

USIHC Sport Committee 2010

Sanctioned Shows in 2010

Location	FEIF International Judge(s)	Starting Combinations	Total Entries
Los Angeles, CA April 10,11	Åsa Eriksson	27	80
Santa Ynez, CA May 1,2	Nicolai Thye	34	99
Wisconsin June 18-20	Johannes Hoyos & Halldor Gunnar Victorsson	55	108
Tunbridge, Vt July 10,11 62	Einar Orn Grant	30	
Wisconsin August 13-15	Einar Ragnarsson	41	87
Tunbridge Vt August 28,29	Will Covert	20	81
Wattsonville,CA Sept. 18,19	Will Covert	22	85
Tunbridge, VT	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson	22	68
*Santa Ynez, CA Nov.7 th	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson, Will Covert, Einar Ragnarsson, Claudia Glück-Ragnarsson, Elisabeth Jansen	23	74
*Kentucky October 23,24	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson, Will Covert, Einar Ragnarsson, Claudia Glück-Ragnarsson, Elisabeth Jansen	48	118

*FEIF World Ranking competitions

2009 There were a total of 8 Sanctioned shows vs. 10 in 2010

Year End National Ranking 2009			Year End National Ranking 2010		
Award Winners			Award Winners		
Discipline	Rider	Average	Discipline	Rider	Average
T1	Asta Covert	8.00	T1	Asta Covert	8.65
T2	Anne-Marie Martin	7.55	T2	Anne-Marie Martin	7.55
T3	Lucy Nold	6.35	T3	Lucy Nold	7.20
T5	Kari Pietsch-Wangard	5.90	T5	Milena Frische	6.20
T6	Sverrir Bjartmarz	5.30	T6	Kari Pietsch-Wangard	5.33
T7	Berta Glazer	6.40	T7	Laurie Pristine	5.35
T8	Lucy Nold	7.65	T8	Rachel Ng	7.15
V1	Asta Covert	7.75	V1	Asta Covert	7.85
V2	Lucy Nold	6.60	V2	Lucy Nold	6.95
V3	Rachel Ng	6.25	V3	Amber Parry	5.90
V5	Dominic Ng	6.00	V5	Berta Glazer	6.00
V6	Lucy Nold	6.50	V6	Rachel Ng	7.15
F1	Gudmar Petursson	6.95	F1	Gudmar Petursson	7.03
F2	No Qualifying Riders for 2009		F2	Anne-Marie Martin	5.95
F3	Kari Pietsch-Wangard	5.78			

2011 World Championships Tryout

The Judge will be Þorgeir Guðlaugsson and the tryouts will be held middle to end of May. Þorgeir has judged more World Championships than any other judge and is a member of The FEIF International Sport Judges Committee and the Exam team that Certifies the FEIF International Judges.

2011 World Championships

The World Championships for Icelandic Horses 2011 will take place in Austria, at Islandpferde Reithof Piber in St. Radegund, August 1-7, 2011

For more information <http://www.islandpferde-wm.at>

Rules

New edition of FIPO-- FIPO is valid from April 1 until April 1 the following year. Every year in the end of March a new version of FIPO is published. This version includes all changes in previous years. This version (in English and German) is available for free download from the USIHC website.

USIHC Sanctioned Show Rules

Updated USIHC Sanctioned Show rules will be available prior to and go into effect on April 1, 2011

USIHC World Championships Team Tryout and Procedures

Revised and approved November 2009.

The process of selecting a World Championships team must evolve to keep pace with the level of competition in the United States. When the US sent its first team to the then European Championships, the goal was to have a presence to demonstrate to FEIF that the United States was a full member organization and the competition should be the World Championships. While, the United States is not ready to select a team using the methods employed in Europe, there are steps which can be taken to advance the process to the next level.

Goal

There needs to be a clear understanding of the goal of the tryout process. In the past, the goal has been to send riders to force the event to a global scope. That goal has been met. The next logical step is to send the best qualified horse/rider combinations to be competitive with the European horses and riders.

Tryout Prerequisites

1. Riders must meet all current FIPO requirements including being US citizens or holders of green cards for at least one year.
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.
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 micro chipped.
7. Riders must pay the appropriate fees.

The tryout process must enforce the rules presented in FIPO. Further, in recognition of the World Championships as the pinnacle competitive event in the Icelandic Horse world, the United States must send riders who have demonstrated experience under FIPO rules in their tests of choice. It would be wholly inappropriate to send a rider who has no competition experience to the World Championships.

Tryout Process

1. The tryout entry deadline shall be set by the Sport Leader to be no later than the second Saturday of May in each World Championships year.
2. The in-person tryouts shall be scheduled between the entry deadline and the end of May.
3. The team members and team leader shall be announced by the Sport Leader by the first Saturday in June.
4. 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. Any combination qualifying in F1 may enter any pace event at the Championships.
5. 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.
6. Riders must qualify on the horse they will take to the World Championships.
7. The same FEIF International Judge shall evaluate all domestic video and live tryouts.
8. Riders may participate in a live tryout event to be scheduled as practical throughout the country. A tryout video may be submitted as an alternative, if a rider is unable to travel to one of the scheduled events. Tryout videos must be made no earlier than 60 days before the tryout submission deadline. Riders trying out on European horses must compete in and submit scores from a World Ranking event held in the same calendar year as the tryouts. No international video submissions will be accepted.

The minimum scores must be held at a high standard if we are to meet the goal of sending a

team with hopes of making the finals in each test. The judging at the World Championships is, rightly, the most strict judging of any competition in the Icelandic Horse world. Given the logistical limitations of the US tryouts we must keep the bar set high for entry onto the team.

There needs to be an established relationship between horse and rider to compete at this level and under the tremendous stress introduced on the combination at the World Championships. In order to send the best team we must evaluate the combination not just the rider.

The United States is not ready to rely on rankings alone to determine its team. The World Ranking process is designed to minimize human error by excluding high and low scores and taking the average of the three remaining judges. Until 5-judge shows become the norm in the United States, the most practical way to level the playing field for the tryouts is to use the same qualified judge to evaluate all candidates.

Domestic video submissions are not the ideal method of trying out for the team. It is difficult to control and evaluate the tests based on a video tape. However, the United States is too large for it to be practical for all qualified candidates to be able to reach one of the limited tryout venues.

Ideally, the same judge would be used to evaluate the international and domestic candidates. With the requirement that the combination be evaluated, it is not practical for the judge to travel to all the potential European venues. Considering the difficulty in making and evaluating videos, international candidates shall be evaluated based on their performance at a World Ranking Competition. These events are judged by a panel of five judges with at least two required to hold international judging licenses. While this is not the same conditions as the domestic candidate, it is at least as fair as using a video. Without a doubt, this makes the application process much simpler for both an international candidate and the Sport Leader.

Team Selection

Following the in-person tryouts and the evaluation of all video submissions, the team shall be selected by first taking the highest qualifying combination from each test: T1, T2, V1, and F1. The remaining spaces on the team shall be filled by normalizing the scores of qualifying combinations. The combinations are invited to join the team in descending order until a full team is formed or there are no more qualifying combinations.

There are some exceptions to the simple traversal of the ranking:

- The four- and five-gait combinations are not considered in the selection of the team only individual tests. This is not likely to change the composition of the team in the foreseeable future and complicates the construction of the team.
- Per the rules of the Championships, each rider may only start on one horse. Therefore, only the highest scoring combination for each individual is invited to join the team. If the rider is part of more than one qualifying combination he may withdraw higher ranked combinations.
- Ties between combinations are broken as follows:
 1. Young riders defer to adults. This rule is applied first because we can send up to 3 additional young riders.

2. The combination with a higher (possibly non-qualifying) score in another test is chosen first.
3. Coin toss.

WC Starting Order

As long as the Team Leader is required to submit a starting order at the Championships, the starting order for each test at the Championships shall be determined by the combination's qualifying score in each individual test not by the ranking in the team.