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1 Rules

1.1 Code of Conduct¹: Welfare of the horse

The *Fédération Equestre Internationale*(FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1.1.1 At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands

1.1.1.1 Good horse management

Stabling, feeding and training must be compatible with good horse management and must not compromise welfare. Any practices, which could cause physical or mental suffering, in or out of competition, will not be tolerated.

1.1.1.2 Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to any training methods which are abusive or cause fear or for which they have not been properly prepared.

1.1.1.3 Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

¹This code of conduct is based upon the Codes of Conduct of the *Fédération Equestre Internationale* (FEI, www.horsesport.org). The FEI is the international governing body of Equestrian sport recognised by the International Olympic Committee. It is the organisation, which establishes rules and regulations for the conduct of international equestrian events in the Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Vaulting and Endurance Riding disciplines. This includes the supervision and maintenance of the health and welfare of the horses taking part as well as the respect of the principles of horsemanship. This Code of Conduct may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.



1.1.1.4 Transport

During transportation, horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent staff. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the horses.

1.1.1.5 Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

1.1.2 Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete

1.1.2.1 Fitness and competence

Participation in competition must be restricted to fit horses and competitors of proven competence.

1.1.2.2 Health status

No horse showing symptoms of disease, lameness or other significant ailments or pre-existing clinical conditions should compete or continue to compete when to do so would compromise its welfare. Veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

1.1.2.3 Medication

Abuse of medication is a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before competition.

1.1.2.4 Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing horse's welfare or the safety of other horses and/or competitors must not be allowed.

1.1.2.5 Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

1.1.2.6 Misuse of aids

Abuse of a horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs etc.) will not be tolerated.

1.1.3 Events must not prejudice horse welfare

1.1.3.1 Competition areas

Horses must only be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles must be designed with the safety of the horse in mind.



1.1.3.2 Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injuries. Particular attention must be paid to the preparation, composition and upkeep of surfaces.

1.1.3.3 Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions if the welfare or safety of the horse may be compromised. Provision must be made for cooling horses quickly after competing in hot or humid conditions.

1.1.3.4 Stabling at events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the horse. Clean, good quality and appropriate feed and bedding, fresh drinking water, and washing-down water must always be available.

1.1.3.5 Fitness to travel

After competition, a horse must be fit to travel in accordance with the FEI guidelines.

1.1.4 Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over

1.1.4.1 Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an event. If a horse is injured or exhausted during a competition, the competitor must dismount and a veterinarian must check the horse.

1.1.4.2 Referral centres

Wherever necessary, the horse should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured horses must be given full supportive treatment before transport.

1.1.4.3 Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimize injuries.

1.1.4.4 Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe the horse may need to be euthanized by a veterinarian as soon as possible on humane grounds and with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

1.1.4.5 Retirement

Every effort should be made to ensure that horses are treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from competition.



1.1.4.6 Education

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in their areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the competition horse.

1.2 Code of Conduct²: Fair Play and Equestrian Sport

The equestrian disciplines, in common with other sports, depend heavily for their credibility, public acceptance and ultimate survival upon their adherence to the sportsman's code of fair play. Behind this precept lies the premise that the best man, woman or team should win fairly and squarely, having competed under even and equitable conditions and under rules that are themselves fair, realistic, and applied with scrupulous competence and even-handedness. No result can be meaningful or valid if it has not achieved "on a level playing field."

Translating the abstract ideals of fair play into practice requires the collaboration of all those who participate in any way in the competition, i.e., not only the competitors, officials, organisers and federations, but also even the owners, trainers, spectators and media. Each of these groups has an important role to play in enhancing both the image and the reality of equestrian sport, by respecting the spirit of fair play as embodied in the rules and by insisting that the best interests of the sport and the welfare of the horse are placed above all else. Some additional considerations that especially concern particular groups are noted below:

1.2.1 Responsibilities of competitors, coaches and trainers

The competitors themselves play a highly critical role in promoting and safeguarding fair play in their sport. For whatever the responsibilities or actions of others, in the end it is the competitors who can most directly influence whether or not the play is fair by understanding all the rules that govern their discipline, and by faithfully observing them even when nobody is watching.

High profile competitors must recognise how influential their example can be for others, and accept their responsibilities as role models. This applies to their actions both on and off the horse, and in the warm-up area as well as the competitive arena.

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Coaches and trainers can also help to promote fair play by setting a good example and by discouraging disrespect for the rules or acts of discourtesy by competitors under their supervision. Older advisers clearly exert as important an influence by their example as by their instruction.

1.2.2 Responsibilities of governing bodies (national and international federations)

The governing bodies of equestrian sport not only formulate the rules, but also qualify and license the officials, approve the dates and programs of the major competitions, and often act as the final level of judicial authority. They must make every effort to ensure that their rules are fair, based firmly on reality and applied accurately and consistently by officials of demonstrated competence and impartiality. They must also do everything they can to enhance and promote the quality of the disciplines and their attractiveness for spectators and competitors alike through a proactive use of their executive powers. Finally, they must recognise that neglect or disregard of the ideals of fair play reflects both on the sport and on the organisations responsible for its conduct.

1.2.3 Responsibilities of judges, stewards, veterinarians and all other officials

Officials exercise exceptional authority, which in turn requires them to assume exceptional responsibilities. Their overall effectiveness, no matter what their particular duties, depends not only on their technical competence and intimate knowledge of the rules, but also on their maturity of judgement, self-control, flexibility and basic fairness and integrity. Beyond this, all officials must be scrupulously careful to guard against any appearance or actuality of interest. In all questionable cases it is always wiser to acknowledge a possible source of a conflict and stand aside rather than permit suspicions to gain strength.

1.2.4 Responsibilities of journalists and other media

The media have their own standards of journalistic integrity, but have to work within the constraints imposed by editors, publishers and producers. Even so, they can make an important contribution to the public's appreciation of fair play through their reportage and commentary, and especially, by placing the events and incidents they cover into a fair and balanced perspective, and resisting the temptation to oversimplify or over-dramatise a story.

1.2.5 Responsibilities of spectators

Spectators attend equestrian events for their own pleasure, and cannot be denied the right to express their own feelings. Nonetheless, basic fairness should dissuade them from attempting to influence the performances of the horses or the decisions of the judges. Audiences should carefully avoid acts that might upset the horses, such as untimely movement, applause or flash photography, especially in venues that bring them into close proximity to the competitors.



Though it is easy to more or less ignore the spectators and let them fend for themselves, it is important for them to be provided with program material and commentaries that help them not only to understand what is going on, but also to appreciate the skill and sportsmanship of all the competitors, and to applaud even if their hero or favourite team is not winning. Every time the spectators are neglected, a precious opportunity to invest in the future of the sport has been lost, no matter how well everything else has been handled.

1.3 Preface

All persons and corporate bodies (e.g. riders, judges, organisers, other officials, associations) involved in Icelandic horse competitions and other Icelandic horse events are committed to fair, comradely and sportsmanlike behaviour to one another, and correct behaviour as a rider towards the horse. It is to be taken for granted, that the internationally established principles for the prevention of cruelty to animals are respected and adhered to unreservedly at all times.

The Icelandic horse is a unique breed with special qualities related to its primitive character. It shall be shown respect unreservedly. The following rules apply at all times: the natural appearance (e.g. natural growth and colour of hair) of the horse shall not be changed. Exceptions – the mane and tail may be trimmed if too long, and the horse may be clipped for health and welfare reasons. Hair on the muzzle, fetlocks, and inside the ears shall not be clipped. The rider shall take into account the special background and needs of the Icelandic horse, and keep the horse under as natural conditions as possible, which provide enough light, fresh air and space for free exercise.

Artificial or psychological methods to alter the natural expression of the horse are not allowed.

The training of the horse shall not include the use of mechanical equipment in order to influence movement and shape. Exceptions: the use of equipment that is generally accepted as normal and used in a way, which is generally accepted. Use of extreme weights or elastic ropes on the legs is forbidden.

Infringement of the above rules shall be dealt with in accordance with the rules on disciplinary measures. In cases of doubt or disagreement, the ruling of the FEIF Arbitration council is final.

1.4 Veterinary rules

At international competitions 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 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.



If a horse appears to the majority of the judges or to the veterinary surgeon to be unfit to compete (lameness, lack of fitness, doping etc.), the chief judge or the official veterinary surgeon can order a veterinary examination to be carried out. The decision on whether the horse is fit to compete rests with the official veterinary surgeon. There is no right of appeal.

1.5 Doping

The current veterinary rules of FEI about the control of prohibited substances, sampling procedures for prohibited substances and treatment of horses while under FEI regulations apply.

Samples for analysis may be taken from all horses (blood, urine, saliva). If the results are positive, the costs must be paid by the competitor, if negative the costs must be paid by the organiser.

Organisers can decide to carry out doping tests. In such cases the chief judge will draw lots for the horses to be sampled. The result of the draw is secret. If horses are drawn out they are to be named immediately after the winners have been declared. The rider or his representative must proceed for sample taking immediately on request.

A horse/rider is eliminated because of transgression of above-mentioned rules. There is no right of appeal.

1.6 Objections and Arbitration Rules

1.6.1 General Principles

1. The decisions taken by the FEIF arbitration committee and the FEIF arbitration council concerning appeals and rulings are final.
2. In so far as jurisdiction rests with Arbitration Committees, their decisions are final.
3. No one may be involved in any arbitral decisions, who is either directly concerned or has interests therein or is in any other way prejudiced.

1.6.2 General Rules

1. For the duration of a competition an Arbitration Committee must be formed consisting of the following:

International events

- The competition manager or one by delegate previously appointed by him
- A member of the organisation committee
- The head judge or one member of the judge staff previously appointed by him
- The sport representative of the organising national association or one representative previously appointed by him



- A riders' spokesman, elected before the start of the competition by those actively competing. If the riders' spokesman has to be substituted, then the rider with the second highest votes will become the spokesman's representative.

World Championships

- The competition manager or one representative previously appointed by him
- A member of the organisation committee
- The head judge or one member of the judge staff previously appointed by him
- The sport representative of FEIF or a previously appointed member of the FEIF-sport committee
- A rider's spokesman, elected before the start of the tournament by the Team-spokesmen (one per team). If the rider's spokesman has to be substituted, the rider with the second highest votes will become the spokesman's representative.

The appointed representatives and members may only take part in the meetings of the arbitration committee according to the general principles or if the substituted representative is prevented from attending the meeting.

Other events

- The competition manager or one delegate previously appointed by him
- The head judge or one member of the judge staff previously appointed by him
- A riders' spokesman, elected before the start of the competition by those actively competing. If the riders' spokesman has to be substituted, then the rider with the second highest votes will become the spokesman's representative.

2. The FEIF delegates' assembly appoints the arbitration council for a period of 3 years. It consists of one judges' representative, the director of the FEIF department involved (the FEIF board will decide in matters of doubt), a further member of the board of FEIF and two additional members. The chairman must be a member of the Judiciary. The arbitration council can only handle offences where the consequence is suspension.



3. Arbitration proceedings are conducted verbally. Minutes are to be taken, which should at least include the following information: Members of the Arbitration Committee, Place and time of the proceedings, Parties present, Issues and decisions of the committee.

Arbitration committee sittings are public. Conferring is done in private. Decisions by the arbitration committee are taken on a simple majority. In the event of votes being equal, the chief judge or president will have the casting vote. The decision must then immediately be given in writing to the party concerned. The decision is to be given to the Director of the FEIF department involved and he must inform the national representatives of the reprimands and suspensions issued. It is possible for the party concerned to appeal against decisions of the arbitration committee to the arbitration council within a period of 2 weeks.

1.6.3 Objections

1. Anyone being put at a disadvantage due to a violation of the conditions of the schedule or the FIPO has the right to object; the same applies furthermore to all judges, the organiser or the competition manager. At World Championships each team leader also has his own particular right of objection.
2. Objections to judges' decisions can only be based on the violation of rules or the abuse of the power of discretion.
3. Objections must be made in writing to the organising committee up to half an hour after the occurrence, accompanied by a deposit of € 50,- or the equivalent in foreign currency.
Objections to schedules and test procedures are to be lodged before the start of an event, or the relevant class. The deposit will be refunded if it is decided that there are reasonable grounds for the objection.

1.6.4 Disqualifications and Disciplinary measures

1.6.4.1 Scope

Rules concerning disqualification and disciplinary measures are valid for any event from the first moment the riders and/or his horse(s) enter the area of the event until the moment the rider and his horse(s) have left the area of the event for the last time. Geographical they are valid for anything happening inside the area of the event. Unless anything else is proved or obvious the rider should be considered responsible for the horse(s) with which he is participating in any way.



1.6.4.2 Register

FEIF maintains a register containing all reports of warnings and suspensions reported to FEIF as a consequence of disciplinary measures described in this chapter. Warnings and suspensions are published through the website of FEIF, including the name of the rider on whom the warning or suspension was imposed as well as time, place and nature of the offence. Publication can only happen, if the rider is 18 years or older on the first day of the event.

Warnings stay published for a period of 2 years.

A rider whose name appears in the FEIF register of warnings and suspensions three or more times is banned from participating in any event for a period set by the FEIF Arbitration Council, with a minimum of three months and a maximum of two years. For the same period, his name is removed from the FEIF WorldRanking. The ban starts at the beginning of the event where the third warning or suspension was issued. By consequence the rider involved is considered to be disqualified at that event.

1.6.4.3 Measures

The following measures may be used alone or combined if the rules of the FIPO are breached:

- Disqualification from a class
- Warning not to be published
- Warning to be published
- Disqualification from a event
- Suspension
- Disqualification from an event and suspension should always be imposed combined with a warning to be published.



1.6.4.4 Disqualifications and Disciplinary measures

Breaches of the regulations of the FIPO as described chapter 11 are classified and treated according to the table below. Conditions are indicated by figures as follows:

- ① If observed and marked by judges judging at the track:
- At least 2 red cards shown: Disqualification from the class.
 - At least 2 yellow cards shown: Warning, eventually to be published.

A judge can show a red and a yellow card simultaneously.

② decided by the arbitration committee

③ decided by the arbitration council

④ observed by a judge or an official outside the track

⑤ decided by the judges' meeting at the end of the event

V after veterinary inspection only



OFFENCE	Disqualifi- cation from a class	Warning - Not to be published	Warning – To be published	Disqualifi- cation from an event	Suspension
A) Rider disobeys rules on entering the track, saluting or leaving the track.	1				
B) Rider leaves the saddle without permission.	1				
C) Rider neglects rules for the test in which he competes	1				
D) Breach of the rules on tack	1				
E) Bringing the name of the association and/or Icelandic horse sport into disrepute		2	2	2	3
F) Unfairly or brutal treatment of the horse on or outside the track	1 or 4 + 2	1 or 4 + 5	1 or 4 + 5	1 or 4 + 2	1 or 4 + 3
G) Offence against the code of conduct as stated in chap. 1	1 or 4 + 2	1 or 4 + 5	1 or 4 + 5	1 or 4 + 2	1 or 4 + 3
H) Competing with a horse suffering from an infectious or contagious disease	1 or 4 + 2 + V	1 or 4 + 5 + V	1 or 4 + 5 + V	1 or 4 + 2 + V	1 or 4 + 3 + V
I) Using substance which might artificially influence performance of horse or rider	1 or 4 + 2 + V	1 or 4 + 5 + V	1 or 4 + 5 + V	1 or 4 + 2 + V	1 or 4 + 3 + V
J) Deception or attempted deception entering or participating in an event	1 or 4 + 2	1 or 4 + 5	1 or 4 + 5	1 or 4 + 2	1 or 4 + 3
K) Not heeding to an arbitral rule	4 + 2			4 + 2	



2 Approved information

2.1 Rules for Organisers of World Championships

World Championships are organised in the name of FEIF and FEIF is thus responsible for the way in which they are carried out. The board of FEIF sets these rules. The World Championships are held in the various member countries in turn so that countries, which have not yet organised a European or World Championship, will have preference over those who already have. It will not be possible to have a World Championship in non-European member countries.

The FEIF logo must be included in the World Championships logo and be included on the medals.

The following rules have been set up:

2.1.1 General

1. The FEIF Delegates' Assembly decides 4 years in advance which country will host the World Championships, upon recommendation of the board of FEIF.
2. The association of the host country then has two years in which to set up an organising committee (OC) and to decide on the time and place for the event.
3. At least two years in advance the host country will inform all FEIF members as well as the board about the time and place for the event.
4. The OC will then set up a secretariat that is able to handle all enquiries in English and which will assist with problems associated with participation and attendance at the World Championships.
5. The chairman of the OC, who will also be the Director of the World Championships, must be selected and his name made public one year in advance.
6. The OC should present a written manual setting out the procedures to be followed during the World Championships in accordance with the FIPO, additional rules for World Championships and rules for organisers of World Championships to the FEIF Director of Sport six months before the start of the World Championships.
7. The OC should submit a written report on the competition to the FEIF board within one year after the World Championships are held.
8. The World Championships are carried out in accordance with the FEIF sport and breeding regulations in force (FIPO and FIZO).
9. The competition grounds and tracks must comply with the FEIF rules and should be prepared one year before the World Championship.
10. Local security rules should be met, to be proven with a security plan approved by local authorities in due time.



11. The competition grounds should be easy to reach by both private transport (car) and public transport.
12. The national association and its OC will take care of all necessary contracts and agreements to allow the practical execution of the arrangement and will be responsible for its finances.
13. When videos are made of World Championships, the organisers shall ensure that FEIF is entitled to use the basic tapes after a certain time has elapsed. This means that FEIF is able to use parts of the videos to produce educational videos. FEIF has the option to request one (1) press pass for a videographer who may shoot video for the exclusive use of FEIF judge training. Video made by this videographer shall not be sold or distributed for any other purpose than judge education.

2.1.2 Allocation of responsibilities

1. The FEIF Director of Sport is responsible for the correct management of the sport side of the competition. He must approve the tracks, the time schedule and the individual events and make certain that the World Championships are carried out according to the rules and in the fair and friendly spirit of FEIF.
2. The FEIF Director of Breeding will direct the breeding show in co-operation with the breeding committee of the organising country.
3. The Director of the World Championships is responsible for the practical direction of the championship and must see that the program is kept to time, that any additional shows are correctly presented and that all necessary information is given correctly and in good time.
4. The FEIF Director of Sport and FEIF Director of Breeding respectively will decide over matters that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the arbitration committee.
5. The FEIF board will decide over matters of association policies or matters involving problems of ethics or principles.



2.1.3 Service

1. The boards of the participating associations must receive information on hotel and camping facilities as soon as possible. The camping facilities have to meet to the European standard, i.e. the camping place has to be on a grassed area with a sufficient electrical supply and adequate sanitary facilities (shower, toilets, etc.)
2. After this, it is up to each member country to arrange for board and lodging for their riders, team managers, judges and other officials.
3. On the tournament ground there must be at least two sufficiently large conference rooms, for the FEIF board, the team leaders, and the judges and for other committees belonging to FEIF and/or to the World Championships.
4. For the participating teams and the group of judges there shall be hosts available to assist with practical matters and to act as an intermediary between teams, judges and the OC.

2.1.4 Finances

1. The participants will pay no starting fees.
2. The participating countries will not have to pay for their horses' hay, grazing, straw and water. The organisers have the right to charge for the use of boxes and stables.
3. The host association must either pass 10% of the entrance fee on to FEIF, with a minimum of € 65.000 indexed according to the rate of inflation as reported by the European Central Bank³ from the date the agreement is signed to the date of final payment. Alternatively, the host may come to an agreement with FEIF at least 3 years before the start of the World Championships where the fee can be based upon any combination of a fixed amount or a fixed amount combined with a share in the total turnover or profit or a certain number of free tickets with VIP-access for guests invited by FEIF. However the expected outcome should be comparable to the amount remitted in comparable situations.
This payment shall be remitted by September 20 just after the World Championship at the latest. A certified accountant should approve the final accounting. The price of the tickets shall be approved by FEIF.
4. In case requirements are not met and FEIF has to make extra costs (like for extra inspections), those costs are fully accountable to the host association.
5. In case requirements are not met and the host association fails to meet the requirements after a warning the board of FEIF is allowed to fine the host organisation with a maximum fee of 10% of the expected license fee per event. This fee is not refundable.

³ http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/prices/indic/forecast/html/table_hist_hicp.en.html



6. Each participating country has the right to free entrance passes for all riders and one groom per horse. In addition, team officials (1 team leader, sport; 1 team leader, breeding; and 1 trainer) shall receive free passes.
7. World Championship judges will receive free passes.
8. Board members and honorary members of the FEIF will receive free passes. FEIF also gets free passes for those persons who do necessary work during the World Championship in an honorary capacity.
9. Additional free passes for the press, invited guests etc. may be issued at the discretion of the organisers.

2.1.5 Information

1. The organisers are responsible for supplying the participants with all relevant information in at least the two official FEIF languages, English and German.
2. Sufficient notice boards must be available to inform not only the participants but other interested parties about changes to the program, special events, results etc. These notice boards should also be in the centre of the competition ground and close to the tracks.
3. Withdrawals from tests and shows must be notified to the secretariat in writing and in due time on the proper form. The secretariat will then take the necessary action.
4. The speaker service should preferably be in three languages to accommodate the international audience, i.e. English, German and the national language or possibly Icelandic.

2.1.6 Sport competitions and breeding shows

1. The following conditions have to be met:
 - a. the sport competitions and the breeding shows shall take place on tracks as described in FIPO or FIZO.
 - b. in addition to the described tracks, the organiser must provide proper facilities for warming up, a collecting ring, and easy access to collecting ring and tracks.
 - c. in addition to the described tracks, the organiser must provide also proper facilities for the measurement of breeding horses, shoeing check and veterinary inspections.
 - d. sufficient ring stewards should be available for:
 - inspection of equipment (preferably judges)
 - helping the speaker to keep the starting order and the time schedule
 - supplying the speaker with information about rein and sequence of gaits ridden in finals
 - informing the riders about the progress of the current test or breeding show
 - e. an appropriate space near to the oval track for the inspection of equipment must be available.



- f. an appropriate loudspeaker system must be available; information through the loudspeaker system should also be available in the warming up area, collecting ring and preferably also in the riders' camp and stables.
 - g. every judge and his secretary must be provided with a chair and a table, and must be sheltered from sun and rain.
 - h. the same facilities shall be provided near to the tracks for the Chief Judge and the FEIF Director of Sport or the FEIF Director of Breeding.
 - i. adequate facilities for the speaker and the data centre is required.
 - j. a sufficient communication system must be available to connect the Chief Judge, head judge of the test, FEIF Director of Sport or FEIF Director of Breeding, Director of the World Championships, speaker, data centre, ring stewards and secretariat.
 - k. sufficient accommodation for the spectators is required.
2. The sport competitions and breeding shows will be carried out according to the international FEIF rules (FIPO or FIZO) and must be included in the World Championship program.
 3. The year before the World Championships an international or national sport competition and breeding show should take place at the competition grounds, on which occasion the FEIF Director of Sport and the FEIF Director of Breeding or their deputies will inspect and approve the grounds.
 4. The breeding horses should be presented to the audience at times where there are sufficient spectators.

2.1.7 Secretariat

1. An information service should be available at least one year before the start of the World Championships, including an address, telephone and telefax numbers and preferably an e-mail address.
2. The secretariat should provide proper services for participants, team leaders, officials, press and spectators.
3. The organising committee will set the deadlines for the entries of horses and riders after approval of the FEIF Directors of Sport and Breeding.
4. Official entry forms, and forms used during the World Championships for shoeing, equipment, information for the speaker, withdrawals, etc. can be provided by FEIF.
5. The program must contain a list of all participating horses and their pedigrees. Horses without a proven pure-breed pedigree are not allowed to participate in the World Championship, and the pedigree must be confirmed through a copy of their registration certificate that must accompany their entry.
6. Riders, judges, team leaders, press and the FEIF board members have the right to receive a free copy of the program including starting lists.
7. The list of results has to be in order of placing.



8. The list of results must be completed and available one hour at the latest after the close of the World Championships and shall be distributed to the riders, judges, team leaders, member associations, press and the FEIF board members.

2.1.8 Service for officials

1. Throughout the World Championships, officials are entitled to free meals. (The additional evening arrangements are not included in this offer.)
2. The officials shall be offered free camping and free parking.
3. The costs travelling and lodging will be shared between the organizer and participating countries under responsibility of the FEIF World Championships Committee (WCC). The organizer contributes €20.000 (indexed for inflation according to the same procedure as the basic FEIF fee), the rest will be contributed by the participating countries, based upon the number of members per team. The costs of travel and lodging for the required meeting of the judges is included in this expense.
4. A meeting room for the judges just near the track; this room or another room to be used to change clothes and to have common meals.
5. A secretary for the judges to make minutes of meetings.
6. Computers should be tested for using inside the track.

2.1.9 Horses

1. The participating horses must be kept in accommodation, which can be adequately partitioned by country or in separate paddocks. Horses arriving directly from Iceland must be kept in a separate stable that has been disinfected. The organising country will pay for all costs of this special arrangement.
2. Current FEI Veterinary Regulations for stabling apply as far as applicable. These rules include the availability of a treating veterinarian, qualified farrier, stabling rules, 24-hour security system, and limited admission to the stabling area. Spectators should not have access to the stables.
3. There should be provision for keeping horses outside (grass, sand or earth corrals) permanent, minimum 5 x 5m² / horse.
4. It must be possible to drive horse trailers close to the stables and to the paddocks. Parking places for trailers and cars close to the stables.
5. No barbed wire fences may be used.
6. Facilities for having at least one person per country sleeping in the vicinity of the horses must be provided.
7. There should be arrangements for a night watchman in the stables.
8. Each horse has the right to a sufficient portion of good hay per day plus sufficient fresh water.
9. Participating riders have to comply with the veterinary rules for their horses set by FEIF and the organising country.



10. The stables shall be located away from unnecessary disturbance, e.g. evening discos etc.
11. Training possibilities with paddock, oval track, lounging place and areas for riding in the fields or forest.
12. Facilities should be available in full service until the day after the last day of the World Championships

2.1.10 Riders

1. Riders' camp has to have a minimum space 100m² / team.
2. Sufficient toilets, showers and parking facilities in the area where the riders' camp is.
3. All local laws about security and fire rules must be followed.
4. Access to the riders' camp should be limited.
5. Facilities should be available until the day after the last day of the World Championships

2.1.11 Ceremonies

1. On the first day of the World Championships the national flags of the participating countries and the FEIF flag will be raised during a special ceremony specifically for this purpose.
2. The official opening ceremony shall include presentation of, and be based on, participants, team leaders and judges. The length of the ceremony should respect riders and horses.
3. The official closing ceremony shall include presentation of, and be based on, participants, team leaders and judges. The length of the ceremony should respect riders and horses.

2.1.12 Social arrangements

1. The OC should organise on the first day of the World Championships a friendly get-together restricted to teams, team leaders and officials.
2. Each invitation for social events during the official World Championships days must clearly specify for whom the arrangement is intended and who is financially responsible.
3. If special dress or any team presentation is required, this must be announced in the invitation.



2.1.13 Prizes

1. Each participating horse will receive a ribbon in the colours of the organising country, printed with the place and year of the World Championship, to be paid for by the organisers.
2. Each rider, team leader and official will receive a memento, to be paid for by the organisers.
3. The first three riders in all disciplines receive a medal (1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze). All participants in A and B finals will receive a token, indicating their achievement. No medals will be distributed for preliminary rounds or introductory disciplines. Medals that are not awarded shall be destroyed.
4. At the World Championships prizes in money or goods are not allowed.
5. The memento's, medals and ribbons may not be sold to the general public.
6. The following perpetual trophies have been donated:

	ADULT Trophy donated by	YOUTH Trophy donated by
Combination: Five Gait	FEIF	FEIF
Combination: Four Gait	FEIF	FEIF
FEIF Feather Prize	FEIF	
FEIF Breeding trophy	FEIF	
FEIF Team Trophy	FEIF	
Tölt T1	IS	SE
Tölt T2	NO	DE
Four-gait V1	DK	IS
Five-gait F1	AT	GB
Pace race P1	CH	FIN
Pace test PP1	DE	FO
SpeedPass P2	US	FR

The perpetual trophy is to be handed over to the winner with a miniature edition that may be retained. The donating country should supply and pay for the miniature edition.

2.1.14 Presentation of prizes

1. The presentation of prizes will be shared between members of the OC, FEIF board members and presidents of national associations. The President of FEIF shall present the medals and the perpetual trophy for the combination.
2. Additionally, the organisers may, after consultation with the FEIF board, let honorary guests or other officials present the prizes.
3. The National Anthems of the winners' countries shall be played when the trophies are presented.



2.1.15 Public

1. Enough tribunes to seat at least 7500 people around the oval track.
2. Enough facilities to seat at least 2500 people along the pace track.
3. Enough facilities for food and beverages for 7500 people at the time.
4. Enough clean toilets.
5. Sufficient camping places and hotels within a range of 25 km

2.1.16 Press

1. Members of the press, wishing to operate within the confines of the oval track during the World Championships, must apply to the secretariat in due time.
2. Accepted members of the press will get an official World Championship Press Card. They must wear this card during the World Championships.
3. Only photographers, bearing a World Championship Press Card, are allowed to enter and operate within the confines of the oval track. Access to the track will be decided by the OC.
4. Bearers of World Championship Press Cards will not pay an entrance fee.
5. A press centre with enough facilities for 75-100 journalists.
6. Access to Internet.
7. Facilities (and an appropriate camera spot and storage room) for at least one video/TV-team.

2.1.17 Advertisements

1. Advertisements are allowed around the oval track and alongside the pace track under the following conditions:
 - the advertisements have to be on boards which must be placed at least 3 m away from the edge of the oval-track and 5 m away from the edge of the pace-track.
 - the total height from the ground of the advertising board must not be more than 100 cm.
2. The following aspects should be considered in the design of the advertising boards:
 - they should not disturb the horses and/or their riders.
 - they should not block the view of the spectators.
 - they may not be made from materials which cause a visual or auditory nuisance.
 - boards should as far as possible be of similar shape and size.
3. No advertisements are allowed within the confines of the oval track.



4. Judges, photographers and officials may not bear advertisements when working within the confines of the tracks, during the competitions.
5. Company names and/or brand names may not be used in the name of the competition.
6. Manufacturer's markings on equipment, used within the confines of the tracks by the organisers, are allowed if they don't serve an advertising purpose. However, each letter used may not be larger than 15 cm (height and width) and the diameter of logos and/or trademarks may not be more than 45 cm.
7. The organisers may inform the spectators about any relevant sponsorship in breaks and at the beginning and at the end of every discipline.
8. In the case of disagreements, caused by ambiguous interpretation of these rules, the verdict of the FEIF board is final and binding.
9. Riders who violate these rules will be disqualified from the World Championships.
10. Organisers who violate these rules will be disciplined by FEIF. They will be expected to pay a fine to FEIF, which is equivalent to the estimated advertising value gained by the violation. The FEIF board will convene an ad-hoc committee to estimate the amount.

2.1.18 Miscellaneous

1. Any agreements between FEIF and the host country not specifically mentioned in these instructions must be confirmed in writing.



2.2 Rules for Organisers of FEIF Youth Cup International Team Championships

The FEIF YouthCup is organised in the name of FEIF and FEIF and is organised in various countries which meet the required standard in this document.

The host country is responsible for the practical organisation of the event and decides on the date and place in cooperation with FEIF.

The FEIF YouthCup is thus the result of a joint effort between FEIF and a national Icelandic Horse Association and a contract is to be written between these two parties. The FEIF logo must be included in the FEIF YouthCup logo and be included on the medals.

The responsibility for carrying out the arrangement cannot be delegated to other clubs, bodies, firms or private individuals.

The following rules have been set up:

2.2.1 General

1. The association of the host country has to set up an organising committee(OC) with good knowledge in organizing an international youth event including the FEIF YouthCup tests and to decide on the time and place for the event.
2. The OC will then set up a secretariat that is able to handle all enquiries in English and which will assist with problems associated with participation and attendance at the FEIF YouthCup.
3. The OC should present a written manual setting out the procedures to be followed during the FEIF YouthCup in accordance with the FIPO, FIRO and rules for organizers of FEIF YouthCup to the FEIF Director of Youth six months before the start of the FEIF YouthCup.
4. The OC should submit a written report (based on the FEIF YouthCup report template) on the FEIF YouthCup to the FEIF board within half a year after the FEIF YouthCup is held.
5. The FEIF YouthCup is carried out in accordance with the FIPO, FIRO and with the FEIF YouthCup rules in force.
6. The competition grounds must have 2 tracks and at least 1 track must comply with the FEIF rules. The 2nd track should be a proper track to train on, but does not have to be an official competition track by size. Both should be ready one year before the FEIF YouthCup.
7. The place of the FEIF YouthCup should be easy to reach by private and public transport.
8. The national association and its OC will take care of all necessary contracts and agreements to allow the practical execution of the arrangement and will be responsible for its finances.
9. When the organisation has ordered professional videos, they shall ensure that FEIF is entitled to use the basic tapes after a certain time has elapsed. This means that FEIF is able to use parts of the videos to produce educational products.



10. All riders take part in the FEIF YouthCup totally at their own risk and they have to obey the host country's law. FEIF and the host organizers do not except any responsibility for accident etc. to any participant. A personal insurance covering all risks is required.
11. At the FEIF YouthCup the working language is English.
12. The OC is responsible for the overall insurance for the event. (excl. personal insurance participants)
13. The OC has to provide first aid kit and a person who has the knowledge to use it.
14. The OC provides accommodation and lodging and meals for the Youth Committee.

2.2.2 Allocation of responsibilities

1. The FEIF Director of Youth is responsible for the correct management of the sport side of the competition. He/she must approve the tracks, the time schedule and the individual events and make certain that the FEIF YouthCup is carried out according to the rules and in the fair and friendly spirit of FEIF.
2. One specific member of the OC (Director of the FEIF YouthCup) is responsible for the practical direction of the FEIF YouthCup and must see that the program is kept to time, that any additional activities are correctly presented and that all necessary information is given correctly and in good time.
3. The FEIF Director of Youth will decide over matters that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the arbitration committee.
4. The FEIF board will decide over matters of association policies or matters involving problems of ethics or principles.
5. The FEIF Director of Youth will approve, at least a year in advance, facilities and the competition area before the start of the FEIF YouthCup.
6. The OC is responsible for the grounds of the FEIF YouthCup, that there are enough helpers to carry out the FEIF YouthCup, as well as for the logistics of the week including the competition.
7. The OC is responsible for the accommodation and meals of the organisation as well as taking care of trainers and judges during their work (ie serving coffee/drinks/snacks while they are working).
8. The OC is responsible for the carrying out of the arrival check-in and other mandatory vet checks as well as keeping the stable area in accordance with the corresponding FEI rules (see below).
9. The FEIF Director of Youth is responsible for the time schedule for the trainers.

2.2.3 Service

1. The boards of the participating countries must receive information about the lodging of participants, country leaders, team leaders, judges, trainers and other officials at least half a year in advance. The lodging of all officials has to meet a certain standard (good mattresses), enough showers, the possibility to have quiet sleeping areas. The accommodation has to be in connection to the tournament grounds.



2. On the tournament ground (at the place itself) must be at least one sufficiently large conference room, dedicated to the FEIF YouthCup, for the OC, team leader, country leader, judges and for other committees belonging to FEIF and/or to the FEIF YouthCup. A computer with internet access, printer and a copy machine, should also be provided to be used by the above mentioned people.

2.2.4 Finances

1. The participants will pay a fee that also includes lodging, full board, day trip and hay/silage/water and a stable for the horses. The fee also covers the lodging and board of officials (including working committee members), FEIF director of youth work and the youth counsellor. By full board is meant 3 meals a day and fresh water and fruits between the meals, and coffee/drinks/snacks to the trainers/judges on the spot while working. And the possibility to buy a soft drink and snacks during the day.
2. The fee for the FEIF YouthCup must be less than 660 Euros (+ future inflation, anno 2014).
3. For accompanying country leaders and other officials (including future organisers and members of the committee not working at the event) there will be a special fee (EUR 270 + future inflation, anno 2014). The CLs are fully paid by their country.
4. The fee to be paid by the participants will also cover the lodging and the full board of the team leaders, the judges and the trainers. The judges and trainers travelling costs are paid by the participating countries, EUR 60.- per participant the country sends (+ future inflation, anno 2014).
5. The trainers are to be paid a symbolic payment of EUR 500/trainer paid by the OC.
6. The speaker should be agreed on by both the FEIF Director of Youth Work and the OC.
7. All *costs* have to be known half a year in advance and have to be accepted by the director of the youth department.
8. In case requirements are not met and FEIF has to make extra costs (like for extra inspections) those costs are fully accountable to the host association.
9. The OC shall pay for a little memory which is to be handed out to all participants, the CLs, the TLs, officials, judges and trainers of the FEIF YouthCup.
10. The medals for the FEIF YouthCup are ordered by the OC (the price approved by FEIF) and paid by FEIF – the FEIF logo must be included!
11. The host country is to pay for the rosettes.
12. A team vest is to be given to all participants, team leaders, country leaders, FEIF youth committee, trainers, youth counsellor and OC. The costs are to be split between OC & FEIF, 50/50 (if no sponsor is found).
13. The accounts are to be presented to the FEIF Youth Director within 6 months following the FYCup. The accounting should follow the FEIF YouthCup finance template.



2.2.5 Information

1. The OC is responsible for supplying the participants and all persons officially involved with the relevant information in English.
2. Sufficient notice boards must be available to inform not only the participants but other interested parties about changes to the program, special events, results etc. These notice boards should also be in the centre of the competition ground and close to the tracks.
3. The speaker service should preferably be in two languages to accommodate the international audience, i.e. English and the national language. The speaker should have experience in international youth competitions.

2.2.6 Sport competitions

1. The OC is the overall responsible for carrying out the competition and everything that is connected to this.
2. The following conditions have to be met:
 - the sport competitions shall take place on tracks as described in FIPO.
 - in addition to the described tracks, the organiser must provide proper facilities for training, warming up, a collecting ring, and easy access to collecting ring and tracks.
 - an appropriate space near to the oval track for the inspection of equipment must be available
 - sufficient experienced ring stewards (judges) should be available for:
 - inspection of equipment (judges)
 - helping the speaker to keep the starting order and the time schedule
 - supplying the speaker with information about rein and sequence of gaits ridden in finals
 - an appropriate loudspeaker system must be available; information through the loudspeaker system should also be available in the warming up area, collecting ring and preferably also in the riders' camp and stables.
 - every judge and his secretary must be provided with a chair and a table, and must be sheltered from sun and rain.
 - adequate facilities for the speaker and the data centre is required
 - a sufficient communication system must be available to connect the head judge of the test, FEIF Director of Youth, Director of the FEIF YouthCup, speaker, data centre, ring stewards and secretariat.
 - Sufficient accommodation for the spectators is required such as chairs.
2. The sport competitions will be carried out according to FIRO, FIPO and the special FEIF YouthCup rules.



2.2.7 Registration

1. The FEIF Office should handle registration of participants.
2. The FEIF Office will inform the OC about participants, country leaders, team leaders, trainers, judges, speakers, calculation office in due time.
3. The organising committee will set the deadlines for the entries of horses and riders after approval of the FEIF Director of Youth.
4. The participant fee is to be paid to the FEIF Office.

2.2.8 OC Secretariat

1. The secretariat should provide proper information for participants, team leaders, officials, press and spectators.
2. Official entry forms, and forms used during the FEIF YouthCup for shoeing, equipment, information for the speaker, withdrawals, etc. can be provided by FEIF.
3. The programme shall contain a list of all participating horses and their pedigrees and a list of all participating riders, including their addresses, a photo and an additional text to be provided by the riders themselves.
4. Riders, judges, team leaders, press and the FEIF board members have the right to receive a free copy of the programme.
5. The list of results has to be in order of placing.
6. The list of results must be completed and available one hour at the latest after the close of the FEIF YouthCup and shall be distributed to the country leaders, team leaders, member associations, press.

2.2.9 Service for judges, active board members and active committee members

1. The officials working at the FEIF YouthCup shall be offered free camping and free parking.
2. Lodging close to the area in a suitable accommodation.

2.2.10 Horses

1. The participating horses must be kept in accommodation, which can be adequately partitioned by country or in separate paddocks. Horses arriving directly from Iceland must be kept in a separate stable that has been disinfected. The organising country will pay for all costs of this special arrangement.
2. Current FEI Veterinary Regulations for stabling apply as far as applicable. These rules include the availability of a treating veterinarian, qualified farrier, stabling rules, 24-hour security system, and limited admission to the stabling area. Spectators should not have access to the stables.
3. All horses entered have to be registered with the correct information in WorldFengur and need to be chipped in order to be allowed to participate, please check the chip number with the papers before coming to the event.. The data about the horses come directly from WorldFengur and will not be changed manually



4. There should be provision for keeping horses outside permanently (grass, sand or earth corrals) permanent, minimum 5 x 5m / horse (25m² per horse). It is recommended to have one big paddock per country and let the country split it up in smaller parts itself. There must be enough space, (at least 1 meter) between the different country-paddocks.
5. It must be possible to drive horse trailers close to the stables and to the paddocks. Parking places for trailers and cars close to the stables.
6. No barbed wire fences may be used.
7. There should be arrangements for a night watchman in the stables.
8. Each horse has the right to a sufficient portion of good hay per day plus sufficient fresh water.
9. Participating riders have to comply with the veterinary rules for their horses set by FEIF and the organising country.
10. The stables shall be located away from unnecessary disturbance, e.g. evening discos etc.
11. Training possibilities with paddock, oval track, lounging place and areas for riding in the fields or forest.
12. Facilities should be available in full service until the day after the last day of the FEIF YouthCup.
13. The paddock area should have a solid outside fencing.
14. It should be clearly stated in the invitation in case participants have to bring their own fencing material, enough buckets and water troughs. For participants that cannot bring this material the organiser should provide the possibility that material can be rented at a reasonable price.
15. All participants are entitled to a box, this is included in the participants' fee. If the countries want a tack box this shall be paid additionally.

2.2.11 Riders

1. All local laws about security and fire rules must be followed.
2. Facilities should be available until the day after the last day of the FEIF YouthCup.
3. Access to the riders' camp should be limited. A lockable room should be provided where participants and leaders can keep their valuable things safe.
4. Sleeping: accommodation should have enough privacy for quiet sleeping during the night.
5. There should be a general community area for the riders in connection to the training area.

2.2.12 Tests ridden on the event

The tests ridden on the event are decided upon by the annual Youth Meeting in the calendar year preceding the Youth Cup.

2.2.13 Ceremonies

1. All national flags of the member countries and the FEIF flag shall be raised and lowered every day. The OC is responsible for this and can be assisted by the CLs. The different national flags are the responsibility of the FEIF Youth Committee.



2. The official opening of the tournament shall include presentation of, and be based on, participants, team leader, trainers and judges. The length of the ceremony should respect riders and horses.
3. The official closing ceremony shall include presentation of, and be based on, participants, team leaders, trainers and judges. The length of the ceremony should respect riders and horses.

2.2.14 Social arrangements

1. The OC should organise a national evening.
2. On the Wednesday the OC should organize a day trip/sightseeing tour etc to a place typical for the area.
3. One evening should be a country representation.

2.2.15 Prizes

1. Each rider, team leader and official will receive a memento, to be paid for by the OC.
2. At the FEIF YouthCup prizes in money or goods are not allowed.
3. The first three riders in all disciplines receive a medal (1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze). All participants in A and B finals will receive a rosette, indicating their achievement. No medals will be distributed for preliminary rounds or introductory disciplines. Medals that are not awarded shall be destroyed.
4. The first three teams (plus their team leader) receive a medal (gold, silver, bronze) in both the team test and the team combination. In the team test the best 6 teams get rosettes whereas in the team combination all teams get rosettes.
5. Place 1-10 shall get a rosette in all classes and in the team combination all teams get a rosette (for the team test, for places 1-5 the colour shall indicate the place. In the team combination the TL shall also get a rosette). Any deviations have to be agreed with the FEIF Director of Youth Work.
6. The mementos, medals and ribbons may not be sold to the general public.
7. Medals, rosettes, programme should have the FEIF logo on them.



8. The following perpetual trophies have been donated:

DISCIPLINE	DONATED BY
T7	Iceland
T3	Italy
T6	Finland
PP2	Netherlands
P2	Denmark
V3	Austria
V4	Germany
F3	Germany
FR1	USA
TR1	Switzerland
CR1	Great Britain
FS2	Sweden
FS3	Canada
Team competition	Norway
Team test	FEIF

The OC is responsible for collecting the trophies at the beginning of the FEIF YouthCup and make sure that all trophies are present.

9. The perpetual trophies are to be handed over to the winners with a miniature edition that may be retained. The donating country should supply and pay for the miniature edition.

2.2.16 Presentation of prizes

1. The presentation of prizes will be shared between members of the OC, FEIF board members and representatives of national associations.
2. Additionally, the organisers may, after consultation with the FEIF board, let honorary guests or other officials present the prizes.

2.2.17 Press

1. Members of the press, wishing to operate within the confines of the oval track during the FEIF YouthCup, must apply to the OC in due time.

2.2.18 Advertisements

1. Shall follow the current rules of the World Championships.



2.2.19 Miscellaneous

1. Any agreements between FEIF and the host country not specifically mentioned in these instructions must be confirmed in writing.
2. The CL is responsible for its country's participants and is also required to sleep in the same room as the team.
3. The TLs are to be lodged in a separate room.
4. If possible the OC is asked to provide the participants with drying possibilities for wet clothes.
5. There has to be one official oval track for the competition, as well as a proper training oval track. There has to be dressage track according to the official measurements, a shop with snacks and drinks available throughout the week. It is allowed to add other products to the shop to generate money. (suitable for youth).

