

# **FEIF Youth Cup (FYC) 2026**

## **Information and Rider Application \***

**When: July 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Where: Rieden, Germany**

**What: (info from FEIF.org)**

- The focus of the bi-annual FEIF Youth Cup is on teamwork, sportsmanship, improved riding skills and cross-cultural friendships.
- FEIF Youth Cup is arranged every second year and consists of a week of intense training with respected instructors of international standing. The week ends in a competition with a range of youth classes on and off the oval track.
- Riders aged between 14 and 17 train and compete in international teams, with the aim of fostering friendship and an awareness of cultural difference. The language at all international FEIF events is English. *(For any event with age limitation the January of the year of birth is valid for the age of the rider.)*
- Usually, participants have some experience of competition riding. Most riders bring their own horses for the event, and for applicants from overseas, good rental horses are available.

**Interested?**

**You must meet the following prerequisites:**

- Be aged between 14 and 17 years old in July 2026 (born in 2009-2012)
- Be a member in good standing of the USIHC for at least one continuous year prior to the event. (membership from July 2025 or longer)
- Horses ridden in the United States for FYC try-outs must be registered in the United States at the time of the try out video. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED**
- A major portion of the application involves an evaluation of riding skills. Applicants must register for the USIHC Fall Virtual show and compete in at least two classes, one tolt class (T1-Youth and/or T2-Youth) and one gait class (V1-Youth, and/or F1-Youth) Details on video requirements are on the virtual show webpage ([icelandics.org](http://icelandics.org)). You may start making videos as early as June 1, 2025 (videos due by November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025).

## **FYC 2026 Application:**

### **1. General Information**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/guardian please sign to give your consent for applicant to attend this event and confirm that all information on this application is correct:

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Parent's names & emails:

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Please confirm that your USIHC membership status is current by initialing the box below.

My USIHC membership renewal date is \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I am a member in good standing of the USIHC now and I pledge to renew my membership if needed at time of event \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent:

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## **Riding Experience Information:**

**\*Riders must enter the USIHC Fall Virtual Show and Register for at least one trot class (T1-Youth and/or T2-Youth) and at least one gait class (V1-Youth and/or F1-Youth) These classes will be judged by a panel of 3 judges. The score will be the average of the three judges. Scores for these classes will be a major portion of the application process. (Scores should be published in December 2025)**

- FYC Application Riders may use a different horse for each test.
- A horse may only be entered in each test once.
- Riders must earn a minimum score of 4.5 to be eligible for FYC.

## **2. Video Information:**

Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Test(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Video Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Test(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Video Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**3a. Please list your experience riding Icelandic horses including clinics & training:** (OK to attach another sheet of paper)

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**3b. Please list your Icelandic show experience including scores:** (OK to attach another sheet of paper)

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**4. Please provide a reference letter from a Riding Instructor or coach.**

Reference Letter should be sent directly to Lucy Nold

(fivegaitfarmicelandics@gmail.com)

Please get an email confirming receipt.

FYC Rider Application FEIF Youth Cup Application Instructions:

Applications must be RECEIVED by November 15th to be considered.

All materials may be sent by email to:

Lucy Nold

(fivegaitfarmicelandics@gmail.com)

Please get an email confirmation for all documents submitted. (If you cannot send back a word document, you may photograph documents and send those.)

Checklist:

1. General Info
2. Video Information (Fall Virtual Show Registration)
3. Riding and Show Experience
4. Reference Letter from Riding Instructor or Coach.

Announcement of participants will be by December 20, 2025.

The US has 3 spots for this event.

If there are more than 3 qualified riders we will request additional spots, but this is not guaranteed.