



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

- Þorvaldur Kristjánsson – to be elected for 2 years
- 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.

11. Members of the breeding committee.

The breeding committee has so far been formed by the following persons.

FEIF Director of breeding

Chairman in the breeding judge committee

Breeding leader from Iceland

Two persons representing the breeders.(until 2019)

Discussion on the following changes regarding the set-up of the breeding committee:

FEIF Director of breeding

Breeding leader from Iceland – as a fixed member without election (requires a change of statutes)

Chairman in the breeding judge committee – elected by the BLM

One person representing the breeders. - elected by BLM for 2 years

One breeding leader - elected by BLM for 2 years

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14. Judges guidelines and the breeding goal

- See attachment

15. 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. A ringmaster test may also be implemented.

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.



Score of minimum 75% on average (part a-b) is required to receive the FEIF license to judge as an international breeding judge.

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~~

16. Warnings at breeding shows

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

17. Salary to breeding judges. Presentation

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

19. Miscellaneous

20. Closing

Attention:

Saturday, 13:00 – 15:00: Joint sessions with chairpersons and sport

- World Championships – stable information (**chair, breeding, sport**)
- Equipment discussion (**chair, breeding, sport**) – *(letter from Dýraverndarsamband Íslands)*
- Doping proposals (**chair, breeding, sport**) *(proposals FEIF, DI)*

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) what is the problem and how do the countries expect the board to react
- 7 **Proposals**

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- See attachment

❁ **Proposals and discussions resulting from the Delegates' Assembly 2018**

❁ **Proposals on World Championships and events**

- **Denmark – WC, NC, MEM turnus**

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

Reasons for the proposal: Championships have grown to be very big events, and to help facilitate an increased focus from spectators and sponsors championships needs to be THE event of that year. This decision will result in a healthier economy for the organizer, whereas the economy of FEIF will be negative influenced. There needs to be a discussion of and a solution for the latter.

See separate document for full proposal

- **Iceland – World Championships**

Landssamband hestamannafélaga / The Icelandic Equestrian Association suggests that FEIF consider making gaedingakeppni a part of the competition in the World Championship for the Icelandic horse for experimentation.

Rationale: The popularity of gaedingakeppni has increased. Gaedingakeppni has been a part of the competition at the Nordic championship for Icelandic horses and has been a success.

- **Iceland – World Championship – ticketing**

Landssamband hestamannafélaga / The Icelandic Equestrian Association suggests that FEIF make an agreement with the organizers of the World Championships for the Icelandic horses, that they only handout to member associations of FEIF in mutual agreement and in writing, tickets at lower prices taking into account expected amount of tickets to be sold in the respective country. Each member association can subsequently hand over their tickets to travel agencies in their own country. In this way, member associations can use the ticket sale as a fundraising for their own team. At the same time, the member associations become more responsible for selling tickets and more likely to create a good mood for the World Championship. The member associations shall return unsold tickets before a predetermined date and subsequently the tickets will be sold online.

- **Iceland – Landsmót**

Landssamband hestamannafélaga / The Icelandic Equestrian Association, asks the other member countries of FEIF, not to set any large competitions or events on the second weekend in July. This is the weekend we hold our biannual Landsmót in Iceland, every even year. Our theory is, that the Icelandic horse enthusiasts all over the world, should have the opportunity to visit and take part in the large event of sport, Gaedingakeppni and breeding shows that Landsmót is. This is the same arrangement that has been used regarding the World Championships, that is, no big tournament is to be held that same week.

❁ **Work Procedures**

- **Sweden - The committees' working procedures**

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.



- **Sweden - Nomination committee**

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

- **Denmark – costs of international sport judges**

Denmark would like to have on the agenda a discussion concerning

- the total cost of a FEIF International Sports judge, as it is our opinion that all countries should follow the same charter, and that the costs have escalated in recent year,
- the education of FEIF sports judges. Could the education be even more handled by FEIF, concerning merits, events to judge, rotation between countries etc.?
- how each country finance the education of the FEIF International Sports Judges.

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

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- Gaedingakeppni (**chair, sport**) *(proposal IPZV)*

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

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. 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.
- c. Free position – to be elected for 2 years

4. Reports from the countries

- a. FEIF Questionnaire evaluation and feedback for future use
- b. Exchange between the countries
- c. Create new Ideas at national level (Workshop)
- d. National links on the FEIF Website, strukture
- e. Updating or creating the national Links on the Website (Workshop)

5. FEIF Leisure Riding Strategy/Goals/Projects

- a. Where are we going: Iceland Horse Community, FEIF and Leisure Riding
- b. Presentation: FEIF Horse Profile new Version 2019 / Video / Feedback
- c. New Projects:
 - Rider Camp
 - Rider Seminar
 - Meetingpoint at the WC

6. The Information platform(s)

- a. Website
- b. Instagram? / Facebook?

7. Miscellaneous



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 – Preparatory discussion for Joint Panel meeting Saturday afternoon

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6. 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 judging 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.

7. **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 1 – Landsmót (Delegates' Assembly and Sport committee)

Landssamband hestamannafélaga / The Icelandic Equestrian Association, asks the other member countries of FEIF, not to set any large competitions or events on the second weekend in July. This is the weekend we hold our biannual Landsmót in Iceland, every even year. Our theory is, that the Icelandic horse enthusiasts all over the world,



should have the opportunity to visit and take part in the large event of sport, gaedingakeppni and breeding shows that Landsmót is. This is the same arrangement that has been used regarding the World Championships, that is, no big tournament is to be held that same week.

Proposal 2 - Gaedingakeppni on World Championships

Landssamband hestamannafélaga / The Icelandic Equestrian Association suggests that FEIF consider making gaedingakeppni a part of the competition in the World Championship for the Icelandic horse for experimentation.

This is the same arrangement that has been used regarding the World Championships, that is, no big tournament is to be held that same week.

Reason:

The popularity of gaedingakeppni has increased. Gaedingakeppni has been a part of the competition at the Nordic championship for Icelandic horses and has been a success.

Proposal 3 – World Championship – ticketing

Landssamband hestamannafélaga / The Icelandic Equestrian Association suggests that FEIF make an agreement with the organizers of the World Championships for the Icelandic horses, that they only handout to member associations of FEIF in mutual agreement and in writing, tickets at lower prices taking into account expected amount of tickets to be sold in the respective country. Each member association can subsequently hand over their tickets to travel agencies in their own country. In this way, member associations can use the ticket sale as a fundraising for their own team. At the same time, the member associations become more responsible for selling tickets and more likely to create a good mood for the World Championship. The member associations shall return unsold tickets before a predetermined date and subsequently the tickets will be sold online.

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 he 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 – DI

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

Championships have grown to be very big events, and to help facilitate an increased focus from spectators and sponsors championships needs to be THE event of that year. This decision will result in a healthier economy for the organizer, whereas the economy of FEIF will be negative influenced. There needs to be a discussion of and a solution for the latter.

8. 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?

9. Discussion topic: FEIF sport judges

DI would like to have a discussion concerning

- The total cost of a FEIF International Sport judge.
Should all countries follow the same charter?
- The education of FEIF Sport judges.
Could the education be even more handled by FEIF, concerning merits, etc.?
- How does each country finance the education of the FEIF International Sport Judges?

10. “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.

11. 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.

Attention:

Saturday, 13:00 – 15:00: Joint sessions with breeding and sport

- Equipment discussion (**chair, breeding, sport**) – *(letter from Dýraverndarsamband Íslands)*
- Doping proposals (**chair, breeding, sport**) *(proposals FEIF, DI)*
- Gaedingakeppni (**chair, sport**) *(proposal IPZV)*



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 is 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. 2020 YL -
 - e. 2021 Camp Finland (tbc)
 - f. 2022 Cup Switzerland
- 9. AOCB**