



Invitation

World Championships for Icelandic Horses 2015



On behalf of FEIF, the International Federation of Icelandic Horse Associations and NIF, the Nordic Icelandic Horse Federation, a cooperation between the national Icelandic horse associations in the six Nordic countries: Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Faroe Islands and Denmark as the organiser, we have the pleasure of inviting the member associations of FEIF to participate in the World Championships for Icelandic Horses 2015.

The World Championships will take place 3-9 of August 2015 in Herning, Denmark. In combination with the World Championships, an International Breeding Show will be organised.

This invitation includes all necessary information and the first of a series of forms to register teams, helpers, additional staff and press. All remaining forms will be submitted online according to instructions to be sent in due time.

You will be able to access the team registration online to check all data.

We count upon your co-operation to handle the registration smoothly, the deadlines mentioned will be handled strictly (see also FIPO 2015).

We have tried to arrange all the information in a logical order.

Our teams are ready. We look forward to meeting your team at the World Championships 2015.

Doug Smith
FEIF Director of Sport

Bo Hansen
Manager

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1. General information

This document contains all information concerning the World Championships for Icelandic horses 2015 in Herning, Denmark.

The World Championships are organised according to FIRO 2015 (general rules, available for download after April 1, 2015), FIPO 2015 (sport, available for download after April 1, 2015) and FIZO 2015 (breeding, available for download after April 1, 2015), or the rules valid at that moment. In addition, specific parts of the FEI Veterinary Regulations are valid. These documents are available for download from the FEIF website: www.feif.org/service.

Participation

By declaring themselves willing to participate riders are also declaring that they accept these rules of the World Championships and that they commit to following them. Secondly by entering in the World Championships 2015 riders agree that any video or other electronic media material made by the official parties recording at the event can be used by and is owned by the company producing the video and/or FEIF.

Arrival

Arrival is possible from Thursday, July 30, 2015 from 8:00. Please let us know as soon as possible when we can expect your team to arrive to avoid waiting times at the vet-checks. To ensure that the required vet-checks will take place according to the programme determined, all horses shall arrive before Saturday, 1 August, 2015, by 15:00.

Arrival is possible during stable opening times (6:00 to 22:00). Exception is only possible when announced in due time.

A team leader or official representative of the team, who shall be named in advance, shall be present for the entry vet-check of each horse from their country.

To guarantee the health of all horses as far as possible, a vet will perform an entrance check on all arriving horses before entering the competition grounds. We therefore ask all teams to prepare before their arrival the vaccination passports and any other papers of the horses. Horses that do not pass this test (because of missing or wrong papers or health problems) will be stabled at a distance of the competition grounds at the expense of the team.

Payment

All invoices including bank fees should be paid by the teams latest:

Accommodation: 15 May 2015
Camping team: 1 July 2015
Boxes: 15 July 2015
Catering: 15 July 2015

Programme and special events

The traditional „International evening“ will not take place the same manner as in the past. It will not be permitted to bring food and drinks to this evening. The main reason is the strict regulations of health authorities. An alternative programme will be developed.

Trophies

Discipline	Donated by	2013 won by
Combination: Five Gait	FEIF	Magnús Skúlason [WC] / Hraunar frá Efri-Rauðalæk [IS1999165491] / SE
Combination: Five Gait YR	FEIF	Elisabeth Katharina Schaaf [YR] / Njörður vom Schluensee [DE1998109563]
Combination: Four Gait	FEIF	Jóhann R. Skúlason [WC] / Hnokki frá Fellskoti [IS2003188470] / IS
Combination: Four Gait YR	FEIF	Oda Ugland [YR] / Hárekur frá Vindási [IS1999184949] / NO
FEIF Breeding trophy	FEIF	IS2006188028 Feykir frá Háholt,
FEIF Team Trophy	FEIF	Team Iceland
FEIF Feather Prize	FEIF	Bergbór Eggertsson
Tölt T1	IS	Jóhann R. Skúlason [WC] [IS] with Hnokki frá Fellskoti [IS2003188470]
Tölt T1 YR	SE	Oda Ugland [YR] from Norway with Hárekur frá Vindási [IS1999184949]
Tölt T2	NO	Julie Christiansen [DK] with Straumur frá Seljabrekku [IS2004125130]
Tölt T2 YR	DE	Charlotte Passau [YR] [DE] - with Uni vom Kronshof [DE2003134879]
Four-gait V1	DK	Frauke Schenzel [DE] with Tígull vom Kronshof [DE2002134221]
Four-gait V1 YR	IS	Johanna Beuk [YR] [DE] - with Merkur von Birkenlund [DE2001134877]
Five-gait F1	AT	Magnús Skúlason [SE] - Hraunar frá Efri-Rauðalæk
Five-gait F1 YR	GB	Lara Balz [YR] from Switzerland with Trú frá Sundäng [SE2006206365]
Pace race P1	CH	Bergbór Eggertsson [WC] [IS] with Lótus frá Aldenghoor [NL1994100312]
Pace race P1 YR	FIN	Konráð Valur Sveinsson [YR] [IS] with Þórdís frá Lækjarbotnum [IS2006286999]
Pace test PP1	DE	Sigurður Marinusson [NL] - Eilimi vom Lindenhof
Pace test PP1 YR	FO	Annie Ivarsdottir [YR] / Drifa frá Myre [SE1998208180] / SE
SpeedPass P2	US	Josefin Birkebro [SE] - Gná frá Dahlgården [SE2006206217]
SpeedPass P2 YR	FR	Konráð Valur Sveinsson [YR] [IS] with Þórdís frá Lækjarbotnum [IS2006286999]

Those countries with reigning champions or having won the FEIF Team Trophy or Breeding Trophy are asked to **deliver the perpetual trophies** in the FEIF World Championship Office by August 3, 2015 at the latest.

Together with the challenge trophy a corresponding miniature will be given to the winner, which then also belongs to the winner. This miniature is organised and paid by the country that donated the prize. The miniature also has to be in the FEIF WC-Office by August 3, 2015

2. Important information

Date

August 3 -09, 2015

Venue

Landsskuepladsen, Kaj Zartows Vej 19, 7400 Herning, Denmark

GPS coordinates:

Lat: N 56° 07.106'

Long: E 008° 57.278'

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3. Registration Process

The process of registering for the World Championships consists of five steps:

Step 1: Confirmation of participation (form 1)

We ask you to confirm that you will be taking part in these World Championships 2015. Form 1 has been sent out together with this invitation and it is a pdf form which has to be **completed and submitted electronically before March 13, 2015.**

As this form asks if you are planning to participate, it is important that even countries which have decided not to participate complete and submit this form.

Form 1 will be enclosed with the first email (invitation); please note that there will be a different system for all other forms which will be explained to the team leaders after confirmation.

Step 2: Order form boxes (form 2)

Four weeks before the first day of the World Championships the number of horses that will participate must be declared to the World Championship organisers.

The order form boxes has to be completed in the FEIF system (explanation for procedure will be sent directly to the team leaders) the latest by **Monday, July 6, 2015, 12:00 CEST (Central European Summer Time).**¹

Note: the number of boxes ordered with this form will be invoiced to your country. Should you require more boxes at a later date then please liaise with the organiser directly (Maja Hansen at majahansen@vm2015.com) to see if this is possible. If it is possible the extra boxes will be added to your invoice.

Step 3: Entries (form 3 and 4)

Two weeks before the World Championships you are asked to enter your team officially and to name the rider/horse combinations that are most likely to participate. This has to be done by completing forms nr 3 and 4 online **before July 20, 2015, 12:00 CEST.** Papers for horses need to be presented when arriving: papers for the riders shall be uploaded on the FEIF site.

Entries Sport

For sport you may enter:

- up to 7 rider/horse combinations
- In addition, up to five extra eligible young rider/horse combinations, provided that the extra riders are at least 16 years old and not older than 21 years in the calendar year.
- Riders are divided in two age classes: Young Riders and other riders. Any rider at least 16 years old and not older than 21 years in the calendar year has to decide before the start of the World Championships in which class they will participate

¹ An extra fee per day and per registration late in the system will be charged for any form arriving later. Fines will be set in accordance with the FEIF Director of Sport and published before May 1, 2015



- Reigning World Champions are allowed to participate as World Champion at the succeeding World Championships with the same or another eligible horse.
- Reigning Young Rider World Champions are allowed to participate as Young Rider World Champion at the succeeding World Championships with the same or another eligible horse as long as the rider is eligible to and participates as a Young Rider.
- Up to 3 extra horses one of which has to be registered as the reserve horse on Sunday 4. August at the final team registration, the other two horses may stay at additional costs. The organising team of the World Championships reserves the right to accommodate these two extra horses outside the competition area.

Note:

- All horses are subject to veterinary checks upon arrival.
- For sport classes at World Championships the horses must be at least 6 years old. The 1st January of the year of birth is valid for the age of the horse.
- All horses entered (in either breeding and or sport) have to be registered with the correct information in WorldFengur by July 1, 2015, 12:00 CEST at the latest. The data for the programme book comes directly from WorldFengur and will not be changed manually by us.
- All horses should be vaccinated properly (see chapter on vaccinations and veterinary checks). Please be sure to check the vaccination papers in time. Since 2011 all horses need to be chipped in order to be allowed to participate, please check the chip number with the papers before coming to the World Championships.
- Attention: when a horse arrives without a chip the same horse will not be accepted later when presented with a chip.
- Riders that comply with the specific rule about eligible riders in the general part of FIPO, and which are 16 years or older in the calendar year are eligible.
- A rider must have the nationality of the country he is representing or have had his permanent residence in the country he is representing for at least the previous year (counted back from the first day of World Championships).
A rider can only represent one country in a specific year. The current Country of Representation ('Sport Nationality') is either based upon the (last) team membership at World Championships or an explicit registration by the rider (see below). You can find the current Country of representation by following this link:
<http://www.feif.org/Sport/SportNationality.aspx>

Any change that is allowed according to the rules has to be announced to FEIF **before April 1** in the specific year. In the event of a first change of representation, the change will be effective immediately after publication on the FEIF website. For further changes, a rider shall not have taken part in competitions for the country he previously represented in the two years prior to the first competition he wishes to compete in under his new representation (FIPO 10.7.4.1). The form to change registration of country of representation can be found here:

http://www.feiffengur.com/documents/change_of_representation_form.pdf

Note: this form has to be signed by the rider.

- For sport riders a proof of age and nationality is required (copy of valid ID, like passport, identification card or drivers' license); for sport riders with another nationality than the country they are representing a proof of permanent residence is required. The complete information needs to be uploaded to the FEIF site by **24 July, 2015**.

Entries Breeding

For Breeding you may enter:

- FEIF member nation states may enter a maximum of 2 horses per age group.
- Horses may take part in both the breeding and sports classes, but the shoeing may not be changed at all during the World Championships.
- No reserve horses are possible

Note:

- A horse may only represent the nation state in which it was born.
- 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 horses are subject to veterinary checks upon arrival.
- All horses entered (in either breeding and or sport) have to be registered with the correct information in WorldFengur by July 1, 2015, 12:00 CET at the latest. The data for the programme book comes directly from WorldFengur and will not be changed manually.
- All horses should be vaccinated properly (see chapter on vaccinations and veterinary checks). Please be sure to check the vaccination papers in time. Since 2011 all horses need to be chipped in order to be allowed to participate, please check the chip number with the papers before coming to the World Championships.
- Attention: when a horse arrives without a chip the same horse will not be accepted later when presented with a chip.

Step 4:

Submission of speaker information (Form 5)

The information for the speakers can only be submitted online in English. The team leaders will be informed on how to submit it.

Registration of team members and stable passes (Form 6)

Based on your team registration we will provide **free tickets** for: 1 team leader sport, 1 team leader breeding², 1 trainer, 1 for each rider and 1 for a groom per horse.

The tickets for riders and grooms, team leaders and trainers allow access to the riders-area. There is the possibility to upgrade those tickets for the general public area.

These tickets will be handed over to the team leader upon arrival at the world championships grounds and it is up to the team leader to check and to distribute them.

Note that riders are entitled to one free ticket, irrespective of the number of horses they ride or the number of teams they ride for. We will distribute the tickets for those riders riding for several countries based on which team they arrive with.

The team camp pass gives access to the team camp only. For access to the competition grounds for team members who do not have a free ticket you will need to buy tickets separately.

² Countries can only have a team leader for a discipline (sport or breeding) if they have entered participants for that discipline.



Stable passes:

Please register in form 6 all those eligible for a stable pass. Pictures need to be uploaded to the FEIF registration site.

Team camp passes:

You will have to decide on the number of people you let into your team camp, we would recommend you keep it to those who are connected closely to the team and they have to be registered in on Form 6 too. Pictures need to be uploaded to the FEIF site – instructions will be given at the time.

Step 5: Final Entry

The Final Entry of all participating combinations and the tests they will ride will be 1 hour after the Vet Check which will be on Sunday, August 2, 2015 for breeding horses AND sport horses. Forms are not included in this invitation; they will be available at the Team Leader Meeting at the World Championships.

4. Vaccinations and Checks for Prohibited Substances

Vaccinations

All participating horses have to be vaccinated against influenza according to the valid FEI Veterinary Regulations, except horses arriving directly from Iceland. In specific cases an individual health certificate per horse may be required. This means that horses not complying with these rules will be refused from the competition grounds (and thus excluded from participation).

FIRO 1.4 requires for every horse taking part in Icelandic horse events proof of vaccination according to the Veterinary Rules of FEI.

- All horses intending to participate in any Icelandic horse event must have at least received:
 - a primary course of two vaccinations, given between 21 and 92 days apart
 - a third dose (the first booster) must be given within 7 calendar months after the date of administration of the second primary dose
 - at least annual boosters given subsequently (i.e. within 365 days of the last dose)
- If the horse is scheduled to take part in an Icelandic horse event, the last booster must have been given within 6 calendar months + 21 days of the start of the event or of entry to the stables, whichever is the sooner. (The 21-day window has been provided to enable vaccination requirements to fit in with the competition schedule.)
- No vaccination should have been given within 7 days of the start of the event or of the entry to the stables whichever is the sooner.
- When the interval between the last vaccination and the start of the event or of entry to the stables is more than 6 months and 21 days, the horse does not need to receive a primary course of two vaccinations, one vaccination is sufficient. (NB provided the 12-month interval was never interrupted since the last primary course.)
- Any horses certified as correctly vaccinated under the FEI equine influenza vaccination rule prior to 1 January 2005 are not required to start a primary course again, provided they have complied with the previous primary course requirements and annual re-vaccinations.

The requirement for a booster vaccination within 6 calendar months + 21 days of the day of arrival at the FEI event is effective.

This information is also available on

<http://www.feif.org/Service/Documents/RulesandGuidelines.aspx>

Proper documentation of the vaccination history must be provided when the horse arrives at the World Championships grounds. Any horses arriving without a complete vaccination history shall be denied entry. Supplementary documentation supplied after the arrival will not be accepted.

Checks for prohibited substances

All horses may be checked for prohibited substances. These checks will be made according to FEI Veterinary Regulations, 12th edition Chapters V and VI (see also FIRO). Forms to authorise treatment and/or medication during the event will be provided to the team leaders (Chapter VII). Horses not being able to be tested following the procedures will be considered to be tested positive on prohibited substances.

5. Miscellaneous

Team leaders

Each participating country will nominate a team leader for sport and for breeding (form 1), if a country only participates in one discipline they can only have a team leader for that discipline. The team leader is the representative for his/her team in all questions concerning the event.

The team leader meeting for sport will take place on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 16:00.

The team leader meeting for breeding will take place on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 13:00.

Trainers

Each participating country may nominate one trainer (form 4) who will, together with riders and team leaders, be invited to all official events.

Training

The training tracks will be open for training from Thursday, July 30, 2015 onwards. Training with training schedules on all tracks will be possible from Friday, July 31, 2015 (music and screen from Saturday, Aug 1, 2015). The teams will have to accept the defined training hours.

Accommodation of teams

Please contact Maja Hansen (email: majahansen@vm2015.com, phone: +45 21766580) with your accommodation requirements, if you haven't already done so. We would recommend that you do this as early as possible. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel DGI-Byen and are available on a "first come first served" basis.

Team camping

The camp for teams will be ready Thursday 30. July from 8:00. This camping area is only open to team members. Camping spaces shall be reserved latest by 1. June. Contact: Rune Hansen (runehansen@vm2015.com.)

We ask all nations to register only those persons for the team camping who really form an integral part of the team.



Camp Site Prices:

The price for a camping space on the nation camping will be 200 € per space. All spaces include electricity and are available from Thursday 30. July until Monday 10. August. Camping spaces without electricity will be available in the general camping area only.

Catering for participating teams

The members of the participating teams can use the volunteers catering at cost. If you want to book catering for your complete team please inform organiser by April 1. 2015 Contact Maja Hansen (catering@vm2015.com)

The price for catering 3 meals every day, one person, from Saturday 1. August to Sunday 9. August 200 €. Catering includes water, coffee and tea. It will be possible to buy extra day-catering Thursday 30. July, Friday 31. July and Monday 10. August for an additional price of 25€ per person per day.

Stabling of Horses

During the World Championships the participating horses will stay in mobile boxes (size: 3m x 3m) separated by nationality. The stables will be available from Thursday 30. July to Monday 10. August.

A separate fenced grassy area will be provided for each nation. This outdoor area will have a perimeter fence but the teams will have the freedom to add internal fencing to accommodate their needs.

An area for washing and cooling of horses will be available.

Limited tack boxes will be available for each team.

Pricing:

- Horse accommodation -- 400€ (including VAT)
- Tack box -- 190€ (including VAT)

Horses not belonging to teams (either as competition horse, breeding horse or reserve horse) are not allowed to be brought to the grounds. There will be a possibility for a stable nearby; the costs will be the same as for the competition horses.

Forage and bedding for horses

Hay, haylage and shavings are included in the stabling price. For extra hay or shavings please contact Diana (stables@vm2015.com)



Stable Rules

Entry into the stables will be regulated. Riders, appointed grooms (one per horse), team leaders, trainers and approved vets will be allowed inside the stable. On top of this judges, ring stewards, official tournament vets and a limited number of officials working with the organisation will be allowed in the stables. Please note that physiotherapists, blacksmiths, osteopaths etc, will not be eligible to receive stable access based on these roles, you may of course choose to enter them as grooms as well in which case they will have the same access as other grooms.

Children between the age of 2 and 16 are not allowed in the stables. This means that they are also not allowed to be registered as a groom.

For anyone being under 18 a proof of age has to be provided when registering as groom. Children under the age of 2 years that are either carried in a sling or are sitting in a pram or buggy, and remain in that buggy/pram are allowed in the stables.

Team members with children should arrange their own child care if needed.

When a stable pass is lost, it will take some time to provide a new pass and it is up to the team leader to ensure that in the meantime the horses of the rider concerned are cared for. It is the team members' responsibility to ensure they keep their badges safe.

No treatment or shoeing of horses is allowed inside the stables, only in designated areas.

Dogs

Please be aware that dogs **will not be allowed onto the competition area!** This means that they have to stay at the camping site where they have to be kept on a leash.

Parking

There will be a limited number of parking spaces for cars per nation and a detailed plan will be provided to the Team Leaders in due time.

Route to the grounds

The route to grounds including the specific procedures for arriving with horses will be provided to the Team Leaders in due time.

Press / Photographers

For accreditation of press/photographers please contact Vibeke Rask Grøn (presse@vm2015.com).

Photographers, who would like to work inside the oval track, need a special permission from the organiser. Access to the track will be regulated by the Chief Judge and scheduled by the Press Office.

We wish you all a very exciting World Championships in good sportsmanship

The World Championships 2015 Team