**Development Team Announcement**

**Our organization is excited to launch the USIHC Development Team. The purpose of the USIHC Development Team is to further promote Icelandic Horse Sport here in the USA by encouraging participation in all types and levels of competition from novice to individual and open classes. One of the core goals of the Development Team is to provide outreach and support to all the membership, recognizing that “the best competition horses also make the best trail horses.” The Development Team will offer members community and foster interest in Sport through access to specialized educational and training opportunities.**

**The Development Team will be coordinated by a Team Leader appointed by the USIHC Board; Shelby Walker has volunteered for the remainder of 2025. In addition, a Development Team committee of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 committee members will be assembled by the Team Leader to organize events (4-6 per year). A Team Leader will serve a 2-year term, which will begin on January 1st. If a Team Leader is unable to serve their entire term, they will be replaced as promptly as possible. Team Leaders can be nominated by any Development Team member via email to the USIHC Sport Leader. The Sport Leader will bring all nominations to the USIHC Board of Directors for a vote.**

**Requirements to become a Development Team member: (i) current USIHC member in good standing; and (ii) commitment to competing in Sport. In addition, all team members agree to the following code of conduct: (i) to abide by the rules, policies, and procedures of FEIF and the USIHC and acknowledge that any failure to do so may result in immediate suspension from the Development Team; (ii) to agree that horse welfare, dignity, safety and health of horses are paramount and to commit to place them above all other interests; and (iii) to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all events and competitions where I represent or may be perceived as representing the team.**

**Annual Membership Fee\*: $50**

**(\**As part of the membership, you will receive a hat and water bottle with the USIHC Development Team logo, receive special discounts at Taktur’s Tack Boutique and Flying C Ranch Tack Shop, and have the opportunity to purchase other team merchandise.)***

**Upcoming Development Team Events:**

**(1) September 20, 2025 at [XXpm EST]: Lecture by Hulda [LAST NAME??]: TOPIC??**

**(2) September 30 – October 1, 2025: Olil Amble Clinic: A two-day clinic for the Development Team on Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Harmony Icelandics in Truro, Iowa. There are 10 slots available for riders. The clinic will include lectures, group and private lessons and the opportunity to watch her work with a horse. It will be offered to Development team members at a reduced price. Horses will be available for members to borrow/lease, subject to availability and appropriate matches. Please see:** [**https://www.harmonyicelandics.com/events**](https://www.harmonyicelandics.com/events) **for more information.**