirements, as well as with the safety measures established by the organisers.

10.2. The Exhibition shall be conducted in accordance with the event programme approved by the Committee (see **Annex 1**), which forms an integral part of these Regulations. The Committee reserves the right to make changes to the Exhibition programme.

10.3. The Committee shall:

- ensure the organisation of the Exhibition, the housing of animals, the conduct of judging and the maintenance of general order within the Exhibition premises;
- ensure the supervision of exhibited animals during the Exhibition, but shall not assume financial liability for illness, death, injury, theft or escape of animals, or for other losses resulting from force majeure, the individual characteristics or behaviour of an animal, or the actions of third parties;
- have the right to remove from the Exhibition premises any person who:
 - violates the requirements of these Regulations;
 - fails to comply with the instructions of the organisers;
 - disrupts the Exhibition;
 - endangers the safety of persons or animals;
- process personal data in accordance with **Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR)** and other applicable legislation governing the protection of personal data.

10.4. Participants shall:

- comply with all requirements of these Regulations;
- keep their exhibition area clean and orderly and comply with the instructions of the organisers, judges and the Exhibition veterinarian;
- clean and restore their exhibition area after removing their animals at the end of the Exhibition, remove all bedding and dispose of it in the designated area.

11. Final Provisions

11.1. These Regulations shall be approved by the Exhibition Committee and shall enter into force on the date of their approval.

11.2. The Committee shall have the right to amend these Regulations where required due to changes in applicable legislation, veterinary or biosecurity requirements, force majeure, or other objective circumstances. Participants shall be informed of any material amendments through the organisers' official information channels.

11.3. Any matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the Exhibition Committee in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia, animal welfare principles, and established international exhibition practices.

11.4. Any disputes that cannot be resolved through mutual negotiations shall be settled in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia.

These Regulations were approved on 15 August 2026.



ANNEXES

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Programme of the 2nd Madona International Poultry and Rabbit Exhibition and Market

Date	Time	Programme
22 October 2026	12:00–18:00	Animal admission and veterinary inspection
23 October 2026	10:00–18:00	Judging
24 October 2026	08:00–17:00	Exhibition
	10:00–10:30	Official opening ceremony
	10:30–11:00	Awards ceremony
25 October 2026	09:00–14:00	Exhibition
	14:30–15:00	Removal of animals



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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EXHIBITION

1. Information about the Animal Owner / Keeper

Participant status:

☐ Natural person☐ Legal person

First name, surname / name of legal entity:

Address:

Registration number (for legal entities):

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Country:

Holding number (LV):

Herd number (LV):

2. Poultry Entered in the Exhibition

No.	Breed	Breed variety / colour	Sex	Age group (young/adult)	Identification ring No.
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

3. Rabbits Entered in the Exhibition

No.	Breed	Breed/ colour variety	Sex	Age group	Identification tattoo
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
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10.					
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4. Participation Fee

The fee for each animal entered for judging is **EUR 5.00 (five euros and 00 cents)**.

Total number of animals entered:

Total participation fee:

EUR:

By **4 October 2026**, the participant shall make an advance payment amounting to **50% of the total participation fee**. The remaining 50% of the participation fee shall be paid no later than on the day the animals are admitted to the Exhibition. The advance payment shall be credited towards the total participation fee.

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6. Participant's Declaration

By submitting this application, I confirm that:

- the information provided in this application is true and complete;
- the animals entered are registered in accordance with the applicable legal requirements of the respective country;
- I have read the Exhibition Regulations and undertake to comply with all requirements contained therein;
- I have been informed that, once the reservation has been confirmed, the advance payment will not be refunded if I withdraw from participation or fail to attend the Exhibition;
- at the request of the Committee, I will provide any additional information or clarification required.

Date:

Name and Surname:

Submission of the application from the participant's stated e-mail address together with payment of the advance payment shall constitute confirmation that the participant has read the Exhibition Regulations, agrees to their terms and undertakes to comply with them. A separate signature is not required for an application submitted electronically.

Application Submission

The completed application and payment confirmation shall be submitted electronically to:

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Veterinary Documentation for International Participants

Participants from other countries are kindly requested to contact the competent veterinary authority in their country of origin and arrange the required veterinary health certificate in the TRACES NT system prior to transporting animals to the Exhibition.

All required veterinary documentation must accompany the animals upon arrival at the Exhibition.



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