



**FEIF Conference 2019
Delegates' Assembly 2019
Invitation**

December 2018

Invitation to the Conference

Dear Icelandic horse friends,

You are hereby invited to the FEIF Conference 2019, which will be held in Berlin, Germany, February 1-2, 2019. The conference is organised in cooperation between IPZV e.V. and FEIF. Thank you to IPZV for the help with the organisation!

Conference 2019

The intention of the yearly conference is that as many representatives as possible from each member country can take part in specific and general discussions but also meet colleagues from other departments and through that contact get inspiration and benchmark from how things are done in other member countries.

During the last years some countries also sent their general secretary or other employed persons, and we would strongly emphasize, that they are hereby invited as well. A special invitation is expressed to the **PR members** of the countries with the intention of providing a window into the workings of FEIF as we celebrate FEIF's 50th birthday in 2019. If there is sufficient interest from the various PR persons, the board will arrange a dedicated question/answer session as well as times to meet with the various departments.

The Conference will start with the

FEIF Delegates' Assembly on Friday February 1, 2019 at 12:00.

Immediately after the Delegates' Assembly the **FEIF Conference will start on Friday, February 1, 14:30** and will end officially on Saturday, February 2, 2019 around 17:00. After the end of the conference we hope that you will join the common evening (additional offer) that will be arranged by IPZV.

On Sunday the organisers of the World Championships will be happy to offer you a tour to the WC area and answer any questions and help with arrangements for your teams.

Preliminary programme (a detailed agenda will be sent out before the Conference)

Friday, February 1, 2019

- 12:00 Delegates' Assembly (DA)
- 14:30 Opening of the conference

Saturday, February 2, 2019

- 08.30 Annual meetings
- 13:00 panel meetings
- 15:00 Annual meetings

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Possibility to visit the WC area - Further information will be provided by the WC organizer in February.



Accommodation and Conference Hotel

Hotel ABACUS Tierpark Hotel

Franz-Mett-Straße 3-9
10 319 Berlin, Germany
Telefon: +49(0)30-5162-0

There are (a limited number of) single and twin bed rooms available. Please inform us about your wishes concerning sharing of rooms (see registration form – please return 1 form per country to the FEIF Office: office@feif.org) **by January 1, 2019 the latest!** (receipt before this deadline is appreciated 😊)

Rooms will be booked by the FEIF Office, please use attached registration form.

Finance

The price per participant for the conference (Friday – Saturday) is €335.- per person in a 2-bed room (if you prefer to stay in a single room it is additional €50.- per night), including VAT. The Conference fee includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday, meeting rooms, technical equipment, morning and afternoon breaks, etc. and accommodation from Friday to Saturday (1 night, double room).

If you decide to stay until Sunday to join the evening event in Berlin, the additional night including dinner will be €120,- per person in a single room and €85.- per person in a double room. Participation without accommodation will be 285,-

If you arrive before Friday or if you wish to stay longer than Saturday (without dinner), the price of accommodation at Hotel ABACUS Tierpark Hotel is €90.- Euro for a single room/night, €65,- per person for a two bed room/night.

Invoices will be sent directly to the countries.

The rooming lists are expected on January 2, 2019 and the hotel can require proof of identification upon check in. Cancellation of rooms and participation in the conference can be done without costs until three weeks before the start date of the conference. After January 10, 2019 a fee will be charged to FEIF and the complete conference fee will be invoiced. Participants may be substituted at any time before the conference without additional cost as long as the room arrangements remain the same.

Please note that no paper copies of the invitations and documents will be distributed at the conference.



Agenda and Invitation Delegates' Assembly 2019

To:
Delegates of the Member Countries
FEIF Board

December, 2018

I'd like to invite you for the Annual Delegates' Assembly, to be held during the FEIF Conference, February 1st, Berlin, Germany.

The agenda for the Delegates' Assembly is as follows:

- 1. Approval of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the Delegates Assembly 2018**
- 3. Determination of the persons entitled to vote**
- 4. Approval of the annual report of the FEIF Board**
- 5. Approval of the auditor's report**
- 6. Release the Board from its responsibilities**
- 7. Elections**

 **Board of FEIF**

- Gunnar Sturluson to be elected for 2 years
- Gundula Sharman to be elected for 2 years
- Mia Estermann to be elected for 2 years
- Nomination of Even Hedland, Norway to the FEIF Board as additional board member (Proposal: Swedish Icelandic Horse Association (SIF) and the board of the Norwegian Icelandic Horse Association (NIHF))

Motivation: The work and development of FEIF is of huge importance for all national Icelandic Horse Associations. The board of FEIF is doing a good job in supporting our associations which we very much appreciate. To improve this even more and to strengthen the focus on development of FEIF, at the same time ensuring succession of board members, we suggest that the board is complemented by one more board member using the FEIF statutes 5.2. (additional board member).

Even Hedland is the chairman of the Norwegian Icelandic Horse Association and has been so for in total 11 years. His focus has been on organizational development, long-term funding of NIHF and quality assurance throughout all parts of the association. He is known for his democratic leadership and relationship building, at the same time being very result oriented. Even Hedland was the chairman of the Nordic Icelandic Horse Association arranging the World Championships 2015. Leading this huge project, his ability to manage people and projects was very useful. He has also been an active part of the establishment of the Nordic Icelandic Horse Collaboration.

Even Hedland has been involved in Icelandic horses since 1983 and has a broad knowledge and experience. He was the chairperson of a local Icelandic horse club from 1996-99 and has since then been involved on a national level. He was working as a teacher within the field of agroculture/forestry for 11 years but now he works in the field of HR in a Nordic construction company.

⊗ **Arbitration Council**

- Jens Iversen to be elected for 3 years

⊗ **Disciplinary Board**

According to the FEIF rules and regulations, doping rules require to have a disciplinary committee of at least three persons from different countries aside from the Arbitration Council to handle doping cases

- Caroline van de Bunt, veterinarian, Netherlands - to be elected for 3 years

Caroline van de Bunt graduated in 1992 from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Utrecht. From an early age she knew that she wanted to become a veterinarian. After having gained four years of experience in various practices throughout the country, she was established in 1996 at Dierenartsenpraktijk Kennemerland. Caroline is a FEIF International Sport Judge and was the Chief Veterinarian at the World Championships 2017.

- Ólafur Arinbjörn Sigurðsson, attorney at law, Iceland - to be elected for 2 years

Ólafur Arinbjörn Sigurðsson is an attorney in Reykjavík, and was active leisure rider until some years ago.

Ólafur's practice is mainly concentrated on corporate finance and capital markets, restructuring, corporate, M&A and energy related work, acting for leading corporate clients. His practice focuses on advice on listing rules and company compliance. Ólafur is appraised as a leading lawyer in his field by Chambers Europe and Chambers Global since 2011

- Annette Hodel, lawyer, Switzerland – to be elected for 1 year

Annette is 44 years old and lives in Berne, Switzerland with her family. She studied law and is now working as a lawyer for the city of Berne. She has owned Icelandic horses for about 30 years. As a rider she belongs to the group of active leisure riders with some sport ambitions.

She has a license as international sport judge since 2000 and as Icelandic horse trainer since 2005. She was Board member as well as member of the sport committee in the Swiss Association and was also involved in legal questions concerning the Swiss Association for many years.

⊗ **Confirmation of State authorized accountant, 2018/19**

- Lárus Finnbogasson, Iceland

8. Proposals

9. Establishment of the annual contributions

10. Decision /vote on FEIF budget

11. Miscellaneous



Annual report from the Board of FEIF 2018

Although it was a year without World Championships for FEIF, the number of events, meetings, seminars, workshops and working groups has increased enormously and really kept us more than busy.

The board of FEIF had three face-to-face meetings (during the Conference 2018 in Stockholm, after Landsmót and during the committee meetings in Berlin). In addition, the board had monthly Skype meetings to ensure that important topics were discussed and agreed as quick as possible.

Facts and Figures

Based on the FEIF questionnaires, that were for the first time sent out as online questionnaires and split into a general questionnaire and several department questionnaires, the FEIF facts and figures for 2018 are available on the FEIF website:

<https://www.feif.org/FEIF/Factsandfigures.aspx>

The associations' assumptions regarding the general trend regarding future developments of the Icelandic horse in the FEIF member countries is positive or static, no country reported negative developments. The general questionnaire template offered the possibility to inform FEIF further about developments, activities and problems – this feedback is an important source of information for FEIF!

FEIF turns 50!

Preparations for the 50th anniversary of FEIF have started in 2018 and the so-called FEIF history work group (Jens Iversen, Tone Kolnes and Kristin Schmidt) as well as the FEIF board members are working on several projects, including a FEIF anniversary web app with time stamps and locations of all bigger events over the last 50 years, a printed booklet, an insert for the World Championship programme and more.

World Championships 2019 and 2021

Preparations for the World Championships 2019 are well under way and we hope to meet you all from August 4-11, 2019 in Pferdesportpark Karlshorst. You would like to buy tickets - <https://wm2019.berlin/index.php/tickets-en.html> Or you would like to experience and support the World Championship in a large, colourful team as a volunteer? <https://wm2019.berlin/index.php/information-kopie.html> You haven't organised organisation so far? <https://wm2019.berlin/index.php/hotels-en.html>

And in 2021 we will meet again in Herning, Denmark – the agreement to organise the World Championships 2021 in Herning (Denmark) was finally signed in July 2018 between FEIF and Hestar Event ApS in Denmark,

... and next to come, World Championships 2023

To avoid time-critical decisions we will try to publish the invitation to apply for the World Championships 2023 as early as possible to give all interested parties enough time to consider the details.

Seminars and projects 2018

The first and the last event of 2018 were **Young Leader Seminars** in Germany (January 2018) and in Iceland (November 2018).

25 people from 7 member countries came together in Berlar, Germany, for the **2nd ever Young Leader Seminar**. The programme consisted of a mixture of workshops such as team building, non-competitive games, developing communication skills, and lectures on 'How to Deal with the Parents' and 'How Horses Learn'.

The **3rd Young Leaders' Seminar** took place under the sun-lit and balmy skies of Southern Iceland. 23 participants came together to learn about and develop communication and leadership skills. The programme consisted of a mixture of lectures, icebreaker and other social games and role-play exercises, and it is amazing how much each participant can learn about themselves and others in just two days.

Again and again, Icelandic horse lovers show that this sort of events, when we come together, learn together and laugh together, make new friends and strengthen the bonds between young people from different countries and cultures are worth much more than the programme interesting and stimulating as this may be.

More than 60 international and national sport judges attended the **FEIF Sport Judges' seminar** in Rieden, the location of the World Championships 1999, that took place during the World Tölt event in Germany, March 16-18, 2018. Main focus of the seminar was on pace (practical judging and video analysis based on World Tölt presentations) and the guideline on the new test F3. The **FEIF Breeding Judges** had their bi-annual seminar at Hvanneyri, Iceland in March 2018 with 29 judges attending the seminar.

And also, in March, on March 25, a varied, top class FEIF Education/Trainer seminar, took place in Hólar. The topic "Teaching to teach, a systematic approach to education of riding teachers, trainers and instructors" was presented in a very comprehensive and systematic way with many examples from the daily life of a riding instructor and trainer.

All these seminars would never be possible without the contribution and organization work of volunteers, committee members and lecturers from our Icelandic horse community.

In April 2018 the **8th Breeding Horse Trainer Seminar** took place in Iceland and was for the first time split into two levels, one for new participants and the second one for re-visiting participants. Both seminars addressed riders who train and present breeding horses in a professional way and who are interested in further education and training and in an exchange of experiences. Main topics were the theory of FEIF breeding evaluations, training and management for showing breeding horses, presentations of the horse in hand, riding and testing of different horses with video analysis and discussions with well-known breeding horse riders and judges. The seminar was limited to the age group 18-30 years.

The 13th FEIF YouthCup took place in Axvall, Sweden, a full week from end of July to beginning of August. Apart from the fact that it was a great competition, perfectly organized by SIF and many volunteers from the Swedish member association, new friendships were formed, everyone learnt that you can always do things slightly differently - and many a participant will go home speaking English much more confidently than before.

In September 2018 the FEIF sport department in co-operation with the FEIF Sport Judges Committee conducted a **Sport Judge license examination** at Kronshof (Germany), three candidates passed to become the newest FEIF International Sport Judges.

In cooperation with the Icelandic Farmers Association (BÍ) FEIF offered a technical workshop for WorldFengur Registrars and persons working with WF and the registration of horses in October 2018 in Berlin. The workshop provided a unique opportunity to meet and to exchange experiences and best practices and will hopefully contribute to better networking in the future.

Projects and Activities 2018

Apart from the seminars organised in 2018, there were several projects where FEIF was involved or took the lead in the organisation.

FEIF is a partner of the international marketing project '**Horses of Iceland**'. The objective of the initiative is to make more people aware of the good qualities of the Icelandic horse, all over the world. The focus will not only be on the horse itself, but also on services, and horse related products, with the aim to enlarge the Icelandic horse community and to have more profitable businesses in this industry. <http://www.horsesoficeland.is/>

The FEIF virtual 'Ride to Reykjavík' came to an end with the beginning of Landsmót in July, '**BACK TO BERLIN**' is the name of the FEIF virtual ride to Berlin, home to the World Championships of the Icelandic horse, 4-11th August 2019. Riders start from home - wherever that is - and ride in the direction of Berlin to be part of the biggest festival of the Icelandic horse in 2019. This is the **7th year of the virtual ride**, which takes Icelandic horse riders from all over the world to the central event of any given year: Berlin, DE in 2013, Landsmót at Hella 2014, Herning, DK 2015, Landsmót at Hólar 2016, Oirschot, NL 2018, Landsmót in Reykjavík 2018 and now Berlin, DE in 2019.

The **WorldRanking season 2018** ended in late October 2018 with the WorldRanking event in Belgium, Wedstrijden Wortel oktoberwedstrijd - Enclavehof, Wortel. 12 countries registered results of 97 WorldRanking events fulfilling the requirements set for these events. 9,453 marks and times were registered from more than 2,091 riders from all FEIF member countries.

In addition FEIF provided information for national rankings for Denmark, Iceland and Sweden. <https://www.feif.org/Sport/WorldRanking/WorldRankingStatistics.aspx>

The **European Horse Network** is a network to exchange views on political developments affecting the horse sector in Europe, to discuss and define common interests on the political agenda, to discuss and define technical and R&D issues of common interest to move for development of the horse sector in Europe, to increase the visibility and impact of the horse sector in Europe and horse welfare in all its aspects. FEIF is one of the founding members of the European Horse Network and participates in the meetings of EHN.

Main EHN topics for 2018 were the consequences of BREXIT and to a large extent on the future of the horse industry with emphasis on programmes for young riders. Thus it seems that FEIF is on the right way regarding the future with programmes for young riders, young trainers, young leaders and young members in committees. In addition, discussions and work concentrated on further collaboration with the European Commission on insurance topics, lobbying issues as well as the impact of equines in agriculture and the importance of trade and movements of horses in EU.

For FEIF the most interesting items were legal aspects in horse registration as they could affect the position of FEIF member associations. Among them the new EU General Data Protection Rule (GDPR), effective as of May 2018 that concerns the data handling and issuing of horse passports,



which might allow other parties to issue passports for Icelandic horses (EU rules about an open market). In some countries regional studbooks not connected to specific breeds are exploring the option to work across borders (EU rule about open borders) which has a drawback that WF issues IDs according to the rule that the soil where the horse is born is leading, while sport horse breeders use the breeding association as leading, independent of the location the horse is born.

The **WorldFengur** Annual Report 2017 can be found on the FEIF website under <https://www.feif.org/files/documents/WorldFengurReport2017.pdf> and it contains information on the main projects that were completed and several statistics on foals and assessed horses, export figures, development of subscription figures and WF registrar activities and more. WorldFengur continues to improve the services provided to FEIF members with new features. <http://www.worldfengur.com>

Awards

The Award '**FEIF Youth Country of the year 2017**' went to Denmark. They set themselves up early in 2017, when there was practically no infrastructure for youth work. After the seed of a new determination to do something for the young Danish riders had been planted in the minds of a small group of Danish participants at the FEIF young Leaders' seminar in 2016, Sweden there was no stopping them. Within their first year of existence, the newly formed working group had organised the Danish Youth Cup, a week-long event involving 48 riders, trainers, judges and large numbers of competent and eager volunteers. Speaking the language of today's teenagers, they now have an inspiring Instagram account with goes to a different horse professional every month, offering a glimpse into the lives of our role models. And most importantly, a sense of community, of purpose and of vision has been created from the sheer will power, enthusiasm and pragmatism of the young people involved. All reports received can be found on the FEIF website:

https://www.feif.org/files/documents/YCountry_Report2017.pdf

The invitation and requirements for application for 2018 can be found on the last two pages of the document, good luck!

In 2018 FEIF invited all member countries for the second time to nominate candidates for the best FEIF instructor/trainer. The voting period was then open in January 2018 and at the FEIF Conference the trainer of the year 2017 was officially announced. The **FEIF Trainer of the Year Award 2017** went to Alexandra Dannenmann from the United States of America, one of the smaller FEIF member countries considering the number of members. Congratulations!

The **FEIF Feather Prize 2018 was handed out at the FEIF YouthCup 2018 and** was awarded to Philip Fricke from Germany with Freypór frá Ásbrú. The aim of this prize is to encourage good riding and good horsemanship, a tribute to feather light riding. The awarded rider set an example to the Icelandic Horse World. <https://www.feif.org/FEIF/FEIFFeatherPrize.aspx>

FEIF congratulates the 111 riders who have been nominated for **Good and Harmonious Riding in the 2018 competition season**. Thank you to all riders listed for being such excellent examples of the type of riding we hope to see in our sport!

<https://www.feif.org/Sport/GoodandHarmoniousRiding.aspx>

For further information on events, seminars and activities in 2018 please see the reports of each department in this document.

Apart from all these events, seminars and work groups, there are even more activities, do you know the **different apps** that might be useful for you? Both sport support apps have been updated for the 2018 rules.

The Guidelines app (<https://appstore.com/dougsmith/guidelines>) is a training tool for using the fire-wall system of the Sport Judges Guidelines.

The Timer app (<https://appstore.com/dougsmith/fipotimer>) supports competition organizers and judges control the time horses are asked to perform each part of a test.

AppFengur has been designed by Rusticity ehf. in cooperation with the Icelandic Farmers Association, home of WorldFengur. All WorldFengur subscribers can log onto AppFengur with their WF user name and password.

FEIF is on **FaceBook** as you might know, and we **are now** on **Instagram!** Follow us on **Instagram** @feiforg

And the Future? Why change something? → to make it better, AND?

As a first step the participants of the committee meetings sat out to review the (committee) structures of FEIF, with questions like how to make the committee work more (cost) effective? How to attract new (younger) people to work within FEIF. But the discussion soon focused on the bigger picture of: Why do we do, what we do? "Whom do we serve?, and For the next 20 years – is the focus still relevant for current developments? What do we want to look like in 20 years?

Finally, we would like to thank all of you for your contribution, time and efforts. All the participation in voluntary work around FEIF and the member association is a task that is done out of pure interest and passion. Therefore, we have to bear in mind that this work has to be interesting, fun and rewarding for everyone involved. We are aware that it is necessary to involve new people all the time, and we welcome new ideas that come with the good people joining all our groups.

Gunnar Sturluson, FEIF President

On behalf of the Board of FEIF



Proposals

General/Statutes proposals – Delegates' Assembly 2019

Editorial note: Text to be added to the rules appears in *italics and red*. Text to be deleted appears ~~struck through~~. The rule number references given are either the current rule in the case of changed text or the new number in the case of a new rule. In the case of new rules, all subsequent rules will be renumbered as necessary.

Proposal from the Board of FEIF

NEW - Inclusion of Tölt in Harmony (TiH) into FEIF

The Board of FEIF has reached an agreement with Tölt in Harmony to take over the three levels. The Board proposes to add a new chapter, S5, to the Sport Rules and renumber all following chapters. (See separate document for complete pages to be added) If the Delegates' Assembly accepts this proposal, Tölt in Harmony will stop all work and FEIF will maintain these rules exclusively. To avoid confusion, the Board proposes the neutral name 'Figures' for these new tests.

G4 – Anti-doping Procedures

At the moment the rules include a description of the Disciplinary Board, Doping Prosecutor, and Registrar of Warnings and Bans as follows (page 30)

- FEIF will provide a Disciplinary Board (comparable to FEIF Arbitration Council), consisting of at least three persons from different countries, elected in a rotation schedule of 1 member to be elected every year by the Delegates' Assembly. The members of the disciplinary board elect their own chairman. When more than 3 persons are appointed the chairman decides which 3 members handle any specific case ('Hearing Panel').
- A specific official has to be appointed by the Board of FEIF to handle warnings, bans and doping cases ('prosecutor').

➤ The Board proposes to move the description into the statutes as it does not seem to be appropriate to have the details in two different documents and as it concerns the composition of FEIF, it belongs into the FEIF Statutes. See separate document for complete pages to be added

New chapter 5.5 and 5.6 – FEIF Statutes

The board of FEIF proposes to add a description of the required officials and the doping board to the statutes as follows:

5.5 Required Officials

The Board of FEIF shall designate a person or persons to fulfil the following roles:

5.5.1 Registrar of Warnings, Bans and Suspensions

This individual is appointed annually by the Board of FEIF to uniformly oversee the publication of Warnings, Bans, and Suspensions as determined by the Arbitration Council or reported by a member association.

5.5.2 Doping Prosecutor

This individual is appointed on a case-by-case basis when the Board of FEIF is informed of a positive finding in a doping sample when FEIF is the responsible authority for doping at a specific event.

The Doping Prosecutor is responsible for managing the doping case as it is presented to a Hearing Panel (Article 5.6) and possible appeal to the Arbitration Council (Article 5.7.1.4).

5.6 The Disciplinary Board

- *FEIF will provide a Disciplinary Board, consisting of at least three persons from different countries, elected in a rotation schedule of 1 member to be elected every year by the Delegates' Assembly. The members of the board elect their own chairman. The Doping Board is responsible for adjudicating all positive findings in doping samples when FEIF is the responsible authority for a specific Sport, Gæðingakeppni, or Breeding event. When the Board consists of more than 3 persons, the chairman shall decide which 3 members will act as the Hearing Panel for any specific case. At least one member of this Disciplinary Board should be a practicing equine veterinarian.*

Consequently the text on Arbitration Council's role in doping cases shall be changed:

5.7.1.4 Matters that relate to doping of horses.

The Arbitration Council shall resolve appeals of the decisions made by the FEIF Doping Hearing Panel.

Editorial changes to the statutes:

- *Move Arbitration Council down in the document [change is only editorial]*
- *Make a new Chapter from the Objections and Arbitration rules [change is only editorial]*
- *Make a new Chapter from Warning and Bans. [change is only editorial]*

G1.6 -- Suspension of Officials

The Board proposes add a new section to G1 with the following text.

Any person serving FEIF in an official capacity including Board members, Committee members, persons elected by the Delegates' assembly, persons appointed by the Board of FEIF, and judges licensed by FEIF shall be placed on provisional suspension when under criminal charge for a violent or sexual offense. The suspension shall be made permanent if the person in question is convicted of the offense. All officials are obliged to self-report charges and convictions. Failure to do so shall result in an immediate, permanent suspension.

Breeding proposals - Delegates' Assembly 2019

1. G1.4 - Veterinary Rules

At breeding shows the horses are first measured and inspected quite thoroughly with respect to injuries and general health status. Moreover, when judged for conformation the horses are led back and forth, both in walk and trot, where it should be obvious to experienced judges if the horse is not fit (for example lame). Hence the responsibility for the health and well-being of the horses lies with the judges and the ring master.

The breeding leader meeting proposes the following changes:

At international **events competitions**, i.e. all **events competitions** open for national and international riders, an official veterinary surgeon, who is responsible for the good health and well-being of the Icelandic horses taking part, must be appointed.

The horses taking part in Icelandic horse **events competitions** must be free from any infectious or contagious disease and must not come from infected stock. Proof that the vaccination requirements according to the Veterinary Rules of FEI have been adhered to must be provided on request.

2. G7.3.1. - Participating horses in breeding shows

Regarding this new requirement, that mares and geldings have a DNA analysis registered in WorldFengur, the time has come to ensure that all horses that are presented at breeding shows have correctly registered pedigrees. This of great importance regarding the BLUP calculations; correct pedigrees being one of the standard requirements for a correctly run BLUP calculation.

- All horses presented at breeding shows should be well prepared, sound and fit, well fed and well turned out. Artificial methods to alter the natural expression of the horse are not allowed. If the horse is judged for riding abilities it must be at least 4 year old in the calendar year.
- All horses presented at breeding shows need to be registered in the WorldFengur database and individually marked (micro-chipped). The show staff is responsible for reading the marking and comparing it to the registration information on the horse.
- All stallions presented for judgement must have proof of parentage either by blood type or DNA analysis. All stallions presented for judgement and are born from the year 2006 must have a proof of parentage by DNA analysis on both the father and the mother.

- *All mares and geldings presented for assessment must have DNA analysis registered in WorldFengur.*
- The control/measurement of testicles shall be made by the responsible person, appointed by the show manager, and under responsibility of the judge panel. The measures for statistical reasons can be taken by one person, who is trained for the whole procedure. The measurement of testicles was *is described in B11.1.4.* under “General health control”

3. G9.1.2. Tracks for judgement of gaits/ridden abilities

Motivation: The range of 25-40 meters is too wide for a standardized overview of judges between shows.

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Judges need good working facilities and a clear view of the track, about 25-~~30~~ 40m away from the track.

4. B3.2. – Measurement

Motivation: All horses that are coming to the shows should be measured in the same way for a standard gathering of information.

- All ~~stallions~~ *horses* shall be measured with a measuring tape, a measuring stick and callipers at all measuring points described (see Addendum 2: Body Measurements).
- ~~Mares and geldings shall be measured at least at the following points: A tape measurement of the circumference of the front knee and front leg, a stick measurement of the highest point at the withers, croup, depth of breast and length. Hoof length shall be measured on all horses.~~

5. B3.5.3. - Second Assessment

It is of importance to see how the horse reacts when ridden in a group for the trait spirit and it is important to be able to lower the mark for this trait in the second assessment in order to give out more correct information for the horses. The trait spirit is different from the other traits in this respect.

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- The judges can raise individual marks of a horse, if the horse improves its performance from the previous one. The marks cannot be lowered in the second assessment, *except for the trait Spirit (see B11.1.5).*

In case B3.5.3 is adapted by the delegates, B11.1.5 will be adapted accordingly to clarify and standardise how this should be handled by judges.

B11.1.5 – FEIF working rules for breeding shows

6. Regarding the lowering of the score for spirit at the second assessment, it is allowed if the horse is showing obvious signs of disobedience, lack of control and much nervousness.

6. B3.6 – Results

Motivation: This is the way it is done now, and it is important to standardize this procedure between shows

- All marks must be made known to the riders not later than before the second assessment of ridden abilities. *Marks for conformation can be made known directly after the assessment of conformation and the marks for riding abilities directly after the first assessment of riding abilities.*

7. B4.2.2 – Number

Motivation: This rule was implemented to make it easier for organizers of breeding shows to run the shows economically, this change is a further step in that direction.

Normally three judges work together at each breeding show and they reach a common agreement on each mark given.

Whenever the number of ridden horses in a show is 35 or fewer the organizer can choose to have only two FEIF licensed international Breeding judges.

8. B4.5 - Official Veterinary surgeon

Motivation: At breeding shows the horses are first measured and inspected quite thoroughly with respect to injuries and general health status. Moreover, when judged for conformation the horses are led back and forth, both in walk and trot, where it should be obvious to experienced judges if the horse is not fit (for example lame). Hence the responsibility for the health and well-being of the horses lies with the judges and the ring master.

~~• B4.5 - Official Veterinary surgeon~~

~~• At international breeding shows an official veterinarian is responsible for the good health and wellbeing of the Icelandic horses taking part. This job should be performed by a veterinarian with specific knowledge about the Icelandic horse and the FEIF Rules and Regulations.~~

9. B5.1 – Eligibility

Motivation: This change is made to simplify the rule and update it.

~~Breeding shows are open to horses registered in a recognised studbook in a FEIF member country.~~

~~FEIF may approve other limitations requested by show organisers, such as the maximum number from each nation state or some quality control of the horses.~~

Breeding shows are open to horses registered in WorldFengur that fulfil other requirements stated in the rules and regulations of FEIF.

10. B5.2 – Classes

Motivation: This change makes the running of a breeding show easier for organizers and riders.

Stallions, *geldings* and mares ~~will~~ *can* be shown in separate classes in the following age groups:

- a) 4 years old
- b) 5 years old
- c) 6 years old
- d) 7 years and older

~~Geldings will be shown in one age group.~~

11. B5.3 - Starting numbers

Motivation: As the procedure is today with the breeding shows there is not a need to mark the horses or riders with starting numbers. The person responsible for showing the horse gets the assessment form from the ring master and brings it to the judges. On the assessment form the name and registration number of the horse is included so there is no risk that the judges will not know the name of the horse. In most countries the starting numbers have not been used for years and in some countries they have never been used.

~~• B5.3 – Starting numbers~~

~~Each horse is registered in the show program with a starting number. This number shall be clearly visible on the person presenting the horse for conformation assessment and on the rider during assessment of ridden abilities.~~

12. B6.2 - Judges' Panel

Motivation: Recent updates of the code of conduct for breeding judges makes it more frequent that a judge needs to step out of the judge's panel because of relationships with the horse, rider, breeder etc.

The FEIF Director of Breeding and the Breeding Judges Committee shall be responsible for the selection of the judges' panel *with 3 judges and one reserve judge* and shall inform the organisers of their decision by *February 1 the latest*.

Sport Proposals – Delegates Assembly 2018

1. Allow detail marks to be shown in preliminary rounds when possible.

Change of S2.2.1 Preliminary rounds

The judges use a scale of marks per section from 0.0 to 10.0 (inclusive), with half points. Their final mark is rounded to one decimal place. In tests with only two sections judges are allowed to add or detract 0.1 from this final mark. In addition, judges are allowed to deduct up to 2.0 (with half points) from the final mark for bad riding and/or rough aids. Only the final mark is shown. *If technically possible, the single marks per section may be shown.* With 5 judges the highest and lowest final mark will be disregarded. The final

score calculated by the secretariat is the arithmetic mean of the three *final* marks, rounded to two decimal places. Rounding is done following the common mathematical rules.

2. World Championships Judge Selection

The Sport Leaders, Sport Judges Committee and Sport Committee fully support updating the selection rules for World Championships Judges in S6.4.2 to:

- Allow the selection committee full discretion in selecting the best jury without demand to declare any specific ranking or procedure;
- Reduce the jury to 10 judges. The working demands do not justify having extra judges to rotate in and out during the event;
- Remove limit of judges per country of residence. All eligible judges represent FEIF not their country of residence. We are past the times where we are so concerned about nationalistic judging as a common practice.

Changed Text (S6.4.2):

In addition to the chief judge and the deputy chief judge a group of ~~13~~ **10** judges will be appointed to judge the World Championships. All judges must have been FEIF licensed international sport judges for a period of at least one year prior to their appointment. They also must have judged at least five FEIF WorldRanking events in the period of one year prior to their appointment.

The judges will be selected by a special selection committee of three; consisting of the World Championships Chief judge, one representative of the FEIF sport judges committee and one representative of the FEIF sport committee. The judges will be selected from a list of all entitled FEIF licensed international sport judges who have declared themselves available to the selection committee. ~~The committee selects judges based upon the guidelines set and published before the start of the selection procedure. Not more than three judges residing in the same country shall adjudicate the same World Championship.~~ A member of the selection committee can't be a judge at that same event.

3. World Championships Reserve Judge Selection

The Sport and Sport Judges Committees recommend the idea of reserve judges be replaced with "replacement" judges who are selected as needed when an announced member of the jury must step out for any reason. These judges can be quietly pre-selected by the selection committee or the committee can reconvene as needed at their discretion.

New Text (added to the end of S6.4.2):

The selection committee may select replacement judges as needed if a member of the World Championships jury must resign his position. The replacements are expected to attend all future judges' meetings but are excused from any meetings held before their selection.

4. Measurement of World Championships Tracks

Discharge the chief judge from the obligation of measuring the tracks in S6.4.1. Normally, tracks are measured by specialists using GPS technology. This is accomplished well in advance of the arrival of the Chief Judge. It is more practical to expect the Director of Sport to confirm the measurements with the Organizer.

Deleted Text (S6.4.1):

The responsibilities of the Chief Judge are as follows:

- to uphold the interests of the Judges at the competition;
- to head the Judges' meetings and briefing before, during and after the competition;
- supervise the shoeing control and the control of tack (ring stewards);
- ~~measure and check that the tracks meet the requirements.~~
- to submit a written report on the competition to the FEIF board.

5. B-finals for Young Riders in World Championships

To make B-finals for Young Riders during World Championships possible the text on S6.11 is changed:

S6.11 Tests

The World Championship tests are as follows: T1, T2, V1, F1, P1, PP1, and P2. The tests will be carried out according to the current FEIF Sport Rules and are judged according to the current Sport Judges' Guidelines.

5 Judges judge all oval track tests. The Pace Race (P1) will be conducted in 4 runs.

~~There shall be A-finals in oval track tests for Young Riders and both A- and B-finals in oval track tests in the adult age class unless decided otherwise.~~

Adult age class: there shall be A- and B-finals in oval track unless decided otherwise.

Young Riders class: there shall be A-finals in oval track test. For B-finals a minimum of 21 Young Riders in the preliminaries are required, unless decided otherwise.

6. Circling / backing on the oval track (S1.6)

The Sport Committee recalls a clear rule about intentionally backing the horses or taking extra circles on the oval track without permission from the speaker. After digging into old versions of FIPO we cannot find that text.

Added Text (S1.6):

A combination shall be eliminated if:

- the rider falls from his horse or dismounts without permission;
- the horse leaves the oval-track between entering the track and the beginning of the test;
- the horse leaves the oval-track between the end of the test and the final exit from the track;

- the horse leaves the oval track between the beginning and the end of a test;
- the horse crosses its own line on the pace track after the horse has been called in by the speaker;
- *the horse is ridden in a circle or clearly asked to back in a preliminary round on the oval track unless instructed the speaker;*
- the horse shows serious disobedience;¹
- the horse is unable to be checked when selected for an equipment check as determined by the Chief Judge and after being given ample opportunity to calm down before the check.

7. Voice signal used before starting from the starting box

Riders expect and deserve a calm, quiet environment at the starting box. To be completely consistent, the starter should say only “go” as the doors are opened.

New Text (added to the end of S3.6.1.5)

When the horses have entered the box and riders have mounted their horses the starter should give one verbal signal -- the word “go” -- when opening the doors. Otherwise, the starter shall remain as quiet as possible.

8. Mandatory electronic timekeeping at WorldRanking events

Given the high demands (video equipment) that are already set for accepting record times, the default demands for WorldRanking events should not be much lower.

The Sport Leaders believe the WorldRanking concept should aim for a high level of professionalism, hence they recommend making the use of electronic time keeping equipment mandatory in the pace disciplines.

Changed Text (S3.3)

Only the visual and not the acoustic signals are valid for time keeping. The use of electronic time keeping equipment *is recommended mandatory for WorldRanking competitions and recommended for all other events.*

New Text (S3.6.3.3 – new section. Following sections renumbered.)

¹ This rule is valid from the moment the horse is starting to enter the track to the moment the horse has left the track.

Electronic Timekeeping

If the electronic timekeeping system cannot provide a time for the second-place horse in a sprint the following table is used to calculate the time based on the first horse's time and the distance between the two horses at the finish line.

End Time	0.5m ²	1.0m ³	1.5m ⁴	2.0m	2.5m	3.0m
13.5 – 14.4	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.24
14.5 – 15.4	0.05	0.09	0.14	0.18	0.23	0.27
15.5 – 16.4	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.30
16.5 – 17.4	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.22	0.28	0.33
17.5 – 18.9	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.30	0.36
19.0 – 20.9	0.07	0.13	0.20	0.26	0.33	0.39
23.0 – 23.0	0.07	0.14	0.21	0.28	0.35	0.42

New Text (S3.6.1.9 – new section. Following sections renumbered.)

Electronic Timekeeping

If the electronic timekeeping system cannot provide a time for the second-place horse in a sprint the following table is used to calculate the time based on the first horse's time and the distance between the two horses at the finish line.

End Time	0.5m ⁵	1.0m ⁶	1.5m ⁷	2.0m	2.5m	3.0m
21.0 – 22.9	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.24
23.0 – 24.9	0.05	0.09	0.14	0.18	0.23	0.27
25.0 – 26.9	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.30
27.0 – 28.9	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.22	0.28	0.33
29.0 – 31.0	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.30	0.36

9. Loss of a shoe

Some riders do not want to have partial marks for preliminary rounds when a shoe is lost. In the interest of a consistent protocol for all riders the Sport Committee recommends the following change:

G8.3.2.3. Loss of a Shoe

If a horse loses a shoe or the shoeing becomes damaged during a test the rider must stop the performance. **If this occurs during a preliminary round the rider is eliminated from the class and no marks are given.** If this occurs in the finals or in a pace track class any marks and/or times earned before the loss of the shoe are kept including those from completed sections **or runs** of the current phase of the test. The rider receives a "0" for

² Approximately the length of the head.
³ Approximately the length of the head and neck.
⁴ Approximately half a horse length.
⁵ Approximately the length of the head.
⁶ Approximately the length of the head and neck.
⁷ Approximately half a horse length.

the remaining sections *but is not eliminated* of the current phase of the test but is not disqualified. A horse found to have lost a shoe in the equipment check is not disqualified.

10. Alternative Shoeing

The Sport Committee and Sport Leaders have discussed this topic for several years. A small but vocal group in our Iceland horse community very much want the change to participate but can/will only do so if alternative shoeing methods are allowed in Sport competition. The Sport Committee recommends the following be added to G8.3.2.2.:

G8.3.2.2.1 Alternative Shoes

All alternative shoes without filling are allowed as long as the weight does not exceed the weight of standard iron shoes. If the shoeing is glued, an identical spare must be available for inspection at the equipment check.

Proposals from the Member Countries – Delegates Assembly 2018

Sweden - Proposal for changes of the statutes of FEIF

The national board of the Swedish Icelandic Horse Association would like to suggest the following changes related to accounting principles and financial reporting (FEIF statutes chapter 5):

The budget should, when presented to the member countries, include at least two financial years ahead. This is important since the delegates' assembly approves the accounts from last year, four months after the books have been closed and the new budget year has started.

The accounts and budget should be presented on committee level and detailed information should be available for the member associations.

FEIF's financial reporting to the member countries should be carried out on quarterly basis.

Trial Proposal – Young committee members

Below are the details of the proposal to invite young persons (age 20-26) to serve on each of our standing FEIF committees. By reserving a place exclusively for a young person, we aim to add a new perspective to our work and to create a pool of young people who learn to better understand the work of FEIF. In the longer term, we hope that some of them will be willing and able to carry FEIF into the future. In the FEIF Youth Committee we have already had such a position since 2017, and this has proved to be very positive and enriching. The FEIF Board envisages to run this scheme for 4 years (February 2020 until 2024) on a trial basis. After that point it will be decided whether or not this is something we should formally integrate into our statutes.

Proposal

Young committee member (20-26 years old) - first principles:

In agreement with the Board of FEIF, the FEIF [Respective] Committee will invite applications, and select a candidate, who will then be invited to attend the FEIF Conference in February, and the committee meetings in October. The new position gives the candidate



the same voting rights and responsibilities as those of the existing members. The only difference is that this place on the committee is fixed term, and reserved for a young person. Once appointed, the young committee member may serve a maximum of 2 years, regardless of age, after which time s/he will have to stand down.

This position will be advertised as a news item, on social media and directly to national associations. Candidates apply directly to FEIF, and it is not necessary that the application is endorsed by the national association. The application must be submitted in writing, by submission of

- a CV (curriculum vitae) and
- a motivational letter, and
- the contact details of 2 referees.

Candidates might be interviewed on skype.

Ideally, the applicant is already familiar with the work of FEIF, having been at a FEIF event either as a participant, or a volunteer. The application should be sent to office@feif.org no later than 1st Nov. With the approval of the FEIF Board, the FEIF [Respective] Committee will invite the selected candidate to join the committee at the following February meeting, and to serve for the following 2 years.

Positions are available in the following committees:

- Breeding
- Education
- Leisure
- Sport
- Youthwork



Reports from the Departments



Report from the Breeding Department 2018

A very active breeding year lies behind and we can finally see a positive trend both in the number of foals born and number of horses assessed.

Meetings

The FEIF conference and the breeding leader meeting in Stockholm were very good meetings. The breeding leader meeting made many good decisions and is sending several proposals to DA 2019

At the annual committee meeting in Berlin, the breeding committee and breeding judge committee worked together. We had very good discussions and prepared several proposals for breeding leader meeting and the DA.

Main focus was on the new descriptions of the judging scale and also how much weight each trait shall have on the total score. There will be a presentation at the breeding leader meeting 2019 to explain the details. Based on this the work will continue and it's planned to present the final proposal in 2020. The Breeding leader meeting decided that FEIF will not interfere in the matter of cross-border cases any further, since it is considered to be the responsibility of the national stud-books.

The area for the World championship was inspected. It looks good and everything is according to the plans.

Seminars

In December 2017, a seminar for breeding leaders, members of the breeding committees and breeding judges was held in Reykjavik with 14 participants. Based on the evaluation of the seminar and the feedback received, it will be necessary to have a new seminar in 2019.

FEIF had 2 seminars at Skeidvellir for young trainers and riders of breeding horses.

In March 2018, 22 young people aged between 18 and 30 years from 8 FEIF countries attended the popular level I seminar. Skeidvellir is a great place to have such a seminar where the participants learn how to prepare and show horses at a breeding show. During the seminar the participants trained both to show horses by hand for conformation and twice showing the horse for riding ability on the pace track getting feedback from the teachers how to improve the presentation.

This year FEIF offered a seminar level II with 14 people from 6 countries. Most of the participants had already passed seminar level I but some riders with experience from showing horses before came straight to this seminar. This seminar is built on the same frame as seminar level I. There is more time to train and show the horses at this seminar and we use video of horses to discuss training, riding and judging of breeding horses.

Great thanks to Elsa Albertsdóttir and Olil Amble who were teachers at both seminars. From 2019 on these seminars are planned to be in the autumn to have better weather conditions and more trained horses available. This year the weather was just fantastic during both seminars.

As every second year FEIF offered a seminar for all breeding judges and 2018. Almost the complete group of breeding judges participated in the very good seminar held at Hvanneyri from March 22. – 23. A big thank you to Þorvaldur Kristjánsson and Heimir Gunnarsson for the organisation.



In October 2018 FEIF offered a technical workshop for WorldFengur Registrars and persons working with WF and the registration of horses in cooperation with the Icelandic Farmers Association (BÍ). The workshop provided a unique opportunity to meet and to exchange experiences and best practices and is supposed to contribute to better networking in the future. This seminar was the 5th WorldFengur Registrar meeting (2001, 2005, 2007, 2013, 2018). Thank you to Kristin Halldorsdottir for this great job together with the FEIF registration group that she is chairing.

Breeding committee

Frauke Schenzel, Marcus Ljungqvist, Þorvaldur Kristjánsson, John Siiger Hansen and Inge Kringeland

Breeding judge committee

Members are John Siiger Hansen, Heimir Gunnarsson, Rebecka Frey and Barbara Frische.

WorldFengur / FEIF registration group

Jón Baldur Lorange, WF director, and Kristin Halldorsdottir, chairwoman of the FEIF registration group, will deliver their individual reports at the breeding leaders meeting. The cooperation was as always a pleasure, very open minded and professional with great engagement.

Inge Kringeland
FEIF Director of Breeding



Report from the Education Department 2018

This report provides an overview of the activities and projects of the Education Committee, since our last conference in February 2018.

Meetings and Seminars

This year the most important event was the big trainer seminar with 65 participants in Hólar with the topic "Teaching to teach, a systematic approach to education of riding teachers, trainers and instructors". Perfect possibilities with a large seminar room, spacious riding hall with a screen for presentations during the practical performances, loudspeaker system and carefully selected riders and horses offered a great setting. The on-site accommodation and catering of the participants in Hólar facilitated the entire organization.

The topic was presented in a very comprehensive, varied and systematic way, with many examples from the daily life of a riding instructor and trainer. The international well-known riding instructors / trainers / riders from Hólar such as Mette Mannseth, Anton Pall Nielson, Toti Eymundsson and their colleague team excellently demonstrated, commented and explained in practice-oriented lectures different structures and approaches in teaching and training of rider and horse.

Other top-class, internationally renowned speakers for both practical and theoretical content were Islay Auty 'coaching- how riders learn', Lars Roepstorff 'Technical possibilities and future of riders' education', with both of them the participants have had an intensive exchange in communication between the lectures. Eyolfur Isolfsson gave a very lively lecture on the development of rider and horse training in Iceland in the past and presented the current state and procedure of training with emphasis on the value and care in riding and training transitions in a teaching demo with his riders.

Last but not least, the students of Hólar were an important element in the seminar - they were willing and highly motivated at all teaching demonstrations. Besides the regular work to answer questions from the member associations or trainers and help them in organisation/construction questions have been part of the yearly department work.

As well we cooperated with the FEIF Leisure Department concerning the Riding horse profile project.

Over the year the Education committee had one committee meeting in October in Berlin. After the October committee meeting the preparation of the first FEIF Examiner seminar and meeting has started, it will take place in Sweden November 2019.

Besides the contact and cooperation between international examiners and experts in educational matters of trainer education and tests starts to get closer.

As highlight of the year the FEIF Education department will again announce and honour the "Best FEIF Trainer/Instructor of the Year". The announcement and price giving will take place in Berlin at the FEIF conference.

This report would not be complete without thanks to the FEIF Education Committee and to my fellow directors of the FEIF Board and the FEIF Office team!

See you in Berlin.
Silke Feuchthofen,
FEIF Director of Education



Report from the Leisure Riding Department 2018

This report provides an overview of the activities of the Leisure Riding committee since the last conference.

As the new director of the committee and together with 2 members of the committee, 2 members left due to personal reason in the early beginning of the year, we based our work on the following questions: What is our committee expected to do? What are the countries expecting us to do? How does our work fit into the "vision, mission and goals" of FEIF? The outcome was a paper showing us in which direction we are going and how the Leisure Riding department meets the future. This paper and the actual and planned projects will be presented to the national directors of Leisure Riding in February. Our work should support the national association by their work for their leisure riders.

Here the most important parts of this strategy paper "FEIF LEISURE RIDING - VISSION, MISSION AND GOALS":

How are we going to realize this Mission and reach the following goals:

- FEIF goal: To support member and aspiring member associations to develop their infrastructure as the basis for growth.
- FEIF goal: To maintain and improve internal and external communication.
 - Encourage **every country to have a leisure riding committee** and sending at least one person to the FEIF conference.
 - **Update the website (Information platform)** where countries can find links to the national Leisure Riding departments. Chairing knowhow, ideas and information from other countries.
- FEIF goal: To organize large scale events, giving people an opportunity to enjoy Icelandic horse culture, riding and life style and to support and develop standards.
 - Building up an **FEIF Rider Camp (Meeting Platform) / FEIF Rider Seminar (Learning Platform)**. This will give the Leisure Riders the possibility to meet, learn and exchange on an international level.
- FEIF mission: We want to focus on horse welfare.
- FEIF goal: To put the welfare of the horse first in everything we do.
 - The **FEIF Horse Profile** will get a better match between horse and rider and get the rider closer to a trainer. Provide better understanding for the Icelandic Horse and spread more knowledge of riding the Icelandic Horse. To meet bad reputation by bad riding and disturbed horses.

Further the current version of the horse profile was updated to use the same expressions as in sport and breeding to make the use more compatible. The process was done together with the education committee. The renewed form will be published on the website after the FEIF Conference in February 2019.

To show the importance of buying the right horse we decided to produce a video about the Horse Profile. The script is already finished and the next steps to produce the video in co-operation with Horses of Iceland are in progress.



Conclusion

Our Strategy is to provide the countries with different platforms. This will support their work makes the national association more interesting and the number of members will increase.

The Committee

Today the committee consists of Michaela Haacke and Hlín Jóhannesdóttir, who have both contributed with their experience, knowhow and great ideas. Thank you all for your positive team spirit. We are happy to welcome the new members in February.

Mia Estermann-Mölldors

Director of Leisure Riding



Report from the Sport Department

The Sport Committee 2018 consisted of: Alexandra Montan-Gray (SE), Einar Ragnarsson (AT), Florian Schneider (DE), Markus Karrer (CH) and Hulda Gústafsdóttir (IS). As Director of Sport I am a member and chairman of this committee. Unfortunately Einar Ragnarsson passed away in the middle of the year. The sports committee lost a very committed horse man and I myself a very dear personal friend. Members of the Sport committee are elected by the national Sport Leaders during the Sport Department meeting at each FEIF Conference.

The Sport Committee met throughout the year by E-Mail, WhatsApp and various Telephone Calls and also personally at the FEIF Committee Meetings' weekend in Berlin. The main focus of the work during the year was the organization of the different topics and to cope with the daily workload - because I had to settle in, too.

Sport Judges Committee

The Sport Judges Committee 2018 consisted of Åsa William (SE), Lutz Lesener (DE), Þorgeir Guðlaugsson (NL), Valdimar Auðunsson (AT) and Will Covert (US). This committee is elected by the Sport Judges each year before the start of the competition season. As Director of Sport, I am advised by this committee and join their meetings if required. However, I am not a voting member of the committee. This year, we had the Sport Committee Meeting together with the Sport Judges Committee Meeting in Berlin. I myself estimate this as very successful, since the SJC also belongs to Sport. Doing this, many common aspects could be discussed together.

The Sport Judges Committee organized a judge examination at Kronshof (GER) and is planning for the next seminar in March 2019. The judge exam in Germany improved a lot and we received very good feedback, also from those candidates who did not pass the exam.

World Ranking 2018 Season

We expected fewer World Ranking events for 2018 since there were no

World Championships this season. But on the contrary we ended up with 97 WR competition in 2018, which was even one more than 2017.

The "responsible" judge system proved helpful in some cases when FEIF needed a point of contact after an event. But there is still no official system to report to FEIF after World Ranking events. This leads to extra work for the FEIF Office when processing the results and the judging days for the judges. Reporting from World Ranking events remains an open topic for the Sport department.

At Landsmót 2018, we could approve 3 new world records in P1. Congratulations to Árni Björn Pálsson with a time of 21.30", Sigurbjörn Bárðarson with a time of 21.16" and finally to Konráð Valur Sveinsson with the actual world record of 21.15"!

Unfortunately there was a Doping case at NC which led to a 6-month ban for a Danish Rider. Nevertheless the ban could be handled in a very cooperative and constructive way. On the positive end, this led to a complete review of the doping rules, heading for a strong simplification.

Good & Harmonious Riding

The Good and Harmonious Riding program saw a total of 111 nominations. This list includes a range of riders being nominated for the first time and also several having been nominated every year since the program has started. FEIF is proud to celebrate these riders in our community. The Sport Committee and the Sport Judges Committee congratulate all nominated riders of 2018!



World Championships 2019

The early work to prepare the World Championships in Berlin is under way. FEIF has been assured the construction work on the new stabling facilities in Berlin is on schedule. A delegation could see this in October before the Committee Meetings in Berlin. ISB as organizer submitted their quarterly progress report to FEIF. I am very glad to report the early work is exactly on track and I'm looking forward to well organized Word Championships 2019.

World Championships 2021

The Championships Committee (Jens Iversen, Marko Mazeland, Roger Scherrer, Doug Smith and Jean-Paul Balz) received finally two valid applications from Denmark. At Landsmót 2018, the decision was taken by the Board of FEIF to sign the contract with Hestar Event ApS, the team of Rasmus Moller Jensen. The competition ground will be in Herning and the date has been confirmed 1.8 to 8.8. 2021

Conclusion

Overall the 2018 season was successful.

There is still plenty of work to be done to harmonize the sport judging in our community. This is a very important topic for the Sport and Sport Judges Committees.

In the Sport Department, there is always a lot of work to be done. We remain limited by the volunteer nature of the work and time demands of/ on the Director and committee members. The active topics will be discussed in the Sport Leader meeting in Berlin with an eye to prioritizing the work.

Finally, for me as Director of Sport this job has been very challenging. I could only cope with it based on help and support from all sides. I would like to particularly thank my board colleagues, my committees, the FEIF Office and particularly Doug for the help during the entire year

Jean-Paul Balz

FEIF Director of Sport



Report from the Youth Department

Back in February 2018, the FEIF Youth Award for 2017 was given to Denmark. After a period of relative inactivity, the committee was 'taken over' by some young, competent and very enthusiastic people, with the explicit aim to blow the cobwebs away. This energy resulted amongst other initiatives in a Danish Youth Cup – would be test event for hosting the FEIF Youth Cup in 2020. Taking on the organisation of an international competition for 78 young riders from all over the world it no mean feat! Congratulation Denmark! You can see all entries for the FEIF Youth Award of 2017 here: https://www.feif.org/files/documents/YCountry_Report2017.pdf



The 2018 FEIF Youth Cup, hosted by Sweden, was a huge success. Also huge was the venue, Axevalla Trotting Centre, complete with an indoor school suitable for trotters, an oval and pace track which look tiny in the middle of a 1km (plus) trotting track, and "horse hotels" which could easily accommodate our 80 horses. The accommodation was in a beautiful "park" close by, and the weather put almost too much of a good show with temperature hitting 39 degrees at one point. All in all, a brilliant event. Thank you, Sweden!

In November 2019, the third **Young Leaders' event** for participants aged 18-26 took place in Iceland. The workshop leaders were Karen Woodrow and Anna Steinsen, and the focus was on communication via body, language and empathy. Much fun was had by all, and all participants left full lots of new skills and ideas. Thank you, Iceland!

For 2018 the **servicing members of the FEIF Youth committee** were Anna Magdalena Brun Hansen, Bert Collet, Helga Helgadóttir, Kirsten Schuster, and Gundula Sharman. At the annual FEIF meeting in February 2019, Helga and Jannike will stand down by rotation. Both offer themselves for re-election. Bert Collet will stand down after having served on the Committee for two year as a young member. Thank you Bert all your work and contributions, not least of which were the Youth Camp in Belgium in 2017 and running the video competition in the same year.

Looking ahead, the preparation for the **FEIF Youth Camp 2019**, hosted by Iceland, are well on the way. The Camp will take place in July, and the invitation will be sent to the national associations early in the new year. In the autumn, we also plan to run the Young Leaders' seminar again, probably in the Netherlands.

Apart from youth work, I continued to co-ordinate the annual **FEIF virtual ride**. This initiative invites riders from all over the world to add up all km ridden out over a whole year, and these then count towards a virtual ride to either the WM, or Landsmót. The 2017/18 the ride 'Ride to Reykjavík' culminated at Landsmót in June 2018. The 2018/19 ride 'Back to Berlin' started immediately afterwards, and by now a good number of riders have already arrived at the destination. Of course, they want to stay in the saddle, so the idea is to 'donate' extra ridden km to riders from other continents, making sure that one way or the other, everyone completes the ride successfully. We can be generous – after all it is a virtual experience. The virtual ride is an easy and effective way to bring riders from all over the world together, and with teams from as far away as NZ and Australia the virtual ride has become a truly global event. For more information visit <http://feif-virtual.weebly.com/>

Gundula Sharman

Director of YouthWork

Invitations and Agendas for the Department Meetings

Each FEIF member association has the right to send two representatives to the meetings. The member associations are entitled to vote on all matters with the same number of votes as at the Delegates' Assembly. The chair of the meeting has one vote on behalf of the Board of FEIF.

All decisions are taken by simple majority of the votes.

Member associations wishing to put forward additional proposals/items or candidates for the Committees are requested to send them by email to Susanne Fröhlich (FEIF Office office@feif.org) no later than **January 1, 2019**.

Please note that no paper copies of the invitations and documents will be distributed at the conference.

Draft Agenda Chairperson Meeting 2019

- 1 Opening of the meeting**
- 2 Approval of the agenda**
- 3 Report from the board of FEIF**
- 4 Oral report from the member countries about the internal status of the organization**
- 5 World Championships 2019 and 2021 – report on preparations**
- 6 Questionnaires 2018**
 - Developments in FEIF based on questionnaire answers
 - Feedback regarding the new structure of splitting the questionnaires
 - Lack of answers – why are the questionnaires not answered? (general questionnaire according to our statutes as well as department questionnaires)I what is the problem and how do the countries expect the board to react

7 Proposals

Proposals and discussions resulting from the Delegates' Assembly 2018

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Work Procedures

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A description of the working procedure for each committee, including a yearly time schedule, activity plan, plan for budgeting, delegation principles, areas of responsibility etc. should be available for all member associations.

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The national board of the Swedish Icelandic Horse Association suggests that a nomination committee is established to achieve a more transparent and professional election procedure.

The nomination committee should consist of three representatives with a good knowledge about FEIF; they should represent different member associations and be appointed each year at the delegates´ assembly.

- **Sweden - Nomination committee working group**

We propose that the chairmen´s meeting agrees to form a working group with the mission to come up with a clear “job description” for the nomination committee (including purpose, tasks, responsibilities etc.) as well as a proposal of relevant changes of the statutes (chapter 5) to be presented at the Delegates´ Assembly 2020. This group should also present a proposal of persons to stand for election to the election committee 2020.

[See separate document for full nomination committee proposal](#)

8 Future of FEIF

- 50-year celebrations
- Increase involvement of young people in FEIF

9 Tölt in Harmony

- General information on the integration of TiH into the FEIF rules – consequences

10 Conference 2020

11 Miscellaneous

Draft Agenda – Annual Breeding Meeting 2019

1. Welcome

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Report from FEIF Director of Breeding

4. Reports from the countries on latest developments

- Each country is asked to give a short presentation about the situation
- FEIF Questionnaire evaluation and feedback for future use.
- How is each country promoting breeding and “testing” of horses?

5. Report from the breeding judge committee

6. Report from Worldfengur

- WorldFengur items.

7. Report from FEIF registration group

- Registration and studbook items.

8. Seminars and meetings 2019

- Ringmaster
- Young riders breeding horses level 1 and 2.
- Seminar breeding leaders and committee members.

9. World championships 2019

- Information about activities and plans.

10. Elections

Breeding committee

- Frauke Schenzel or Marcus Ljungqvist: Breeders' representatives – to be elected for 1 year

Breeding judges committee

- Heimir Gunnarsson or Barbara Frische: To be elected for 2 years.

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13. Judges guidelines and the breeding goal

- Proposal will be sent out

14. Proposal to other changes in the rules and regulations.

G3.5.6. The naming of Icelandic horses in WorldFengur

Motivation: limit the maximum length of names

Horses can be registered in WorldFengur with name and origin. *Each horse can have a maximum of two names.* Horses must be given names before (and cannot be changed after) they are shown at a breeding show or they compete in an official FEIF competition registered in WorldFengur. The name of a horse cannot be changed after they have a registered offspring in WorldFengur. Horse owners can use the list of horse names in WorldFengur (which includes allowed names) as a reference. If the name they want to use is not in the list, they can apply for it (via the national registrars) and if the name is allowed, it is added to the list. The following rules apply for names of Icelandic horses registered in WorldFengur.

B3.3 Conformation

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If a horse has been fully assessed for conformation and riding *and received a total score*, the owner can choose to use this last conformation assessment within the current calendar year, *including measurements – except for length of hooves and the height of the horse at withers*. The body measurements and the conformation marks are taken from last assessment and the horse must be only shown for ridden abilities.

Motivation: *This is not a change but only a clarification.*

B3.4 Weighting proportion of each single trait

The proposal is to:

- Higher the weight on back and croup and review the weighting of the traits of conformation
- Review the weighting of the traits of riding ability with the aim of putting more emphasis on the quality of the basic gaits
- Assess gallop and canter as separate traits

- Calculate two total scores for each horse; one as it is now and another one where weight on pace is redistributed proportionally to the other traits of riding ability (a “four-gaited” total score).

Motivation:

These changes are in line with up-coming changes to the breeding objectives and judging scale that are to be discussed at the breeding leader meeting. Recent results regarding the relationship between conformation and riding ability call for a revision of the weighting of the traits of conformation. The weighting of the traits of riding ability could reflect better the modern use of the horse.

B4.1 Show Manager

At all breeding shows with more than 10 participants, it is necessary to appoint a Show Manager, who is responsible for running the show in cooperation with the judging panel. In addition, it is necessary to appoint personal to control the taking of measurements, computer operators, and announcers as needed. *The show manager and ring master can be the same person.*

Specific tasks include:

- a) supervise the running of the breeding show.
- b) ensure that the communications between judges and riders work.
- c) ensure that the judges can work undisturbed.
- d) together with the chief judge, ensure that the current FEIF Rules and Regulations are upheld.

B4.3.2 Judges' Secretary

Motivation: delete as it is not necessary.

~~The judges working as a group shall need one secretary between them to assist with completing the necessary forms.~~

B4.5 Ring master (NEW)

Ring masters at breeding shows need to be certified by FEIF. Certification can be attained by attending a seminar for ring masters which is organized by the breeding committee of FEIF.

Specific tasks include:

- a) Confirm the identity of participating horses and their eligibility according to G7.3.1.*
- b) Health inspection of all horses prior to conformation assessment according to B11.1.5.*
- c) Measuring of horses attending the show according to B11.1.3 and B11.1.4.*
- d) Equipment check and health inspection after the first and second assessment of riding ability according to G8 and B11.1.5, respectively.*

B10.2.3 Definition of the test

Motivation:

As it is today it is required 75% on average from all four parts of the test to receive the judges license. That means that it is possible to pass the test with good results for instance in the

conformation part and poor results in the riding abilities. We think that this is quite unfortunate and it should be required that judges can judge both conformation and ridden abilities.

Assessment of breeding horses:

- a. Factor 1/3. Written examination: Individual judging of four horses for conformation
- b. Factor 1/3. Written examination: Individual judging of four horses for riding abilities
- c. Factor 1/6. Oral examination: Conformation
- d. Factor 1/6. Oral examination: Riding abilities

The examiners decide the correct marks for each horse and mark the result from the students on the scale 0-10. They decide what an acceptable mark by the student is and what minor or major faults are. Each correct score from the student is 3 points, a score that deviates 0.5 in the right direction from the examiners score is 2 points but 1 point if it is in the wrong direction. If the students score deviates more than 0.5 from the examiners score, then the student gets 0 points for that trait on that horse. The student's comments on the traits can either raise or lower the points of that trait by 1 point.

~~Score of minimum 75% on average is required in to receive the FEIF license to judge as an international breeding judge.~~

In order to receive the FEIF license to judge at breeding shows for Icelandic horses an average score of 75% is required both for the conformation part (a and c) as well as riding abilities (b and d).

Equitation test:

The examiners test the equitation skills of the candidates. The test is designed to show the balance of the candidate and his/her ability to control the horse's speed, direction and gaits. The candidate should be able to ride the five gaits of the Icelandic horse and show gait transitions with accuracy. The candidate should be able to describe the quality of the gaits and the spirit of the horse in detail.

The test is performed on a trained horse (provided by the instructors), preferably on a straight track (250m) and in a riding arena (minimum 20x40). The examiners, along with a certified and experienced riding instructor, mark the exam on the scale 0-10. The candidate must show certain required equitation tests for the examiners to estimate his/her riding skills, balance and understanding of the horse's gait qualities and spirit. The test is in parts a-b:

a) *Equitation skills and balance of the candidate.*

For the score of 10 the candidate is always in balance with the horse and maintains a correct position in every gait, movement and direction. The candidate has excellent control of the horse's speed, direction and gaits and shows transitions with accuracy. The candidate has good control of the horse's outline and form and beat in the gaits. The horse should be in light rein contact. For scores of 5.0 or less the candidate is in poor or very poor balance which (greatly) affects the candidate's ability to control the horse. The candidate has poor control of the horse's speed, direction and gaits. The candidate is unable to show gait transitions, performs them in a very unsecure manner and is not able to have a positive effect on the horse's beat in the gaits.

Required equitation tests:

In the riding arena:

- The candidate rides the whole arena in trot, tölt (medium tempo) and canter (slow to medium tempo) in both directions.
- The horse is ridden on 20-meter circles two times (one circle to both sides) and in a serpentine (along the centreline) once in tölt/trot at medium tempo.
- The horse is ridden on the diagonal in both directions in tölt/trot.
- Gait transitions: walk – tölt – walk.
- Walk on long reins.

On the straight track:

- Slow tölt.
- Tempo changes in tölt.
- Canter and fast tempo gallop.
- Gait transition from gallop to pace – the pace is ridden for ca. 60 meters.

The following is scored by the examiners:

- Balance and seat of the candidate.
- Riding skills of the candidate – control of the horse's speed, direction and gaits.

b) Description of gait qualities and spirit.

For the score of 10 the candidate can accurately describe the horse's gait qualities. The candidate can describe how the conformation of the horse affects its form and outline and movements. The candidate is able to describe the spirit of the horse in detail and its response to the aids of the rider. For the score of 5.0 or less there is considerable or much discrepancy in the examiners' and the candidate's description of gait qualities of the horse. The candidate has apparently limited feeling for the horse's spirit and response to the rider's aids. The candidate cannot relate the horse's conformation to its form and outline or movements.

The following is scored by the examiners:

- The candidate's description of the horse's gait qualities (beat, balance, suppleness, suspension etc.).
- The candidate's description of the horse's form and outline (related to the conformation).
- The candidate's description of the horse's training level.
- The candidate's description of the horse's response to the aids, its mental balance, cooperation and willingness to perform.

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The duration of a test will be 1 (2) day(s). The instructors/teachers of the seminar together with an external examiner form the examination committee for the test. The external examiner is among the most experienced judges of judging by the FEIF/ Icelandic breeding horse assessment system and is chosen by the Breeding Judges committee and the FEIF Director of Breeding.

B11.1.7 Checklist for facilities at breeding shows

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Only certified venues can be used. The certification is in the responsibility of the national breeding leader and must be made before the show. ~~Approved tracks will be listed and the certifications must be updated~~

15. Warnings at breeding shows

- How to handle them and information to rider, national breeding leader and FEIF

16. Salary to breeding judges. Presentation

17. New project? Idea about new activities or other things.

18. Miscellaneous

19. Closing

Draft Agenda - Annual Education Meeting 2019

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Report from FEIF Director of Education (circulated)
4. News from the FEIF Member Associations
5. Education -Committee elections 2019: Bea Rusterholz and Sveinn Ragnarsson will stand for re-election.
6. FEIF Questionnaire evaluation and feedback for future use.
7. Update Seminar for Examiners of trainer exams in Sweden, November 2019
8. Update of the list of national contact persons and additionally trainers according the FEIF Matrix.
9. Do you have a cooperation/contact with other departments in your national organization like youth, Sport, leisure, breeding, judges for Seminars etc.?
10. Is your national organization a member of the IGEQ (International Group for Equestrian Qualifications)?
11. Do you have sponsors or sponsorship systems for educational projects in your national Icelandic horse organization? If yes, which? Ideas welcome.
12. Corrections Rule Book Education
13. Instructor/Trainer of the Year 2020.
14. Riding horse profile, information from the Leisure Department and the use of the profile
15. Information about use of an additional Young committee member in the committees
16. Future Seminars: combined with Sport, Youth, Leisure, offers from national member associations are welcome
 1. Riding horse profile; in combination with Leisure
 2. Youth
17. AOCB

Draft Agenda – Annual Leisure Riding Meeting 2019

1. Welcome

2. Approval of the agenda

3. Elections:

a. Michaela Haacke– to be elected for 2 years

b. Marie Svensson (nominated by SIF) – to be elected for 2 years

Marie Svensson is the chairperson of the Swedish Leisure Riding Committee and she is doing an excellent job within her committee. She is a hardworking person, full of ideas and energy and a very inspiring person to be around. She is focusing on development of the Swedish leisure riding on both national and local level and she has several years of experience from being part of a board and working with volunteers. She would very much like to add the international perspective to her leisure riding work which would be possible in the FEIF leisure riding committee. Marie has been a rider since she was 7 years old and bought her first Icelandic horse in 2010. She is living in the southern part of Sweden and her profession is a teacher.

c. Christian Eckert (nominated by IPZV) – to be elected for one year

Christian Eckert's family has owned Icelandic horses since 1978. He is married with Bärbel Eckert and has 3 daughters aged 17-26. In his work life he is SAP/IT consultant in the automotive industry especially for car dealers.

Christian is director of leisure riding of the IPZV, he was responsible for the organization of the German part of the relay rides 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019. The greatest event he had so far been in charge was the ride to the Brandenburg gate 2013 with more than 300 horses.

Christian's aim is to improve the networking in the leisure riding area to find common activities in all countries, an example for such a networking event was the meeting of all (real and virtual) relay riders at the world championships 2015 and 2017. Furthermore he believes that it is important to increase the size of the leisure riding committee.

4. Reports from the countries

a. FEIF Questionnaire evaluation and feedback for future use.

b. Exchange between the countries

c. Creating new Ideas for leisure riders at national level (Workshop)

d. Updating or new creating the national Links (Workshop)

5. FEIF Leisure Riding Strategy/Goals/Projects

a. Where are we, Iceland Horse Community, FEIF and Leisure Riding going

b. About the Horse Profile / Video / Promoting / Feedback / Trainer

c. Rider Camp

d. Rider Seminar

e. Information platform



6. The Information platform(s)

- a. Website
- b. World Championship
- c. Instagram etc.
- d. Conference: Questionnaire / Exchange

7. Miscellaneous

Draft Agenda – Annual Sport Meeting 2019

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of the agenda

3. Sport Committee & Sport Director's Annual Report Discussion

A report on the department's activities for 2018 was circulated with this invitation.
FEIF Questionnaire evaluation and feedback for future use.

4. Sport Committee Elections

There are two seats on the Sport Committee open for election

Free position (Einar Ragnarsson)	To be elected for 2 years
Florian Schneider	Position to be elected for 2 years

Interested Candidates:

- Florian Schneider (incumbent)
- Carsten Eckert (nominated by IPZV)

Carsten Eckert and his family have been "into Icelandic horses" for more than 40 years, Carsten himself has first been working in the local club, later in the regional association and for more than 13 years in the board of IPZV (first youth leader for many years and later sport leader). Currently he is deputy sport leader and director of the World Championships organization 2019, after the event he will take over the position of a sport leader of IPZV again. Carsten is an international sport judge and experienced competition organizer (2 World Championships, German youth championships, tournaments on ice, German Championships and more). Furthermore, he had been team leader of the German team at 2 World Championships.

As a sport judge he judges all kinds of competitions, from WR to leisure riding competitions. Carsten is a software engineer and besides his company he runs an Icelandic horse farm with around 80 horses with his wife Regina.

Carsten would like to contribute his experience to the work of the sport committee, being specially interested in the innovative work of the committee and he would like to further promote the active development of the Icelandic horse sport in the next years.

5. Proposals from the Sport Committee

a. Track gradients

A gradient towards the inner side of the track (long sides and shorts sides between the curves) up to 3.75% and towards the inner side of the track in the curves up to 7.5% is allowed. For welfare of the horse and according to some studies a gradient of 1.5% is recommended. To indicate this but not make alteration of old tracks mandatory the Sport Committee propose to add to G9.2.1 the text:

For new tracks 1.5% to the inside is recommended.

b. Starting order for P2.

The Sport Committee propose to keep it optional for organizers to use in the second run the same order as in the first run or create new orders based on time.

Added text (S3.6.2.2):

Starting order

Before the first run, lots are drawn to set the starting order. In the second run **the same order as in the first run can be used** or the starting order is set by the rating in the first run. **In the latter case** the slowest horse(s) will start first.

c. Same judging panel for the whole test

Every competitor has to be treated fairly. Therefore the Sport Committee propose to add the following text to S7 Appendix 1: WorldRanking under point 6:

The whole test (in preliminary) must be judged by the same judging panel, even if blocks are far apart. Stepping out in case of relatives is not allowed. A judge should not judge the test where a relative is in.

d. Allow riders to show pace sprints in five-gait on the pace track in a model similar to A-flokkur in gæðingkeppni.

First make it experimental to test it.

Create a new test F1X to keep the WorldRanking results for five-gait test with pace on the oval track and five-gate test with pace on the pace track clear.

Description of the test and the judge guidelines for the F1X test – see extra documents.

e. PP1 / PP2 Instead of funnel allow marks on the side.

Added Text (S3.6.4.4 and S3.6.5.4) Start:

As soon as the starting flag is raised, the horse moves off at walk, trot or tölt. Between the starting line and the 25 m mark, strike off in canter from any gait. Between the 25 m mark and the 50 m mark (beginning of the timed stretch) change into racing pace. On crossing the 50 m mark time keeping starts at a visual signal. After the 150 m mark (end of the timed stretch) and before the end marker at 200 m, the horse has to have returned to tölt, trot or walk. For high marks the horse shall have returned to walk. At the beginning of the track (up to the 25 m mark), there must be a clearly marked funnel-shaped corridor according to the drawing **or clearly marks on both sides indicating where the 0m and 25m lines are.**

f. P2 time translation into points

For the 5-gait combination riding the P2 is harder than the PP1. Therefore it is proposed to correct the timetable.

Old:

6.00 sec. give a mark of 10.00. 12.00 sec. or more give a mark of 0.00.

New:

6.50 sec. give a mark of 10.00. 12.00 sec. or more give a mark of 0.00.

For the rest of the new marks see attachment.

g. Rounding up

Because of rounding up twice (in the sections and in the final calculation) calculation in finals could end up for a different place. To prevent this it is proposed to alter S2.2.2.

Deleted and added Text (S2.2.2) Finals

The judges use a scale of marks per section from 0.0 to 10.0 (inclusive), with half points. Judges show their marks after each section. With 5 judges the highest and lowest mark will be disregarded. The mark per section calculated by the secretariat is the arithmetic

mean of the three marks, rounded to two decimal places. The final score calculated by the secretariat is the arithmetic mean of the respective marks per section (not rounded) including the weighting factor per section, rounded to two decimal places at the end. Rounding is done following the common mathematical rules.

6. Proposals from the Countries

Proposals Germany - IPZV

Proposal 1 – Showing in T2 finals loose rein tölt on both hands

IPZV proposes to change section S2.8.2 as follows:

Change in S2.8.2

Final round:

1. any speed tölt, change rein
2. slow, steady and calm speed tölt
3. slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth change rein
4. slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth

including rein changes as instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2

Notes:

- Judges will show marks after every part (no doubling of last part). So there is a break between the two last parts.
- otherwise it is possible to give one mark for the 3. and 4. part and double it.
- the riding times of the 3. and 4. part will be 90 seconds for 3, 4, 5 and 6 riders, 110 seconds for 7 and more.

Justification:

- this proposal is almost the proposal as sport proposal 5 and 6 in delegates assembly 2018 and discussed within all member countries.
- this proposal gives the judges the chance to find the horse which is truly the best and able to perform in good form and balance on both hands. Beside the judges have the chance to find the horse which is truly the best and able to perform in good form, self-carriage and balance without rein contact.
- this proposal was withdrawn, because the Icelandic delegates mean, that this is too hard for the horses and is against horses welfare. If this reason is actually applicable, we have to stop T1 on both hands at once, because it is much harder for the horses and in this case also against horse welfare. In this case we have also to discuss, if five gate finals are too hard for the horses and against horses welfare, because there are also 4 fast parts (tölt, trot, canter and pace).

Proposal 2 – Leading of the horses into the start boxes in P1 and P3

The use of any kind of stable halter to lead the horse into the starting box is allowed. The stable halter may remain on the horse's head during the race when the horse is on the track.

Justification:

- easier, faster start situation is possible
- Pulling on the reins by the helper is avoided (to prevent ugly pictures)
- horse welfare

Proposal 3 – P3 as a World Championship test from 2021

P3 as World Championship test from 2021:

Justification

- P1 and P3 are very different tests
- In P3 start situation and sprint ability are more important

Proposals Iceland – LH

Proposal I – Landsmót (Delegates' Assembly and Sport committee)

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Proposal 4 - Change timetable in pace test

Iceland suggests to change the timetable in PPA, Pace test and put the time limit up to 8,5 sec for getting 10 points, instead of 8 sec now.

Reason:

We now have 4 pace disciplines, P1, P2, P3 and PP1. The first mentioned all depend only on time, regardless of style or how the horses move. Only PP1 takes this into consideration. In our opinion we feel that the last years the pace horses, with not so high marks for pace quality win this discipline because they can pace around 8 sec fast. Most of the five gaiters that are competing in five gait AND PP2 are pacing from 8.3 sec up to 8.8 sec and then don't stand a chance. In our opinion, we think the 3 other disciplines are enough for the pace horses and we should encourage riders to bring their five gaiters to PP1. We now feel participations of those horses have gone down, because of this and we think this will be a push for them to come to the pace test. A step in this direction was made some years ago, when it was decided, in case of a tie in pace test, the horse with higher marks for pace quality will win, not the fastest one, but we feel this is not big enough a step.

Proposals Denmark – DIHF

Proposal 1 – Have the World Championships every 3rd year

The Danish Icelandic Horse Association propose to have World Championship every 3rd year, and the same with the Mid-European/Nordic Championship and Landsmót.

Reason

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Proposal II - Doping

The Danish Icelandic Horse Association propose to FEIF rules/statutes to:

- Remove any doubt about the authority or the juridical body to handle doping cases in any country, especially that any doping case at an international level, Mid-European, Nordic and World Championships and any breeding show will be handled under the jurisdiction of FEIF.
- Issue guidelines for the control of illegal substances at national and international levels.
- Make a clear and distinct reservation in the present rules for doping in humans, which – at present – are handled at a national level, so that FEIF and any other country adopt sanctions that are imposed in one country.

Reason

There should be no doubt for national associations, riders or horse-owners about which set of rules are in force in the event of a positive find of an illegal substance in a horse or a rider. Any doubt will only result in uncertainty about the juridical aspect, and this is not for the benefit of our sport.

Rules may seem very similar on national and FEIF-level, but here are a few discrepancies:

- A few illegal substances on a national level in Denmark do not appear on the FEIF/FEI list, and vice-versa.
- Approved laboratories in Denmark are not approved by FEIF.
- Sanctions needs to be consistent and based on similar cases. One positive test in one country should result in a sanction similar with the same in any other country.

Some countries have signed the WADA set of extended rules, which means that a third person (for instance a trainer or a veterinarian) might also be sanctioned if a rider or a horse delivers a positive doping test. This aspect needs to be addressed too in FEIF.

7. Discussion topic: Starting in more than 1 tölt test or combining 4-gait and 5-gait tests

Up til now it is not allowed to start in more than one tölt test or to combine a 4-gait test with a 5-gait test in the same competition. Should this rule be altered?

8. “Broken” programs

As promised last time this topic is placed on the agenda again.

The Sport (Judge) Committee discussed how to deal with the increasing tendency of riders to bring their horses to a complete stop between gaits in single-rider preliminary rounds. They conclude that deduction is possible for transitions at the wrong place or lacking smoothness. For the future looking at more demands on riding skills is a possibility.

9. Information on the Code of conduct for WorldRanking competitions

The Sport (judge) committee has decided to formulate a code of conduct for WorldRanking competitions. See separate document.

10. Equipment in FEIF

Is there a way to harmonize the equipment package throughout our sport and breeding rules? What is our philosophy to decide which equipment is in or out and what persons are activated in case of a question on a certain piece of equipment? The topic shall be discussed in the department as well as in a common meeting between chair, breeding and sport.

11. Doping

The positive doping case from the Nordic Championships highlighted a number of problems with the way equine anti-doping is handled in the Icelandic horse world. The rules currently in operation (FEIF Rules and Regulations G4) were added to the Rule Book at the same time as the texts from the individual books were merged. It has become apparent there are problems with implementing these rules in the complex landscape of international events. This topic is quite critical to our work especially in the unfortunate cases where a positive sample is identified.

Additional documents (FEIF, DI) will be sent out in January with the final agenda. The topic shall be discussed in the department as well as in a common meeting between chair, breeding and sport.



Draft Agenda - Annual Youth Work Meeting 2019

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Reports from the countries**
- 4. Reports from FEIF Youth work 2018**
 - a. FEIF Youth Cup Sweden
 - b. Young Leader Seminar, Iceland
- 5. Events for 2019**
 - a. Preparations Youth Camp, Sweden
 - b. YL Seminar, Netherlands
 - c. Video Competition
 - d. Youth meeting points at WM in Berlin
 - e. Possible joint FEIF Education-Youth conference in 2020
- 6. Election to the Youth committee**
 - a. Kirsten Schuster is standing down, and is willing to stand for re-election
 - b. Jannike Bergqvist is standing down, and is willing to stand for re-election
 - c. Bert Collet is standing down according to the terms for young committee members
 - d. FEIF discussion doc for young committee members in all committees
- 7. Group discussions**
 - a. FEIF@50
 - b. How well FEIF known in countries?
 - c. Communication: FEIF to countries, within countries/ clubs
 - d. Social media - experience and policy
 - e. Returns from the annual questionnaires – what for? revise questions
- 8. Host countries for future FEIF Youth events**
 - a. 2019 Camp Iceland
 - b. 2019 YL Netherlands (tbc)
 - c. 2020 Cup Denmark
 - d. 2022 Camp Finland (tbc)
- 9. AOCB**

FEIF Youth Country of the Year Award for 2018

Every year FEIF invites all member countries to submit a report on all activities, and innovative initiatives in the field of youth work. All reports will be published on the website, and might also generate ideas which could be introduced to other countries.

All reports need is to be at the FEIF Office (office@feif.org) no later than 15th of January 2019. The Award will go to the country that has that has been most active and most innovative in their youth work. An additional bonus comes in form of an additional place for the FEIF Youth event of the following year.

Each country may choose to present the report in any format. The only requirements are that it must be a written report, and that it addresses the following questions:

- What were your greatest achievements or most innovative ideas for the year 2018?
- What are the biggest challenges to effective youth work in your country, and how do you address these?

The report must also include the following information:

- Name of the country / association sending in the report?
- Size of the association and how many young members there are (approximately)?
- Do you have a Youth work committee? How many members serve on is the national youth committee? Do you have a policy to include young people in committee work?
- How do you reach and motivate young members? At club level? At national level?
- What kind of activities – if any – does the national committee arrange?
- Do you have a space on your national website dedicated to youth work? –please provide the link.
- What were the topics for Young Leader events?

To give you an idea of the standard of submission upon which the Award is based, you find the reports from 2017 here: https://www.feif.org/files/documents/YCountry_Report2017.pdf
Enjoy!

The prize for winning this Award includes an extra place in the FEIF Youth Cup, or Camp in the year the award is given (2019).

The FEIF Youth Award for 2017 was presented to Denmark.