

## USIHC Announcer Cards

The following announcer cards are provided to assist at mixed-breed or schooling shows where the announcer may not be entirely familiar with the required FEIF Sport Rules tests and some of the optional, fun classes.

- ✓ The current FEIF Sport Rules take precedence over the announcer cards if there is discrepancy !
- ✓ Any shaded text on the announcer cards should be treated as a “stage direction” for the announcer. This information is helpful for the announcer but not necessarily of any interest to the spectators or riders.
- ✓ All of the FINALS indicate the marks for each section should be announced while the horses walk. This may not always be possible (especially in mixed-breed shows). Even if the marks cannot be announced during the FINAL, for the welfare of the horses, please allow them to walk for a short time between each section of the FINAL.

Revised reflect the USIHC Sanctioned Show Rules (May 2016) and FEIF Sport Rules and Regulations 2016.1

## Tölt – Open Individual [T1]

Class#

### Preliminary Round.

For the spectators the required elements are:

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Change direction.
- ✓ Speed changes; lengthen stride on the long sides, slow on the short.
- ✓ Fast tölt.

Riders must show the required elements in the order specified

The announcer gives no instructions to the riders in this preliminary. The announcer should, however, welcome each individual rider to the track

## Tölt – Open Individual [T1]

Class#

### Final round.

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Open Tölt Individual Preliminary are eligible for the Open Tölt Individual Finals. The horses will start on left rein. Riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Speed changes; lengthen stride on the long sides, slow on the short.
- ✓ Walk for 60 seconds & Change direction.
- ✓ Speed changes; lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides, slow on the short.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Fast tölt.
- ✓ Walk for 120 seconds & Change direction.
- ✓ Fast tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

## Tölt – Open Loose Rein Individual [T2]

Class#

### Preliminary Round.

For the spectators the required elements are:

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Slow, steady and calm speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse’s mouth. [The marks for this section will be doubled.]

Riders must show the required elements in the order specified.

The announcer gives no instructions to the riders in this preliminary. The announcer should, however, welcome each individual rider to the track.

**Tölt – Open Loose Rein Group [T2]**

Class#

**Final Round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Open Tölt 2 Preliminary are eligible for the Open Tölt 2 Finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow, steady and calm speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth.  
[The marks for this section will be doubled.]
- ✓ Walk.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Tölt – Open Group [T3]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena, if no direction is chosen the horses will start on the left rein. No more than 4 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 3 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Change direction.
- ✓ Speed changes; lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides, slow on the short.
- ✓ Fast tölt.

**Tölt – Open Group [T3]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Open Tölt Group Preliminary are eligible for the Open Tölt Group Finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. Riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Speed changes; lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides, slow on the short.
- ✓ Walk.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Fast tölt.

**Tölt – Open Loose Rein Group [T4]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena, if no direction is chosen the horses will start on the left rein. No more than 3 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 3 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Slow, steady and calm speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth. [The marks for this section will be doubled.]

**Tölt – Open Loose Rein Group [T4]**

Class#

**Final Round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Open Tölt 4 Preliminary are eligible for the Open Tölt 4 Finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow, steady and calm speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth.  
[The marks for this section will be doubled.]
- ✓ Walk.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Tölt – Intermediate [T5]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena, if no direction is chosen the horses will start on the left rein. No more than 4 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 4 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Speed changes; lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides, slow on the short.

**Tölt – Intermediate [T5]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Intermediate Tölt Preliminary are eligible for the Intermediate Tölt Finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Speed changes; lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides, slow on the short.
- ✓ Walk.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Tölt – Intermediate Loose Rein [T6]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. If no direction is chosen the horses will start on the left rein. No more than 4 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 4 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ 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

**Tölt – Intermediate Loose Rein [T6]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Intermediate Loose Rein Tölt Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Walk.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Tölt – Novice [T7]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena, if no direction is chosen the horses will start on the left rein. No more than 4 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 4 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Any speed tölt.

**Tölt – Novice [T7]**

Class#

**Final Round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Novice Tölt Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Any speed tölt.

**Tölt – Youth [T8]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena, if no direction is chosen the horses will start on the left rein. No more than 4 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 4 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Any speed tölt.

**Tölt – Youth [T8]**

Class#

**Final Round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Youth Tölt Preliminary are eligible for the Youth Tölt Finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk.  
[Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Four Gait – Open Individual [V1]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

For the spectators the required elements are:

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Medium walk.
- ✓ Slow to medium canter.
- ✓ Fast tölt.

Riders are free to show the required elements in any order of their choosing.

[The announcer has no role in this preliminary other than to welcome each individual rider to the track.]

**Four Gait – Open Individual [V1]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Open Individual Four Gait Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed trot.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed canter.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Fast tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Four Gait – Open Group [V2]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena, if no direction is chosen the horses will show on the left rein. No more than 3 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 3 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium speed trot.
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed canter.
- ✓ Fast tölt.

**Four Gait – Open Group [V2]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Open Group Four Gait Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed trot.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed canter.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Fast tölt. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Four Gait – Intermediate [V3]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. If no direction is chosen the horses will show on the left rein. No more than 4 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 4 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow speed tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Medium Walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Slow to medium canter.
- ✓ Medium to fast tölt

**Four Gait – Intermediate [V3]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Intermediate Four Gait Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Slow to medium speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Medium Walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium canter.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Medium to fast tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Four Gait – Novice [V5]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. If no direction is chosen the horses will show on the left rein. No more than 4 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 4 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Slow to medium canter

**Four Gait – Novice [V5]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Novice Four Gait Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium canter.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Four Gait – Youth [V6]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. If no direction is chosen the horses will show on the left rein. No more than 4 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 4 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Medium Walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Slow to medium canter [Shown one rider at a time. Others walk.]

**Four Gait – Youth [V6]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Youth Four Gait Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Medium Walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium canter. [Shown one rider at a time. Others walk.]
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

**Five Gait – Open [F1]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

For the spectators the required elements are:

- ✓ Slow to medium tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Medium walk.
- ✓ Slow to medium canter.
- ✓ Racing pace.

Riders are free to show the required elements in any order of their choosing.

The announcer has no role in this preliminary other than to welcome each individual rider to the track.

**Five Gait – Open [F1]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Open Five Gait Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. The riders choose the long side on which pace will be shown by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the judge will decide. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

- ✓ Slow to medium speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed trot.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed canter.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]

Racing pace.

Riders line up on opposite long side from the one used to show pace. Riders may show racing pace 3 times on one long side.

**Five Gait – Intermediate [F2]**

Class#

**Preliminary Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena, if no direction is chosen the horses will show on the left rein. The riders choose the long side on which pace will be shown by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the judge will decide. No more than 3 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 3 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward.

- ✓ Slow to medium speed tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium speed trot.
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct the riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed canter.
- ✓ Racing pace.  
Riders line up on opposite long side from the one used to show pace. Riders may show racing pace 3 times on one long side.

The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled

**Five Gait – Intermediate [F2]**

Class#

**Final round.**

The first 5 placed horse/rider combinations from the Intermediate Five Gait Preliminary are eligible for the finals. Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled. The riders choose the long side on which pace will be shown by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the judge will decide. All riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

- ✓ Slow to medium speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed trot.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Slow to medium speed canter.
- ✓ Walk. [Announce marks for this section while horses walk.]
- ✓ Racing pace.

Riders line up on opposite long side from the one used to show pace. Riders may show racing pace 3 times on one long side.

**Beer Mug Tölt**

Class#

No more than 5 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 5 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. The announcer will call the gaits. Riders enter the arena with a beer mug on the left rein at a walk.

- ✓ Slow speed tölt – 2 rounds.
- ✓ Change direction at the tölt.
- ✓ Any speed tölt – 1 round.
- ✓ Line up and measure mugs.

The winner is the rider who has the most beer left and stayed in tölt. If there are two or more riders with the same amount of beer left there will be a work off.

## Speed Pace

Class#

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This test is conducted on a pace track or through an arena long side or diagonal.

### Start

- ✓ One horse at a time proceeds to the start.
- ✓ At the starter's signal, the rider rides to the 50 m marker in any gait he wishes.
- ✓ On crossing the 50 m mark or gate of arena, time keeping starts at a visual signal. From there to the finish line the horse must be in racing pace.

There will be two runs.

### Starting order

Before the first run, the starting order will be called by the gate steward. In the second run the starting order is set by the rating in the first run. The slowest horse(s) will start first.

## Pleasure Tölt

Class#

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Class is judged on the appearance of harmony between the horse and rider, the suitability of the movement for long-distance riding. Emphasis is on comfort and fluid movement. Action is not the key factor.

Instead of numerical scoring, participants will simply be given placements.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Any speed tölt.

## Green Horse Tölt [TGH]

Class#

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### Preliminary and Final Round.

The horses will show on the left rein. No more than 3 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 3 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. In the final all riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

**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 but rough riding is never accepted.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Any speed tölt.

## Beginning Rider Tölt [TBR]

Class#

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### Preliminary and Final Round.

The horses will show on the left rein. No more than 3 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 3 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. In the final all riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

**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 but rough riding is never accepted.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Walk & Change direction.
- ✓ Any speed tölt.

**Green Horse Four Gait [VGH]**

Class#

**Preliminary and Final Round.**

Direction is to be decided by majority vote before entering the arena. If no direction is chosen the horses will show on the left rein. No more than 3 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 3 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. In the final all riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

**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.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Medium canter [Shown one rider at a time. Others walk.]
- ✓ Any speed tölt or trot  
The mark from this section replaces the earlier mark if it there is improvement.

**Beginning Rider Four Gait [VBR]**

Class#

**Preliminary and Final Round.**

The horses will show on the left rein. No more than 3 horses in the arena at one time, if more than 3 horses are entered the class shall be split under the direction of the judge or the gate steward. In the final all riders are to enter in reverse order based on the standings after the preliminary. The announcer will call the gaits.

**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.

- ✓ Any speed tölt.
- ✓ Slow to medium trot.
- ✓ Medium walk [Instruct riders they are being judged.]
- ✓ Medium canter [Shown one rider at a time. Others walk.]
- ✓ Any speed tölt or trot  
The mark from this section replaces the earlier mark if it there is improvement.