

USIHC – Board Of Directors 04/19/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Anne Elwell, Katrin Sheehan, Kathy Lockerbie, Doug Smith, Ásta Covert, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Cindy Wescott

Excused: Barbara Frische, Sara Lyter

Observer: Juli Cole

Meeting Called to Order 9:15PM Eastern [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

Membership status:

January 2011	282	March 2012	<i>No call</i>
December 2011	430	April 14, 2012	385
January 12, 2012	354		
February 3, 2012	363		

FEIF Conference: Three Congress members (Barbara Frische, Will Covert, and Doug Smith) attended the FEIF Conference & Delegates Assembly in Malmö, Sweden the first weekend of March. The official reports from the conference are available on the FEIF website. I prepared a summary of the various reports and submitted it to the *Quarterly* for publication in the June issue.

Meeting Notice: The official notice of the General Meeting to be held at Flying C in conjunction with the Triple World Ranking show in May was posted to 180 households via US Mail and an additional 201 households by eMail on April 6th. A copy of the notice was also posted on the website attached to the calendar entry for the meeting.

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:

<u>Combined bank account balances as of 03/31/12:</u>	\$156,666.38
<u>Unrestricted funds as of 02/31/12:</u>	\$138,056.23
<u>Net increase (decrease) since 02/29/12:</u>	(\$728.32)

See attached financial statements.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Katrin Sheehan)

No report received.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

The committee has reviewed the changes made to FIPO by the FEIF Delegates Assembly as well as suggestions made during the past competition season. Revised rules for US competitions have been submitted for Board approval.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

The Board sponsored proposed amendments plus one member sponsored proposal were communicated to the Secretary for inclusion in the Notice of General Meeting as required by the Constitution. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the World Ranking Competition at Flying C Ranch, Santa Ynez, CA on May 12th.

Education (Barbara Frische)

No report received.

Pleasure Riding (Ellen Wilson, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

The PRP log forms have been slightly revised to highlight the fact that a separate form must be used for each participant. The submissions deadlines are also changed to quarterly to reduce the burden on the volunteers managing the program – late logs will not be accepted.

Promotion (Anne Elwell)

We are working on a new contract for use of the two booths and should be submitting it for approval at the next meeting. The graphics are done for the new booth and we have a delivery date in early May.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

No report received.

Regional Clubs (Martina Gates, Katrin Sheehan liaison)

No report received.

Web (Doug Smith)

The Promotion and Regional Club pages now include links to the Board policy (#21) regarding funds available to clubs for breed / Congress / club promotion. The membership list has been updated to include the month and day on which each membership expires. The Registry Rules, overlooked in the last significant update to the website, has been updated.

Youth (Laurie Prestine, Ásta Covert liaison)

Nothing to report.

Old Business

- Email Voting [*Used for urgent matters between meetings. Matters must be approved without objection.*]
 - Approval of Notice of Members Meeting May 2012

New Business

- Competition / Sanctioned Show Rule Updates [Will Covert & Doug Smith]
The Sport Committee recommends the attached changes to the Competition and Sanctioned Show rules. (The only substantial change allows horse/rider combinations to enter more tests in each show with two limitations: the horse may not start more than the number of times per day prescribed by FIPO; only the most difficult test will be considered for National Ranking.)

MOTION [Ásta Covert] Adopt all changes made by the FEIF Delegates Assembly to FIPO and Sport Committee's recommendation to the US rules. No objections.

- Youth Funds for Youth Cup Support [Laurie Prestine]
The Youth Committee requests a portion of the Youth Fund be released to support our Youth Cup team. The participation cost to each rider is €710. The committee recommends \$500 be paid directly to FEIF on behalf of each rider. This is the same level of support per rider as

provided for the 2010 team. The net cost to the fund will be \$500 less than 2010 since we only have three riders instead of four.

MOTION [Kari Pietsch-Wangard] Board approve Youth Committee recommendation with the stipulation that each child's parent acknowledge financial responsibility for the balance of all Youth Cup expenses.
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Meeting Adjourned 10:00 PM Eastern [Anne Elwell]

Next meeting June 12, 2012 [9PM Eastern].

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>2/29/12</u>		<u>3/31/12</u>
\$ 40,394.51	Checking	\$ 39,692.53
\$ 106,250.04	Money Market	\$ 106,268.04
\$ 10,651.88	CDs	\$ 10,705.81
\$ 157,296.43	subtotal	\$ 156,666.38
\$ (5,304.44)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,382.71)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (3,207.44)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,227.44)
\$ 138,784.55	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 138,056.23

Net Increase/(Decrease) from previous month
(\$728.32)

United States Icelandic Horse Congress I...
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of March 31, 2012

	<u>Mar 31, '12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	39,692.53
Associated Money Market Acct.	106,268.04
Total Checking/Savings	<u>145,960.57</u>
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-#2201262884	1,003.51
CD-#2201262991	2,019.55
CD-#2201263072	7,682.75
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	<u>10,705.81</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>10,705.81</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>156,666.38</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>156,666.38</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,227.44
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,382.71
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>18,610.15</u>
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Total Liabilities	18,610.15
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	31,049.00
Net Income	10,080.67
Total Equity	<u>138,056.23</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>156,666.38</u>

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
January through March 2012

Income		Expense	
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	167.00	Total Competition Comm. Expense	938.85
 Interest Income	 110.46	 Elwell Breeding Award	 50.89
Membership Related Income			
Farm Listing		Membership Related Expenses	
2012 Farm Listing	1,614.91	Administration	
Total Farm Listing	1,614.91	Mbshp. Postage	244.60
Membership Dues		Office Exp.	18.39
2008 Membership dues		Total Administration	262.99
08 Individual Memberships	43.54	 Quarterly Expenses	
Total 2008 Membership dues	43.54	Graphics	1,000.00
2012 membership dues		postage for Quarterly	489.76
2012 Family Membership	2,904.59	Quarterly Printing	1,129.92
2012 Individual Mbshp	7,649.38	Total Quarterly Expenses	2,619.68
2012 Youth Membership	103.68	 Toll Free line	
Total 2012 membership dues	10,657.65		38.85
Total Membership Dues	10,701.19	Total Membership Related Expenses	2,921.52
Quarterly Inc.			
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	1,612.23	 Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
Quarterly back issue sales	33.56	2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
Total Quarterly Inc.	1,645.79	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	526.14
 Website Inc.		 Promotional Exp.	
Website Ad Inc.	186.28	Display booth shipping	463.15
Total Website Inc.	186.28	Promotional postage expenses	140.40
Total Membership Related Income	14,148.17	Promotion Material Printing exp	409.48
 Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Promotional Advertising	325.00
2012 PRP program Inc.		RC Co-op promo exp.	172.50
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Total Promotional Exp.	1,510.53
2012 PRP Youth fee	-12.00	 Registry Acct. Expense	
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	-220.15	Clerical for registry	1,060.00
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	-220.15	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	244.05
 Registry Income		Total Registry Acct. Expense	1,304.05
Duplicate Registration fees	48.25	 Youth Exp.	
Late Stallion Report fees	590.70	2012 Youth Cup Exp.	100.00
Registration fees	1,643.87	Total Youth Exp.	100.00
Transfer fees	695.38	 Total Expense	
Total Registry Income	2,978.20		7,351.98
 USIHC Non-Member fees			
	248.97		
Total Income	17,432.65		

Net Income (Loss): 10,080.67

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
March 2012

Income		Expense	
Interest Income	75.64	Elwell Breeding Award	50.89
Membership Related Income			
Farm Listing			
2012 Farm Listing	110.00		
Total Farm Listing	110.00		
Membership Dues			
2008 Membership dues			
08 Individual Memberships	43.54		
Total 2008 Membership dues	43.54		
2012 membership dues			
2012 Family Membership	444.05	Membership Related Expenses	
2012 Individual Mbshp	1,282.16		
2012 Youth Membership	35.00	Quarterly Expenses	
Total 2012 membership dues	1,761.21	Graphics	1,000.00
Total Membership Dues	1,804.75	postage for Quarterly	441.55
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Printing	1,129.92
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	96.49	Total Quarterly Expenses	2,571.47
Total Quarterly Inc.	96.49		
		Toll Free line	12.95
Total Membership Related Income	2,011.24	Total Membership Related Expenses	2,584.42
		Promotional Exp.	
		Display booth shipping	463.15
		Promotional postage expenses	103.33
		Promotion Material Printing exp	409.48
Registry Income		Total Promotional Exp.	975.96
Late Stallion Report fees	100.00		
Registration fees	545.77		
Transfer fees	236.30	Registry Acct. Expense	
Total Registry Income	882.07	Clerical for registry	161.00
USIHC Non-Member fees	75.00	Total Registry Acct. Expense	161.00
Total Income	3,043.95	Total Expense	3,772.27

NET INCOME (LOSS): -728.32

The USIHC adopts all provisions contained in FIPO (Rules for Icelandic Horse Events) ~~2011~~2012 (Valid as of April 1, ~~2011~~2012) as well as FIRO (General Rules) established by FEIF (International Federation of Icelandic Horse Associations). The following sections of FIPO are modified as set forth below to achieve the maximum measure of USIHC compliance as is presently possible in the United States.

Section 2.2.2.1 – Permitted bits and bridles:

Any bit may be used as part of a bridle provided it:

- is suitable for riding horses (not for driving horses or any other use of horses);
- is suitable for riding Icelandic horses;
- fits the horse it is used on correctly;
- is not included in the list of prohibited bits.

Only snaffle bits are permitted in the Beginning Rider and Novice Division classes.

Nothing may be added on to bits other than smooth bit guards and chain guards, and nothing else is allowed in the horse's mouth.

Horses may be ridden in bit-less bridles provided they fit the general requirements described above.

The judges' decision about the acceptance of any bit or bridle at a specific event is final for that specific event.

Section 4.2 – Tracks:

The definition of regulation tracks is as defined in FIPO Section 5.1. In the event a regulation track is not available tests may be conducted on a track or in an arena with a minimum circumference of 200 meters [650 feet] with long sides a minimum of 60 meters [200 feet].

The beginning and end of the long side of the track shall be marked in such a way as to be clearly visible to the riders, judges, and spectators without interfering with the horses on the track. The transition point at the middle of the short side may also be marked. Options include but are not limited to flat tape on the railing or a different colored post.

Effective April 2014, racing pace events may only be included if there is a straight pace track or the circumference of the oval track is 250 meters. A show may be sanctioned without including F1 or F2 in the list of offered classes if the track does not meet the FIPO standards for racing pace.

Sections 4.3 and 5.2 – Judges:

All FIPO classes must be judged by at least one International FEIF Sports Judge. In the event classes are scored by more than one International FEIF Sports Judge, they will judge individually, separately and openly.

Section 4.8 – Demonstration Rider:

The show organizer has the sole discretion to utilize demonstration riders. If demonstration riders are used they shall follow FIPO Section 4.8.

Section 5.5 – Left rein and right rein groups:

In classes, which are conducted in groups, starting groups of no more than six riders are formed by the show organizer, judge or gatekeeper. Choice of rein shall be by majority vote of the riders in the group. In the event of a tie, left rein is to be assumed to be the preference.

The first group shall enter the arena and perform the class, after which they shall exit the arena. Succeeding groups shall do the same. When all groups have ridden the entire class shall return to the arena for the announcement of the results.

In finals, the majority of the riders determine the rein on which the first section is begun. In the event of a tie vote, the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled.

RULES OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Eligibility.

Open: Any rider 14 years and over.

Pace Disciplines: Any rider 14 years and over.

Professional: A professional rider is one who has accepted remuneration of any kind within a two-year period prior to the show in question for training or riding Icelandic Horses.

Intermediate: Any non-professional rider who has not achieved a final score of 6.0 or higher three times, riding the same or different horses, in a specific discipline at USIHC sanctioned competitions.

Novice: Any non-professional rider who has not achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times, riding the same or different horses, in a specific discipline at USIHC sanctioned competition. In other words, a rider who has achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times in Novice Tölt is ineligible to enter that class again and must advance to the Intermediate level in Tölt. This rider may continue to compete as a Novice in the other discipline until he/she achieves a score of 5.0 three times in those remaining Novice classes. Thereafter he/she must advance to Intermediate Division.

[Experimental] Beginning Rider: Any non-professional rider who has not achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times on any horse **in any discipline** in USIHC sanctioned competition.

[Experimental] Green Horse: Any horse which has not achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times under any rider **in any discipline** in USIHC sanctioned competition.

Youth: Youth classes may be split into classes with the following age groups:

1. Eleven years and under.
2. Twelve through sixteen years.

A rider may enter any class or level unless specifically prohibited by the definition of that class or level. In other words, a rider may enter at the same show, Intermediate and Novice classes if he/she is a **non-professional** rider and has not achieved a score of 5.0 or above three times at USIHC sanctioned competitions in that discipline.

The cut-off score in those classes will follow the rider only. It will not follow the horse or the horse and rider combination with the exception of the determination of a "green horse".

A rider may enter the same class with more than one horse. Where the Open Class is conducted as individual programs, no limit shall apply. In classes conducted in groups, the rider shall be allowed, as many entries as there are groups for the class.

The number of tests a horse may be ridden per day is specified in FIPO Section 2.1. Horses, riders, or combinations thereof may start in more than one tölt or gaited test at the same competition as long as the rider satisfies the divisional eligibility requirements. Horses may not start more than the number of times specified in FIPO 2.1. In the event a rider participates in more than one gaited or tölt test at the same event, only the most advanced test (lowest test number) in each category will be considered for the National Ranking.

Compliance. The individual responsible for enforcing compliance with all the USIHC Sport Rules at sanctioned shows shall be an Intern Judge. If an Intern Judge is not available then the official Scribe shall enforce the rules. In the absence of either an Intern Judge or Scribe then a designated member of the Sport Committee will enforce compliance by all show participants with the rules. In all cases the individual must have a solid working knowledge of the USIHC Sport Rules. All the materials and information needed to ensure proper compliance shall be provided by the show organizer. If a dispute arises as a result of a decision made by this individual an appeal may be made in a timely fashion to the Judge who shall have the final decision.

Jurisdiction. The USIHC Competition Rules are National Rules, to be utilized in any USIHC Sanctioned Show. In the event an International FEIF Show shall be conducted in the United States it must be conducted pursuant to the entire FIPO then in effect, including the provisions excluded or amended in these National Rules.

Revisions to FIPO and the USIHC Competition Rules. As revisions to FIPO are approved by FEIF, the USIHC will determine if the USIHC Competition Rules should be revised in accordance with the FIPO revisions. Other revisions to the USIHC Competition Rules may occur as circumstances demand.

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

1. The competition manager or a representative previously appointed by him/her.
2. The head judge
3. A rider's 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.
4. The sport chairperson or delegate previously appointed by him/her

All decisions made by the Arbitration Committee are final. No one may be involved in any arbitral decisions, who is either directly concerned or has interests therein or is any other way prejudiced. Arbitration proceedings are conducted verbally. Minutes are to be taken, which should at least include the following information:

1. Members of the arbitration committee
2. Place and time of the proceedings
3. Parties present
4. Issues and decisions of the committee.

Arbitration proceedings 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 will have the casting vote. The decision then must be immediately given in writing to the party concerned.

Dress Code. All provisions in FIPO Section 3.3 shall apply. The dress requirements in all FIPO classes at USIHC sanctioned shows shall be those required at international sport competitions. In the event of high heat or humidity, riders may opt to not wear a coat and tie. Regardless of the conditions, riders are encouraged to dress professionally. The dress requirements in all non-FIPO classes shall be those allowed in Pace Race and Pace Tests.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

The class descriptions listed below are taken directly from FIPO and will be the USIHC required classes. The scores from these classes will be recorded in the USIHC National Ranking database. In the event of a discrepancy between these descriptions and those in the current version of FIPO, FIPO shall prevail unless the difference is expressly noted.

OPEN DIVISION

These classes may be entered by any rider 14 years and older. Organizers shall offer both preliminary and finals for all Open Division classes.

Tölt 1 Open Individual (FIPO T1)

Preliminary Round:

Riders compete individually.

Sections:

1. Begin at the middle of the short side and ride one round in slow tölt on either rein. Return to walk at the middle of the short side and change rein.
2. From the middle of the short side ride one round in slow tölt, lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides.
3. From the middle of the short side ride one round in fast tölt.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round on both reins as described in 5.4.2.

Tölt 2 Open Loose Rein (FIPO T2)

Preliminary Round:

Riders compete individually.

Sections:

1. Begin at the middle of the short side and ride one round in aAny speed tölt
2. From the middle of the short side ride one round in sSlow, steady and calm speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein
3. Ride one round in a sSlow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth The marks for section 3 are doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round as described in 5.4.2.

Tölt 3 Open Group (FIPO T3)Preliminary Round:

The test is ridden with two or more riders on the oval track. The horses show the three sections as instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. They start on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow tölt. Return to walk change rein.
2. Slow tölt on the short sides, fast tölt on the long sides.
3. Fast tölt.

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5.

Tölt 4 Open Group Loose Rein (FIPO T4)Preliminary Round:

This class is ridden with three riders on the track at once. The horses show the three sections as instructed by the speaker as described in FIPO Section 5.4.2. They start on the rein chosen by the riders in each group pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 .

Sections (called by the speaker):

4. Any speed tölt
5. Slow, steady and calm speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein
6. Slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth The marks for section 3 are doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round as described in 5.4.2.

Four-gait Open Individual (FIPO V1)Preliminary round:

Riders compete individually. The test may be ridden on either rein. The rider begins each segment of the test in the middle of the short side of the track. The rider has four and a half rounds to show the following gaits in any order:

1. Slow tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk (shown for a half round only)
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Fast tölt

Each gait may be shown only once, walk for a half round and the other gaits for one full round.

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5.

Four-gait Open Group (FIPO V2)Preliminary round:

The test is ridden with two or more riders on the oval track. The horses show the four gaits as instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. They ride on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Fast tölt

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5.

Five-gait Open (FIPO F1)Preliminary round:

Riders compete individually. The test may be ridden on either rein. [The rider begins each segment of the test in the middle of the short side of the track.](#) The rider has four and a half rounds to show the following gaits in any order:

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk ([shown for a half round only](#))
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Racing pace

Each gait may be shown only once, walk for a half round and the other gaits for a full round. The racing pace is shown on the long sides only. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and show the five gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in FIPO Section 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5. The horses may show racing pace 3 times on one long side. The riders choose the long side by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the vote of the preliminary round winner is doubled. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Intermediate classes are open to all non-professional riders who have not achieved a score of 6.0 three times, riding the same or different horses, in a specific discipline at USIHC sanctioned competitions. Once a rider has achieved a score of 6.0 or higher three times in a specific discipline, he/she must compete in Open Level classes thereafter in that discipline.

The conducting of a final round in Intermediate Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Intermediate Tölt (FIPO T5):

The class is ridden with no more than six horses on the track at once. The rein is selected pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The horses show the sections as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Slow tölt. Return to walk and change rein
2. Slow tölt on the short sides, fast tölt on the long sides

Intermediate Loose-Rein Tölt (FIPO T6):

This class is ridden by no more than six riders on the track at the same time. The rein is selected pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The horses show the sections as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed tölt, on the long sides holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth.

Intermediate Four-gait (FIPO V3):

This class is ridden with no more than six riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections are ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Medium to fast tölt

Five-gait Intermediate (FIPO F2):

The test is ridden with two or more riders on the oval track. The horses show the five gaits as instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. They ride on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Racing pace.

The horses may show racing pace 3 times on one long side. The riders choose the long side by majority vote. In the event of a draw a draw the judge will decide. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and show the five gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in FIPO Section 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5. The horses may show racing pace 3 times on one long side. The riders choose the long side by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the vote of the preliminary round winner is doubled. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

NOVICE DIVISION

Novice classes are open to all non-professional riders who have not scored 5.0 three times, riding the same or different horses, in the Novice classes in USIHC sanctioned competitions. In other words, once a rider has scored 5.0 or above three times in a Novice Tölt class, he/she may not compete further in that class and must compete thereafter in the Intermediate Tölt class. He/she may continue to compete in the other Novice classes until he/she has achieved a score of 5.0 three times in the other Novice classes. Thereafter he/she must compete in the Intermediate Division.

The conducting of a final round in the Novice Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Novice Tölt (FIPO T7):

This class is ridden with no more than six riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections are ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Slow tölt. Return to walk and change rein.
2. Any speed tölt

Novice Four-Gait (FIPO V5):

This class is ridden with no more than six riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections will be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter

YOUTH DIVISION

These classes are open to riders 16 years and younger as described below. The conducting of a final round in Youth Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2. The results of the preliminaries shall be used to compute the National Ranking.

Youth Tölt (FIPO T8):

This class is ridden with no more than six horses on the track. Rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein.
2. Any speed tölt

Youth Four Gait (FIPO V6):

This class is ridden with no more than six horses on the track. The rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections will be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Any Speed Tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter. The start into canter and the stop after canter into walk is shown separately by each rider as instructed by the speaker

BEGINNING RIDER DIVISION

This division and the associated classes are EXPERIMENTAL. Organizers are encouraged but not required to offer these classes. This division intended to provides riders new to competition on the Icelandic Horse a place to receive feedback on their riding with the most opportunity to succeed without compromising the judging guidelines.

Beginning Rider classes are open to all non-professional riders who have not scored 5.0 three times, riding the same or different horses, in **any disciplines** in USIHC sanctioned competitions.

The conducting of a final round in Beginning Rider Class is highly encouraged as it provides riders with a second opportunity to receive feedback from the judge(s). However, offering Beginning Rider Class finals is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Beginning Rider Tölt (TBR)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2. **Only the performance on the long sides of the track is judged.** Riders may use the corners and short side to prepare their horses without being judged. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein.
2. Any speed tölt

Beginning Rider Four-Gait (VBR)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. Rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Only the performance on the long sides of the track is judged. Riders may use the corners and short side to prepare their horses without being judged. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt.
2. Any speed trot.
3. Medium walk.
4. Medium canter (shown one rider at a time).
5. Any speed trot or tölt. (The mark in this section shall replace the mark for the earlier section allowing the rider a chance to improve the tölt or trot score.)

GREEN HORSE DIVISION

This division and the associated classes are EXPERIMENTAL. Organizers are encouraged but not required to offer these classes. This division provides trainers a place to introduce young horses to competition with the most opportunity to succeed without compromising the judging guidelines.

Green Horse classes are open to all levels of riders on **horses** that have not scored 5.0 three times, in **any disciplines** in USIHC sanctioned competitions.

The conducting of a final round in a Green Horse Class is highly encouraged as it provides riders with a second opportunity to receive feedback from the judge(s). However, offering Green Horse Class finals is in

the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Green Horse Tölt (TGH)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2. **Only the performance on the long sides of the track is judged.** Riders may use the corners and short side to prepare their horses without being judged. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein.
2. Any speed tölt

Green Horse Four-Gait (VGH)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. Rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Only the performance on the long sides of the track is judged. Riders may use the corners and short side to prepare their horses without being judged. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt.
2. Any speed trot.
3. Medium walk.
4. Medium canter (shown one rider at a time).
5. Any speed trot or tölt. (The mark in this section shall replace the mark for the earlier section allowing the rider a chance to improve the tölt or trot score.)

RANKED CLASS CHART

	Tölt	Loose Rein Tölt	Four-Gait	Five-Gait
Open	T1 or T3	T2 or T4	V1 or V2	F1
Intermediate	T5	T6	V3	F2
Novice	T7		V5	
Youth	T8		V6	

INTRODUCTION

A sanctioned show is one in which the rider's scores are recorded in a national database which enables riders to compare their performances with other riders around the country and, more importantly perhaps, to compare their own performances over time. For such comparisons to have validity, certain aspects of the show must be consistent. These aspects are contained in the Rules & Procedures for Sanctioned Shows. The reasons for some of the requirements, which may not be obvious to those unfamiliar with Icelandic Competition, are as follows:

1. The classes must be judged by at least one (1) FEIF International Sports Judge. In Icelandic competition, the horse and rider combination receives a numerical score for various aspects of the competition. For example, in a four-gait class the horse/rider combination will receive a score for walk, trot, canter, slow tölt, and fast tölt. The average of these five scores averaged together is the score for the class. The scoring system, from zero to ten, has been agreed upon by all the member countries of FEIF and is available for review on the FEIF website under "Judges' Guidelines". Each point on the scale takes into consideration a number of factors, such as beat, tempo, movement, etc. These factors and their importance to each point on the scale are also available at the FEIF website.

Sports judges receive lengthy training in the scoring system. They attend seminars; pass rigorous examinations and apprentice under experienced Judges for many years at shows of increasing size. FEIF International Sports Judges are persons of substantial experience who have come up through the ranks of their country's sports judge training programs and have then passed the rigorous examination which certifies them for this title. The purpose of this extraordinarily demanding program is to achieve consistency in judging so that a horse/rider combination with a score of 6.5 in slow tölt would earn that same score for the same performance in whatever country it is judged.

In most FEIF countries, a minimum of three judges judge together in order to obtain the most appropriate score (which is an average of what the individual judges give). We are not yet at a point where this is affordable. Therefore, to achieve the maximum in accurate scoring with at least one judge, we require at least one FEIF International Sports Judge. USIHC Sanctioned shows with multiple judges must have at least two (2) FEIF International Judges; the other judges may be National Judges.

2. The show must be conducted pursuant to USIHC Competition Rules. All FEIF countries are bound to follow FIPO, the competition rules as well as FIRO, the general rules, which have been accepted by all of the member countries. FIPO & FIRO cover many areas of competition, from fair treatment of the horse, allowed tack, allowed shoeing, sportsmanlike behavior (towards the horse as well as towards other riders), prohibited substances, to the physical requirements of official competition tracks, and a description of the requirements of each FIPO class, to name a few of the areas. FIPO & FIRO may be reviewed in their entirety at the FEIF website.

Because each country needs to have competitions for various levels of riding skills below World Championship competition, each country develops its own set of classes for beginning riders through advanced riders. In addition, each country usually adopts all or most other sections of FIPO related to the protection and welfare of the horse. Our competition rules do this for the U.S. In order to have comparisons of riders competing in specific classes at different shows, the classes must all have the same requirements. Other

aspects, such as ring size, must also be comparable. In addition, of course, the protection of the horse must always be paramount and guaranteed. For all of these reasons, our show rules must be used.

There are 12 required classes and 4 strongly recommended experimental classes:

- Open Level:** T1 (Individual) or T3 (Group),
T2 (Individual) or T4 (Group),
V1 (Individual) or V2 (Group)
F1 (Individual)
- Intermediate Level:** T5, V3, T6 and F2 (Group)
- Novice Level:** T7 and V5
- Youth Level:** T8 and V6
- Beginning Rider Level:** TBR and VBR [Experimental]
- Green Horse Level:** TGH and VGH [Experimental]

This requirement assures that a range of classes will be offered. Note that it is not necessary for all classes to have entries. The only requirement is that they be offered. Other classes even those purely for fun, may be added with the exception of halter classes, which are specifically prohibited. This prohibition is to prevent any in-roads of the philosophy that the physical appearance of the horse, divorced from its functionality, is worthy of note.

All required classes are recommended to have preliminaries and finals to be scheduled on different days of the competition. If a class is large enough to require both “A” and “B” finals, both finals may be held on the same day. The results of the preliminaries for the required classes are used to compute the National Ranking.

The area in which the horse must perform must be an oval with an approximate circumference of 200-250 meters. An area of somewhat less size may be satisfactory but there must be long sides of sufficient length for pace and for tempo differences (slowing down and speeding up) in tölt.

Effective April 2010, the beginning and end of the long side of the oval shall be marked in such a way as to be clearly visible to the riders, judges, and spectators without interfering with the horses on the oval track. The transition point at the middle of the short side may also be marked. Options include but are not limited to flat tape on the railing or a different colored post.

Effective April 2014, racing pace events may only be included if there is a straight pace track or the circumference of the oval track is 250 meters. A show may be sanctioned without including F1 or F2 in the list of offered classes if the track does not meet the FIPO standards for racing pace.

The most recently released version of the IceTest Software (~~Version 1.1.704 as of May 30, 2011~~) must be used and is available on the FEIF website (www.feif.org/software) for free download. This software provides forms for the recording of the scores in a manner that the Judge(s) is used to using and which are necessary for the database. **The results of sanctioned shows (including a copy of the IceTest “MDB” file) must be returned to the Chairperson of the Competition Committee within 15 days of the show. If they are not sent in on time the scores may not be posted to the website or added to the National Ranking Database.**

Moreover, we want to emphasize that a sanctioned show is at the top of the pinnacle of possible

competitions here in the US. There are schooling shows, fun shows, farm shows, shows limited to a certain geographical area, etc. that can be starting points growing towards a sanctioned show. We encourage all of these kinds of competitions and suggest the use of our Intern Judges for these events. See the *USIHC Schooling Show Handbook* (<http://www.icelandics.org/download/schoolingshowhandbook.pdf>) for more details on organizing a schooling show.

RULES and PROCEDURES for USIHC SANCTIONED SHOWS

1. USIHC Sanctioned Sport Shows are those that are entitled to have all scores for USIHC sanctioned classes entered into the USIHC National Ranking database. The USIHC Competition Committee Chairperson must approve all sanctioned USIHC shows. Approved sanctioned shows may be either an Icelandic Breed Show, or an Icelandic Show within a larger show, which may include other breeds or disciplines.
2. Requirements for a sanctioned show are:
 - (a) The classes must be judged by at least one (1) International FEIF Sports Judge.
 - (b) The show must be open to any horse registered with a FEIF recognized registry.
 - (c) The organizer must be a current USIHC member.
 - (d) The show must be of two (2) days duration. Finals must not be held on the same day as their qualifying preliminary. A single-day show is permissible if it is part of a multi-day World Ranking series.
 - (e) A scribe must be provided for the Judge(s). First choice for a scribe would be an Intern Judge(s) or if one is not available someone who has attended the USIHC Sport Judge's Seminar and then the third choice is a member of the Competition Committee. A suitable replacement for any of these options may be approved by the competition committee chairperson.
 - (f) The most recent version of the IceTest Software (~~Version 1.1.704 as of May 30, 2011~~) must be used. It is available for free download at www.feif.org/software
 - (g) The show must be held on an oval track or in an arena with an approximate circumference of 200-250 meters. Effective April 2014, racing pace events may only be included if there is a straight pace track or the circumference of the oval track is 250 meters. A show may be sanctioned without including F1 or F2 in the list of offered classes if the track does not meet the FIPO standards for racing pace.
 - (h) The entry form must state the following:
 1. That the USIHC Competition Rules will apply at the show.
 2. That all Icelandic horse entries must be accompanied by a copy of a registration certificate issued by a FEIF recognized registry.
 3. That an additional fee of \$25.00 must be paid for any horse not registered with the USIHC.
 4. That an additional fee of \$25.00 must be paid for any rider not a member of the USIHC.
 5. That all riders will automatically be entered into the USIHC National Ranking Program.
 - (i) Petition for Sanction must be filed by certified mail to the Competition Committee Chairperson a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed show date. Late applications will be subject to a \$5.00 per day fine and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any changes to the previously approved application must be approved by the chairperson of the competition committee prior to the start of the show. It shall include:
 1. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the show organizer;

2. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the proposed judge(s);
 3. A list of proposed classes with the mandatory classes included;
 4. A copy of the entry form;
 5. The dates of the show;
 6. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the scribe(s);
 7. The name, address, telephone number of the facility and the dimensions of the arena;
 8. List of fees for classes and stalls
- (j) If the show is to be a World Ranking event, the USIHC will pay the FEIF World Ranking fee. If the Sanctioned Show application is approved after the FEIF World Ranking application deadline, the organizer must pay the FEIF late fee to the USIHC **before** the World Ranking application will be filed with FEIF. If a World Ranking show is canceled without prior approval of the Competition Committee Chairperson, the organizer shall reimburse the USIHC the full amount of the FEIF World Ranking fee.
- (k) **Within 15 days of the conclusion of the show**, the organizer must file a Show Report with the Competitions Committee Chairperson including
1. Number of total entries at the show
 2. Total Number of Starting Combinations
 3. Score sheets for all classes – signed by both judge and scribe.
 4. Copies of all entry forms
 5. Copies of all registration papers for entries
 6. Check for all fees due pursuant to Section 2(d) (3-4) above and a copy of ICETEST “MDB” database file must also be included.

Late reports will be subject to a \$5.00 per day fine and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For World Ranking shows, this deadline is reduced to 48 hours.

- (l) **Within 15 days of receipt of the Show Report**, the Competition Committee Chairperson shall review the required elements of the report and notify the organizer in writing of any errors or omissions.

For World Ranking shows this deadline is reduced to 24 hours.

- (m) **Within 15 days of receiving written notification of Show Report errors**, the organizer shall submit a revised Show Report correcting said errors.

Late corrections will be subject to a \$5.00 per day fine and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For World Ranking shows this deadline is reduced to 24 hours.

3. Responsibilities of the organizer include:

- (a) Making all transportation arrangements (including payment) for the Judge(s) from his/her point of departure and back, including to and from the show grounds on each judging day.
- (b) Making all arrangements (including payment) for the Judge(s)'s hotel (if applicable) from the night of arrival through the night of the last Icelandic class.
- (c) Selection of a scribe(s) to assist the Judge(s). The scribe(s) must be familiar with the different classes and how to score correctly using the scoring sheets from the Ice Test Software. A scribe(s) must be an Intern Judge(s), a person who has attended the USIHC Judges Seminar or a member of the Competition Committee and if one is not available then approval from the Competition Committee Chairperson is needed for a suitable replacement.
- (d) A rider's delegate must be elected prior to the show beginning. This is in case arbitration becomes necessary.
- (e) Forwarding to the Competition Chairperson a Show Report. For World Ranking shows, the IceTest file supplied with the show report must include FEIF ID numbers for all horses and extra care must be taken with the spelling of horse and rider names. (Note: Horses imported to the United States will have a FEIF ID and a US Registration ID. The FEIF ID from the horse's country of birth is the number which must be used in IceTest.)

4. The Competition Committee Chairperson will be responsible for the following:

Approval of the proposed Judge(s) and Scribe(s). In the event that either this Judge(s) and/or Scribe(s) are not approved for any reason, the Competition Committee Chairperson will be responsible for the selection of a Judge(s) and/or Scribe(s) and will provide the organizer with the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the selected Judge(s) and/or Scribe(s) within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the petition.

Review of the completed Show Report withing 15 days of receipt (24 hours in the case of World Ranking shows).

PETITION FOR SANCTION
This ☐ will ☐ will not be a World Ranking Show.

1. Show Organizer

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Tel. No.

E-Mail Address

2. Number of Judges to be used

3. Proposed Judge: (Please attach separate sheet for multiple judge shows.)

Judge's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Tel. No.

E-Mail Address

4. List of Proposed Classes (attach list)

5. Entry Form (attach copy)

6. Dates of Show:

7. Scribe: (Please attach separate sheet for multiple judge shows.)

Scribe's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Tel. No.

E-Mail Address

8. Facility for Show

Name

Address

City State Zip

Tel. No.

9. Cost per class

10. Cost per stall

11. Dimensions of Arena or Track (long sides x short sides).....

12. The Arena or Track is at least 250 meters or has an attached straight pace track. YES / NO

Organizer's Signature

Date

By signing here the applicant states they have read and accept the USIHC Sanctioned Show Rules (Revised ~~July 2011~~ March 2012), the USIHC Competition Rules (Revised March ~~2011~~ 2012), and FIPO 2012.

SHOW REPORT

1. Number of Total Entries
2. Total Number of Starting Combinations
3. Score Sheets for all USIHC Classes from IceTest Software (attach)
4. Copies of All Entry Forms (attach)
5. Copies of Registration Certificates for all Entries. (attach)
6. Check for all fees owed to USIHC. (attach)

Organizer's Signature

Date

By signing here the applicant states they have read and accept the USIHC Sanctioned Show Rules (Revised ~~July 2011~~ March 2012), the USIHC Competition Rules (Revised March ~~2011~~ 2012), and FIPO ~~2011~~ 2012.