

# **USIHC Board Conference Call Minutes**

**February 12, 2019**

**8:00PM (Eastern)**

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## **BOARD MEMBERS:**

**PRESENT:** Will Covert, Lori Cretney, Kari-Pietsch Wangard, Sherry Hoover  
Leslie Chambers, Janet Mulder, Emily Potts, and Linda Templeton

**OBSERVERS:** Nicki Esdorn, Lee Flanigan and Nikki Sue Flanigan

**Will Covert called the meeting to order at 8:05pm EST.**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT (Sherry Hoover)**

As of February 11, 2019 the USIHC has 693 Members in 512 Households.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)**

The monthly financial statements now include a detailed breakdown of the cash owned by the Congress. The key figures from the breakdown are:

Combined bank account balances as of 1/31/19:	\$ 114,886.91
Unrestricted funds as of 1/31/19:	\$ 102,668.97
Net Increase from 12/31/18:	\$ 2,043.67

## **2019 USIHC Budget:**

Kari started the budget meeting presentation as the facilitator of the budget process. She informed the board about how she approached the different ways to look at the budget and the "out of the box" ideas regarding options for the BOD to consider.

The board started with the Bare Bones Budget which will dictate the Funding Request Budget. The goal of the BOD was to contain spending to offset the deficit growth that the USIHC has been experiencing in recent years. Within the Bare Bones Budget the BOD discussed the 2019 World Championship Team expenses, funding and reimbursement to the USIHC by the 2019 US team members. 2019 US WC team will be responsible for reimbursement of all expenses related to their participation. Donations and fund raising for the team members in the US were also discussed.

In 2019 Sport organizers will be charged a fee to offset the FEIF World Ranking charges (\$95/WR event, double if FEIF charges USIHC a late fee) and the Ictetest charges (\$1.80 per horse/rider combination)..

The 2019 American Youth Cup Event youth individuals are responsible for their own expenses. The participant must be a USIHC member at the time of application and through to the end of the event. The participant must be a US citizen. The American Youth Cup will receive \$100 per qualified participant, not to exceed \$2,000 from the USIHC Youth Fund.

The motion by Leslie Chambers and seconded by Lori Cretney. Linda Templeton abstained

from voting and the motion was unanimously passed by the remaining BOD members.

Linda Templeton, the organizer of the 2019 American Youth Cup, offered if there is a positive balance after the American Youth Cup, those funds will be donated to the USIHC Youth Fund.

The Quarterly expenses for 2019 were approved by the BOD. To contain shipping costs, copies of the Quarterly will only be mailed to those with US addresses. All others will be sent via email.

The BOD chose the goal of the Funding Request Budget spending not to exceed a deficit of -\$12,000. The initial committee requests for the Funding Request Budget is \$14,232.20. The BOD noted that increasing USIHC fees and the positive financial impact fee increases will have on the USIHC budget and the Funding Request Budget. An increase in income will allow the USIHC to fund more USIHC events. Increasing the number of USIHC members is another area that will positively impact the future of USIHC funding. USIHC fee changes will require a membership vote to change the USIHC constitution. E-Voting will be explored through the database management system of our new website. The BOD will be looking into and reporting at a future date information about USIHC fees and voting process.

The individual committee requests were discussed as well as the related USIHC policy language for the funds.

Breeding Committee equipment costs will be contained by Will Covert looking at the equipment and contacting other individuals familiar with our particular brand of breeding evaluation tools. The shipping requirements of the breeding evaluation tools will be formalized and language approved as well as where the breeding evaluation tools will be housed. Foal and young Horse Evaluations will not be funded in 2019.

The Sport Committee during 2019 will explore language for 2020 related to approving and posting sanctioned shows and how that will relate to the dispersal of the Sport Committee Sanctioned show funds.

Committees will collaborate to align policy language that relates across committees defining the wording of "organizer and location." Language will also be updated to define deadline dates.

Regional Clubs will be granted for a one time reimbursement per club \$250 for clinics or schooling shows with a required minimum of 8 USIHC member attendees. All non USIHC members attending the event will pay a \$25 fee that will be sent to the USIHC with the reporting documents. Policy will be written with application and event report documentation instructions.

A motion was made by Janet Mulder and seconded by Leslie Chambers in order to decrease deficit spending in 2019 Policy 30A and 30B will be written to realign the sliding scale for USIHC events including sanction shows and breed evaluations. The new sliding scale is, first event \$750, 2nd event \$500 and 3rd event \$250. The non USIHC member fee of \$25 will be collected and sent to the USIHC. The motion passed unanimously. Policy language will be revised.

The Leisure Committee's current Sea 2 to Shining Sea ride was extended to December 31, 2019. This will also bring the Leisure Committee budget in sync with other USIHC budget items. The Leisure Committee will receive funding to cover expenses through 2019 for the Sea to Sea Ride as revised on February 6, 2019.

The Promotion Committee received approval for Horses of Iceland 2nd half of the contract and renewal of Horses of Iceland partnership. USIHC brochures will be reprinted and support of Policy 21 for breed demos will continue in 2019.

Kari reviewed the BOD approved Funding Request Budget amounts and confirmed the policies that would be amended or rewritten. The final deficit spending for 2019 is -\$11,550.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

January 10, 2019 Leslie Chambers called for an email vote to amend “e” to Policy #9.

“Leslie Chambers” I am calling for a vote to reword the amendment “e” to Policy #9 which was originally approved in the Board Meeting held on December 18th to read:

e. Members will be immediately added to a Committee upon request to the Chair as long as they meet eligibility requirements.

“December 18, 2019 Amended Policy #9 e:

e. Members will be immediately added to a Committee upon request to the Chair as long as they meet eligibility requirements. New members may not participate in an ongoing vote upon arrival to the Committee. They are to observe only for the first 30 days of their membership on the Committee.”

The BOD approved unanimously by email vote to amend “e”

The following is a summary of the discussion held in the Sport Committee:

-Applications for WC now require video submissions along with the paper application.

-One judge will review & score all video submissions.

-If there is a tie, scores from prior competitions will be used as follows:

“In the case of a tie that involves U.S. citizens residing abroad, who do not have scores in the National Ranking, any tie shall be broken by comparing that rider’s World Ranking scores against those of other riders with whom they may be tied following the video competition. For greater clarity, the scores of a US resident rider derived from either the National Ranking or the World Ranking, whichever are higher, may be used to break a tie. In the case on a Non-resident rider, the scores from the World Ranking system may be submitted to break a tie.”

-Residency requirements were not changed, but clarified. The beginning date of the WC will be used as the date from which the duration requirement would count toward the applicants eligibility.

-Concerns about USIHC residency requirements were brought to the committee for discussion. The majority voted to support the current requirements. Some committee members agreed that there may be benefit to future discussion about changes that would relax the USIHC definition for United States residency.

The Sports Committee considered the following proposals:

1. The residency rule requirement of riders being US citizens or holders of green cards for at least one year from the first day of the World Championships was discussed in the committee. After discussion two proposals of the residency rule requirement were presented before the committee. The committee was asked to vote on one of the proposals:

Version A) Riders must meet all current FEIF Sport Rules requirements including being US citizens

or holders of green cards for at least one year from the first day of the World Championships.

Version B) Riders must meet all current FEIF Sport Rules requirements including being US citizens or holders of green cards who have been a US resident for at least one year from the first day of the World Championships.

7 committee members voted in favor of Version A

4 committee members voted in favor of Version B

2. Proposal to update the USIHC World Championship forms/applications along with World Championship Tryout instructions was discussed. The committee discussed changing the tryout for this year's World Championships team to videos only, so everyone gets judged by the same judge on video and therefore is a more level playing field. The following language was agreed on:

a. Everyone interested in trying out will submit a video of their ranked test by the deadline along with a tryout application.

• Lastly, the committee discussed changing the tiebreak rule. The committee agreed the language involving a tie needed to be updated to the following:

b. In the case of a tie that involves U.S. citizens residing abroad, who do not have scores in the National Ranking, any tie shall be broken by comparing that rider's World Ranking scores against those of other riders with whom they may be tied following the video competition. For greater clarity, the scores of a US resident rider derived from either the National Ranking or the World Ranking, whichever are higher, may be used to break a tie. In the case on a Non-resident rider, the scores from the World Ranking system may be submitted to break a tie.

The Sport Committees proposals were presented to the USIHC Board of Directors, January, 25, 2019. The USIHC Board voted unanimously in favor of both items presented by the Sport Committee

New Business:

The next scheduled USIHC BOD meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2019 at 8:00pm EST

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 pm

Respectfully submitted

Sherry Hoover

USIHC Secretary

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet Standard**  
 As of January 31, 2019

	Jan 31, '19
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Associated Checking acct.	7,370.41
Associated Money Market Acct.	97,516.50
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	104,886.91
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/19	2,000.00
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/20	2,000.00
<b>CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund</b>	
CD-matures 4/13/20	3,000.00
CD-matures 10/11/21	3,000.00
<b>Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...</b>	6,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	10,000.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	114,886.91
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Blood Profile Funding Refund	-5,000.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	-5,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>109,886.91</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	4,063.42
Unexpended Youth Funds	4,154.52
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	12,217.94
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	12,217.94
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	12,217.94
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	-1,301.26
Net Income	2,043.67
<b>Total Equity</b>	97,668.97
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>109,886.91</b>

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.  
Income & Expense Report  
January 2019**

Income		Expense	
Education-Riding Badge		Breeding Committee Exp.	
Riding Badge Inc.	120.00	Cantella YH Evaluation Award	34.80
		Elwell Breeding Award	34.80
Interest Income	27.56	FEIF Evaluation fees	159.30
		<b>Total Breeding Committee Exp.</b>	<b>228.90</b>
		Competition Comm. Expense	
		FEIF World Ranking Comp. fee	273.08
		National Ranking Award Expense	522.00
		<b>Total Competition Comm. Expense</b>	<b>795.08</b>
<b>Membership Related Income</b>		<b>Membership Related Expenses</b>	
Farm Listing	1,184.18	Administration	
		Mbshp. Postage	186.93
Membership Dues		Office/Supplies Exp.	44.67
Family Memberships	1,139.34	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>231.60</b>
Individual Memberships	3,104.84	Annual Meeting Exp.	
Youth membership	33.68	2019 Boston Annual Meeting exp.	1,690.62
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>4,277.86</b>	FEIF related expenses	
		FEIF Mbshp fees	2,542.12
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	1,915.62	Postage for Quarterly	12.90
<b>Total Membership Related Income</b>	<b>7,377.66</b>	Toll Free line	15.05
		Website	16.95
		<b>Total Membership Related Expenses</b>	<b>4,509.24</b>
Registry Income		Promotional Exp.	
Registration fees	491.66	Promotional postage expenses	116.86
Transfer fees	322.60	RC Co-op promo exp.	150.00
<b>Total Registry Income</b>	<b>814.26</b>	<b>Total Promotional Exp.</b>	<b>266.86</b>
USIHC Non-Member fees	24.27	Registry Expenses	
		Clerical for registry	470.00
		Youth Committee Inc.	
		Spaeri Award exp.	50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,363.75</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,320.08</b>

**Net Income: 2,043.67**

## USIHC General Membership Funds

12/31/18		1/31/19
\$ 4,929.20	Checking	\$ 7,370.41
\$ 97,504.91	Money Market	\$ 97,516.50
\$ 10,000.00	CDs	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 112,434.11	subtotal	\$ 114,886.91
\$ (3,891.04)	Youth Fund	\$ (4,154.52)
\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)
\$ (3,917.77)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (4,063.42)
\$ 100,625.30	<b>USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds</b>	\$ 102,668.97

Net Increase from 12/31/18

**\$2,043.67**

12/31/18 Balance

\$ 100,625.30

Net Increase from 12/31/18

**\$2,043.67**

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.  
Bare Bones Budget FINAL**

**Expenses  
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	<b>2019 Proposed</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Breeding Committee Exp.</b>		
Breeding Comm. Equipment Exp.	0.00	for shipping tools to evaluations
Cantella Evaluation Award	60.00	Assuming evaluations will be held in 2019
FEIF Evaluation fees	159.30	Actual paid For 3 Breeding Evaluations held in 2018
Elwell Breeding Award	60.00	Assuming evaluations will be held in 2019
<b>Total Breeding Committee Exp.</b>	<b>279.30</b>	
<b>Competition Comm. Expense</b>		
FEIF World Ranking fee	273.08	2018 KY Fall show 3 day WR event (actual charge from FEIF)
Ice Test user fee	800.00	Based on 2018 cost of \$783
National Ranking Award Expense	720.00	Based on 15 iceberg awards + shipping
2019 WC Team Leader stipend exp.	0.00	No stipend?
2019 WC Berlin exp.	5,650.00	Based on 10 horses and 2 tack stalls
<b>Total Competition Comm. Expense</b>	<b>7,443.08</b>	
<b>FEIF Conference exp.</b>		
FEIF 2018 Conf. exp.	1,800.00	1 attending @ \$600 + \$1200 travel reimb. X 1 delegate
<b>Total FEIF Conference exp.</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	



**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.  
Bare Bones FINAL Budget**

**Expense  
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	<b>2019 Proposed</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Membership Related Expenses</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Mbshp. Postage	50.00	Postage used only for Treasurer
Welcome packets postage	300.00	Posted by Nicki to new members
Office/Supplies Exp.	75.00	
Tax. Prep. Services	375.00	
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>800.00</b>	
Annual Meeting Exp.	1,690.00	Add'l cost of 2018 AM in Boston (\$2188 deposits made in 2018)
FEIF Mbshp fees	2,542.12	Actual
Insurance - Directors & Officers	750.00	
<b>Quarterly Expenses</b>		
Graphics	4,000.00	
Postage for Quarterly	2,663.00	Membership & copies sent to Nicki for Promo & Welcome Pkt use
Quarterly mailing envelopes & labels	381.00	
Quarterly Printing	10,784.00	2,400 Membership, contributor, & promo copies plus welcome packets
<b>Total Quarterly Expenses</b>	<b>17,828.00</b>	(\$1,600 increase from 2018)
Toll Free line	180.00	
Website hosting	800.00	
Website development	6,750.00	Finish New Website
Website-Wild Apricot	1,728.00	Database management system
Website SSL certificate	250.00	
WorldFengur Exp.	1,800.00	Need to understand why this increased so much in 2018
<b>Total Membership Related Expenses</b>	<b>35,118.12</b>	

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.  
Bare Bones FINAL Budget**

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	2019 Proposed	Notes
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Promotional Exp.		
Promotional postage expenses	150.00	For brochures and Quarterlys used for promo use (not sent by Printer)
Total Promotional Exp.	<u>150.00</u>	
 Registry Expenses		
Clerical for registry	2,850.00	
Printing & reproduction-Regist.	230.00	
Registry Office supplies	150.00	
Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	185.00	
Registry Postage	575.00	
Total Registry Expenses	<u>3,990.00</u>	Based on 2018 expense
 Youth Committee Exp.		
Total Youth Committee Exp.	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Expense	<u>48,780.50</u>	
 Total Income #	49,275.00 #	
Total Expense	48,780.50	
<hr/> Net Income/Loss:	<b>494.50</b>	

**Bare Bones Budget Income Items FINAL  
Income**

<u>Income</u>	<u>2019 proposed</u>	
Breeding Committee Income	450.00	Evaluation fees, 18 @ \$25
Competition Inc.		
Sanction Competition fee	900.00	12 competitions @ \$75
WR Fee reimbursement	275.00	WR organizer reimburses USIHC for FEIF WR fee
IceTest fee reimsmt	800.00	Organizers reimburse USIHC for IceTest fees
WC Tryout fees	0.00	Offset by video judging exp.
WC Team reimbursement	5,650.00	Team members reimburse for their WC expenses
Education-Riding Badge	200.00	Hoping for 10 participants
Interest Income	200.00	
Membership Related Income		
Farm Listing	3,500.00	
Membership Dues		
Family Memberships	7,000.00	
Individual Memberships	17,000.00	
Foreign Friend	0.00	
Youth Membership	420.00	
Total Membership Dues	<u>24,420.00</u>	
Quarterly Inc.		
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	5,630.00	Based on 2018 ads actually sold during the year
Total Membership Related Income	<u>33,550.00</u>	
Registry Income		
Duplicate Registration fees	150.00	
Late Stallion Report fees	1,000.00	
Registration fees	3,500.00	
Transfer fees	2,200.00	
Total Registry Income	<u>6,850.00</u>	
USIHC Non-Member fees	400.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>49,275.00</b></u>	

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.  
2019 Funding Requests Final**

	<u>Approved 2018</u>	<u>Actual spent 2018</u>	<u>Requested 2019</u>	<u>Approved 2019</u>	
<b>Breeding Committee Exp.</b>					
Breeding Comm. Equipment Exp.	240.00	782.91	800.00	0.00	Purchase new equipment/shipping measuring tools
<b>Total Breeding Committee Exp.</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>782.91</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Competition Comm. Expense</b>					
					See Bare Bones exp. For NR awards. WR & Ice Test expenses
<b>Education Budget exp.</b>					
Judging Seminar (loss prevention)	1,000.00	439.57	1,000.00	500.00	Pending 2019 NEIHC judging seminar BOD approval
<b>Total Education Budget exp.</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>439.57</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>Funding Programs</b>					
Young Horse Eval. funding support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	POLICY #29
Breeding Evaluation education funding	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	POLICY #33? - for individual committee members, see proposal
Grant Funding Expense- AYC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	For 2019 American Youth Cup
Flagship Event - Breeding Evaluation	2,000.00	1,992.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	POLICY #30b 2 events rewrite policy re sliding scale?
Flagship Event - Sanction Show	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,500.00	3,000.00	POLICY #30a new sliding scale with known shows
Regional Club Clinic/Schooling show support	3,500.00	2,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	POLICY #31 \$250 ea. For 14 Regional Clubs rewrite policy
<b>Total Funding Programs</b>	<b>9,250.00</b>	<b>8,242.00</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	
<b>Leisure Committee Exp.</b>					
Sea2ShiningSea program 2017-18 program exp.	1,286.44	1,721.73	0.00	0.00	
Sea2ShiningSea program 2018-19 program exp.	597.50	460.54	810.00	810.00	For expenses expected just for 2019 (revised 2/6/19)
Sea2ShiningSea program 2020 program exp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	For expenses expected just for 2019
<b>Total Leisure Committee Exp.</b>	<b>1,883.94</b>	<b>2,182.27</b>	<b>810.00</b>	<b>810.00</b>	
<b>Promotional Exp.</b>					
Logo re-brand (includes new website)	500.00	6,750.00	0.00	0.00	See bare bones for estimated cost to finish this project
Promotional Advertising exp.	1,400.00	1,505.00	1,500.00	1,240.00	For Horses of Iceland (2nd half of contract) & renew
Promotional Advertising exp.	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	For Facebook, adwords
Promotion Material Banners exp	393.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Assuming 6 clubs participate for expos
Promotion Material Printing exp	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	brochure re-printwith new logo (seems underfunded)
RC Co-op promo exp.	750.00	590.00	750.00	750.00	POLICY #21 Breed demos only, no ads \$150/club
<b>Total Promotional Exp.</b>	<b>3,243.00</b>	<b>8,845.00</b>	<b>2,450.00</b>	<b>2,190.00</b>	
<b>Website Expense</b>					
Website upgrade	170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	See 2018 promo Logo re-brand - Due to contract, see Bare Bones Budget
<b>Youth Committee Exp.</b>					
Spaeri Award	150.00	150.00	50.00	50.00	Needed to fund 3 Spaejari awards in 2018/1 Actual in 2019
<b>Total Youth Committee Exp.</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>15,936.94</b>	<b>20,641.75</b>	<b>14,110.00</b>	<b>11,550.00</b>	
<b>Net Income (loss) from Bare Bones Budget:</b>	<b>-494.50</b>				
<b>Deficit Maximum**:</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>				<b>** 12% of the 12/31/18 Operating Cash Balance</b>
<b>Total available for additional funding:</b>	<b>11,505.50</b>				



To: Ásta Covert  
Sport Leader, United States  
[sport@icelandics.org](mailto:sport@icelandics.org)

Royal Oaks, California  
January 21, 2019

Dear Ásta--

Thank you for your question regarding the selection of World Championships Teams. Much of the following information is contained in the official invitation which will be distributed next month.

Each member country is entitled to select a World Championships team according to its own established requirements. FEIF makes no demands with regard to the selection process.

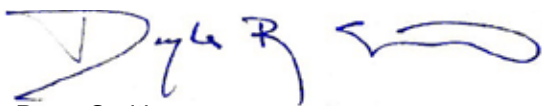
When the team is registered with FEIF, your designated Team Leader must provide federal government issued identification to establish each team member's age and eligibility to represent the United States.

Eligibility is established by either citizenship or permanent resident status. When using the "residency" option, the documentation must cover at least one year prior to the start of the World Championships. A state drivers license is not acceptable to establish the right to live in the United States. It is acceptable for the purposes of establishing a team member's age.

It is possible for riders to change their representation as of April 1st each year. This only applies to riders who have established a nationality through participation at the World Championships, Mid-European Championships, or Nordic Championships. Riders who wish to change their national representation must complete the process prior to April 1st. This is in addition to the documentation requirements for all team members.

I am available to answer any other questions now or after the invitation arrives in February.

Kind regards,



Doug Smith

FEIF Vice President & World Championships 2019 Competition Leader

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## **USIHC World Championships**

In alternating years, the international Icelandic Horse community comes together in Europe to hold the World Championships competition. Each FEIF member association sends a team of horses and riders to find the best in the world. The competition includes Sport classes and Breeding evaluations. **The 2019 World Championships are taking place in Berlin, Germany from August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>h</sup>.**

More information is available on the host association's web site [wm2019.berlin/](http://wm2019.berlin/)

Even if you don't have any interest in participating as a rider, please consider joining us in **Germany**. The US Team appreciates friendly faces in the audience. This is a great opportunity to see top Icelandic Horses and meet people from around the world who share your interest in the Icelandic Horse.

### **How many riders can the US send to the World Championships?**

The team may be composed of 7 riders and up to 5 additional youth riders. If fewer than 7 adult riders choose to attend the Championships then youth riders may be included in the first 7 spots.

### **Who selects the team?**

The Sport Leader, Asta Covert, will make the formal team selection solely based on the video tryout marks given by the judge hired to evaluate the riders.

### **How are the riders selected?**

The team will be selected by computing the average score of each rider's best results in the required tests. (See the "Requirements" below.) **In the case of a tie that involves U.S. citizens residing abroad, who do not have scores in the National Ranking, any tie shall be broken by comparing that rider's World Ranking scores against those of other riders with whom they may be tied following the video competition. For greater clarity, the scores of a US resident rider derived from either the National Ranking or the World Ranking, whichever are higher, may be used to break a tie. In the case on a Non-resident rider, the scores from the World Ranking system may be submitted to break a tie.**

All riders who reach the minimum score will be considered as alternates in the event that one of the team chooses not to attend the Championships. The riders selected to the team will have until 2 weeks prior to the first paper work filing date with FEIF to withdraw from the team.

### **When will the team be announced?**

The results of the tryouts will be published on the web site and the riders will be notified by email on **June 10th, 2019**.

### **How much does it cost to tryout?**

Each test ridden will cost \$60.00. The fee is the same for in-person performances and video

submissions. There is no fee to submit scores from an international World Ranking competition.

## **If you are a rider looking for feedback but not planning to try out for the team.**

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You are still welcome to submit a video of your riding. Your performance will be critiqued and you'll receive the judge's comments and marks to help improve your riding.

The cost to ride for scores only is \$30.00 per test ridden.

Riders looking for feedback may send a video or DVD.

## **If you are a rider interested in trying out for the US team. . .**

Please review the following requirements and recommendations for eligibility to try out for the US Team for the World Championships.

### **Requirements**

- 1 Riders must meet all current FEIF Sport Rules requirements including being US citizens or holders of green cards for at least one year from the first day of the World Championships.**
- 2 Riders must be members in good standing of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress for at least one year before the tryout entry deadline, **May 27th, 2019.**
- 3 Riders must be ranked in either the World Rankings or US National Rankings in all their tests of choice for the World Championships tryouts.
- 4 Each horse may only be used by one rider in the tryouts.
- 5 The horse must be registered in the United States if the tryout (live or by video) takes place in the United States. If the horse is European, it must have a FEIF ID Number.
- 6 Riders must submit proof their horse is microchipped.
- 7 Riders must pay the appropriate fees.
- 8 Riders must qualify by achieving the scores used to compete at the "master" level in Iceland: T1 6.5, V1 6.2, T2 6.2, F1 6.0.
- 9 Riders who make the team are allowed to compete in any event at the World Championships as long as the event was ridden in the tryouts. Riders who qualify in F1 may ride any pace event at the Championships.
- 10 Riders must qualify on the horse they will take to the World Championships.
- 11 Everyone interested in trying out will submit a video of their ranked test by the deadline along with a tryout application. Tryout videos must be made no earlier than March 12, 2019.**
- 12 The riders may use a different horse in each test.
- 13 Only one rider may ride any one horse for the team selection process.

## **Highly Recommended But Not Required**

The purpose of these recommendations to the USIHC members is to help them be as prepared as possible for this level of competition.

### **1 Attend Shows.**

You should attempt to compete in a minimum of two (2) shows with a FEIF International judge between the World Championships (2 years) and compete in a minimum of two (2) of the following disciplines: either Four Gait or Five Gait and either Tölt 1 or Tölt 2.

### **2 Attend FEIF Youth Cup.**

If you are a youth rider you should make an effort, if possible, to attend the FEIF Youth Cup.

### **3 Locate a trainer.**

You should locate a riding teacher educated in the gaits of the Icelandic Horse either here in the U.S., Iceland, or Europe where you can travel periodically and take a week or so of training during the 2-year interim period between the World Championships.

### **4 Locate a competition horse.**

If you do not have a quality competition horse, there are a number of Icelandic Horse owners/breeders here in the U.S. and also in Iceland and in Europe who may be willing to let you borrow or lease one of their competition horses (and also possibly share in the expense) which gives them the opportunity to send their horse so that it can be seen at the World Championships. This arrangement is one that must be arranged strictly between the rider and horse owner.

### **5 Compete in Icelandic horse shows in Europe and Iceland.**

During the two (2) years between the World Championships, try and compete in shows in Europe and Iceland as showing opportunities here in the US are limited. Getting used to the show atmosphere inexorably assists in making showing less stressful. Learning to ride under pressure is critical. We cannot create the same high stakes circumstances here in the U.S. that exists when riding in the shows in Europe and at the World Championships.

## **Where can I find the complete details of the USIHC's World Championships team tryout procedures?**

The Sport Committee maintains a description of all the tryout procedures and the general thinking behind them. The most current version of the document is available [here](#).





# 2019 World Championships US Team Tryout Application

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the following information for the horse(s) you will ride in each test.

Horse's Name	Horse's Registration #	T1	T2	V1	F1
<b>Total number of tests to be ridden at \$60 each</b>					

**Requirements**

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6. Riders must submit proof their horse is microchipped.
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8. Riders must qualify by achieving the scores used to compete at the "master" level in Iceland: T1 6.5, V1 6.2, T2 6.2, F1 6.0.
9. Riders who make the team are allowed to compete in any event at the World Championships as long as the event was ridden in the tryouts. Riders who qualify in F1 may ride any pace event at the Championships.
10. Riders must qualify on the horse they will take to the World Championships.
11. **Everyone interested in trying out will submit a video of their ranked test by the deadline along with a tryout application. Tryout videos must be made no earlier than March 12, 2019.**
12. The riders may use a different horse in each test.

**I have read, understand, and agree to the requirements:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider's Signature (or parent of youth rider)

Send completed application with a check payable to **USIHC** for \$60/test ridden to:  
**Ásta Covert - 3600 Roblar Ave. - Santa Ynez, CA 93460**  
**Application and payment must be received by May 27, 2019**



# 2019 World Championships Scores Only Application

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the following information for the horse(s) you will ride in each test.

Horse's Name	Horse's Registration #	T1	T2	V1	F1
<b>Total number of tests to be ridden at \$30 each</b>					

### Requirements

1. Rider may use a different horse in each test.
2. The tryout fee must be paid for each test ridden.
3. Horses must be registered in the US (or country where the video is made) **before** the application deadline.

I affirm the horse(s) I will ride are registered. I understand I will receive the same scores and comments as riders trying out for the US Team but I will not be considered for the team regardless of my results.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider's Signature (or parent of youth rider)

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 Ásta Covert - 3600 Roblar Ave. - Santa Ynez, CA 93460  
**Application and payment must be received by May 27, 2019**