



Minutes
FEIF Delegates' Assembly 2017

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Delegates' Assembly 2017

Present:

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and guests.

For the minutes: Susanne Fröhlich

	Votes 2017	Present 2017
Australia	0	--
Austria	4	4
Belgium	1	--
Canada	1	--
Denmark	6	6
Faroe Islands	1	1
Finland	3	3
France	2	2
Great Britain	1	1
Germany	6	6
Iceland	6	6
Italy	1	--
Luxembourg	1	--
Netherlands	4	4
New Zealand	0	--
Norway	4	4
Slovenia	1	--
Sweden	6	6
Switzerland	3	3
USA	2	--
FEIF Board	1	1
TOTAL	54	47

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Delegates Assembly 2016

The minutes 2016 were unanimously accepted

3. Determination of the persons entitled to vote

Absent: Belgium (1), Canada (1), Italy (1), Luxembourg (1), Slovenia (1), USA (2)

At the opening of the Delegates' Assembly 12 countries with voting rights were present – representing 47 votes (incl. 1 vote from the Board of FEIF).

FEIF President, Gunnar Sturluson, opened the meeting at 13:35 and welcomed everyone to Helsinki, Finland.



4. Approval of the annual report of the FEIF Board

The annual reports of the Board were sent out in December 2016 according to the FEIF statutes and all activities were described in the invitation. The date of the Nordic Championships is not correct in the report, the NC 2016 took place from August 8-14 in Biri Travbane, Norway.

The DA approves the report of the Board.

5. Approval of the auditors report

The official version of the annual report was signed by the auditor L arus Finnbogason and the FEIF Board members. The management report of the Board is included in the auditor's report.

The financial statement is presented to the delegates and guests by Gunnar Sturluson.

Gunnar Sturluson presents the positions of each department in detail and explains the different positions.

- Operating revenue 2015/2016: €77.038
- Operating profit 2015/2016: €7.116
- Total equity and liabilities per September 30, 2016: €110,656

The DA approves the accounts unanimously.

6. Release the Board from its responsibilities

Mie Trolle, DK, thanks the Board for the work and asks the delegates to release the Board from its responsibilities.

The delegates unanimously agree to release the Board.

7. Elections

- FEIF President: Gunnar Sturluson is *elected unanimously* (for 2 years)
- FEIF Director of Sport: Doug Smith is *elected unanimously* (for 1 year)
- FEIF Director of YouthWork: Gundula Sharman is *elected unanimously* (for 2 years)
- Election of members of the Arbitration Council: Cosima K onig is *elected unanimously* (for 3 years)
- Unanimous confirmation of State authorized accountant 2016/2017: L arus Finnbogarsson

The position of a PR Board Member is no longer listed, but everybody is asked to keep the eyes open if someone is willing to do the work on honorary basis.

8. Proposals

General/Statutes proposals – Delegates' Assembly 2017

New Members

The Liechtensteiner Islandpferdeverband (LIIV) applied for full membership in FEIF. The association presented all documents as listed in the FEIF statutes; the number of members is above the minimum number of 50 members per September 15, 2016.

Proposal:

The Board of FEIF proposes to accept the Liechtensteiner Islandpferdeverband as full member of FEIF.

The majority of delegates vote in favour of the proposal and it is legally approved.



Statutes, Chapter 4: Annual Contributions

Proposal: ADD:

The number of members is constituted by all members either being a direct member or a member at a local riding club. General rule is to count the heads (only once).

Discussion:

IPZV: it is still not clear how the countries count the members even with this decision. IPZV has a central database which makes it easy to determine how to count the members.

NSIJP agrees with Germany and also proposes to do further research

NIHF: supports the FEIF proposals and reminds the delegates that it was already discussed in the chairperson meeting in 2016.

Decision: all countries will provide a detailed overview on how each association is structured and how the number of members is counted in each country. Future discussions shall take place in the chairperson meeting on how to improve the system.

The majority of delegates vote in favour of the proposal and it is legally approved.

Sport Proposals – Delegates Assembly 2017

1. **Description of P2 and P3 (S3.4.2 & S3.4.3) [Presented by the Board of FEIF] - WITHDRAWN**

The Board proposes the following editorial changes to the descriptions of P2 and P3 in the Sport Rules. These tests have been badly described for many years. This should have been corrected when the combined rule book was created but this was missed. Nothing in the following text is a change to the rules. This is just a proper description of how the tests are conducted:

S3.4.2 – P2 – SpeedPass: Pace race 100m with flying start

Update S3.4.2.3 -- Judges:

~~See P1 – Pace race 250 m.~~

Five judges are needed:

- the first judge (the starter) stands at the starting line;
- the second judge stands at the 50 m marker (beginning of timed stretch);
- the third judge stands between the 50 m and 100 m marker;
- the fourth judge stands between the 100 m and 150 m marker;
- the fifth judge stands at the finishing line.

The judges have coloured flags in the same colours as the riders. If elimination is necessary, the judge will show the relevant colour, if the horse's run is OK, he will show a white flag

S3.4.3 – P3 – Pace race 150m

Replace entire section up to the "Marks" subsection:

~~This test is conducted in the same way as P1 – Pace race 250 m.~~

This test is conducted on a pace track, where should be at least a stretch of 50 m before the start of the timed stretch of 150 m.



S3.4.3.1 Start

One horse at a time proceeds to the start. At the starters' signal, the rider rides to the 50 m marker in any gait he wishes. On crossing the 50 m mark, time keeping starts at a visual signal. From there to the finish line the horse must be in racing pace. There will be two or four runs all in all, but not more than two per day.

S3.4.3.2 Starting order

Before the first run, lots are drawn to set the starting order. In subsequent runs the starting order is set by the rating in the previous runs. The slowest horse(s) will start first.

S3.4.3.3 Judges

Six judges are needed:

- the first judge (the starter) stands at the starting line;
- the second judge stands at the 50 m marker (beginning of timed stretch);
- the third judge stands between the 50 m and 100 m marker;
- the fourth judge stands between the 100 m and 150 m marker;
- the fifth judge stands between the 150 m and 200 m marker;
- the sixth judge stands at the finishing line.

The judges have coloured flags in the same colours as the riders. If elimination is necessary, the judge will show the relevant colour, if the horse's run is OK, he will show a white flag

S3.4.3.4 Time keeping

See P1 – Pace race 250 m.

S3.4.3.5 Scoring

The fastest run will be marked. If times are equal, the second best time of the horses will decide on the placing and so on. If a horse falls out of racing pace between the 50 m marker and the finishing line, the run concerned will not be marked.

S3.4.3.6 Equipment

The use of an approved whip is allowed.

S3.4.3.7 Riders

See P1 – Pace race 250 m.

S3.5.3.8 Records

See P1 – Pace race 250 m.

[The existing "Marks" subsection remains the unchanged but is renumbered to S3.4.3.9]

The following proposals were approved at the Sport Leader Meeting in Haarlem (February 2016). The discussions in Haarlem were based on the old-style rule books. These proposals are updated only to use the rule reference numbers from the current rule book and to accommodate any editorial changes made during the transition to the new book.

Decision: Withdrawn by the Board of FEIF

2. Final Equipment & Shoeing Decisions (G8.2.2 & G8.3.2.2)

The current rules are imprecise regarding the final authority over equipment decisions. As riders continue to live in the "grey area" of legal bits and bridles the Sport Committee recommends changing the last line of each section as follows:

G8.2.2: The **chief judge's** decision about the use of any bit or bridle at a specific event is final for that specific event.



G8.3.2.2: The **chief judge's** decision about the acceptance of any shoe at a specific event is final for that specific event.

Decision: Adopted unanimously

3. Standardization of “Disqualification” Terms (various)

In the best tradition of the “FEIFish” language the Sport Rules and Regulations use various terms for a horse leaving competition. The Sport Committee recommends standardizing on the terms used in FEI’s rules regarding the publication of results (FEI Article 435(5).) The terms as defined by FEI with modification to fit our descriptions of Athletes (Riders) and President of the Ground Jury (Chief Judge) are as follows:

Term	Meaning
Withdrawn	The rider has cancelled his start prior to a test with a valid reason accepted by the Chief Judge
Retired	The rider started a test but abandoned of his own choosing.
Eliminated	The rider has started, but the rider had to end the performance due to the breach of the rules.
No show	The rider did not come to start without further information.

This FEI Article does not address the term “disqualification”. This term shall be applied when be the result of a judicial decision applies to the entire tournament.

Location	Current Term	New Term
S1.6 (Disqualification) all uses except last.	Disqualified	Eliminated
S3.4.1.4 (P1 – Start with start boxes) all uses.	Disqualified	Eliminated
S3.4.1.6 (P1 – Judges)	Disqualified	Eliminated
S3.4.4.5 (P1 – Disqualification) all uses	Disqualified	Eliminated
S4.3.1.4 (FS1 – Scoring)	Disqualification	Elimination
S4.3.2.3 (FS2 – Judging)	Disqualification	Elimination
S4.3.3.3 (FS3 – Judging)	Disqualification	Elimination
S5.1.5 (FR1 – Disqualification)	Disqualification	No Mark
G10.7.3 (Measures) in the case of a single class	Disqualification	Elimination
G10.7.4 (Disqualifications and Disciplinary Measures). “1” in the case of two red cards and second column of matrix.	Disqualification	Elimination
G7.3.2 (Participating horses in sport events)	Disqualified	Eliminated
G8.5.2.1 (Inspections)	Eliminated	Disqualified
G2.1.2 (Punctuality)	Eliminated	No Show
G1.3.2(g) (Fitness to Compete -- Bleeding)	Excuse	Eliminate

Decision: accepted unanimously

4. Role of Arbitration Committee in Disqualifications (G10.7.4)

The current procedures as defined in the Disciplinary Matrix indicate the arbitration committee must be involved before the decision of the judges’ can be enacted in many situations. (See all “+2” references in the table.) The Sport Committee reviewed all the “+2” items in the matrix and recommends removing all “+2” references as the role of arbitration committee is to hear appeals of decisions not to be involved in the initial decision.

Decision: adopted unanimously



5. Re-shoeing (G83.2.2)

As this rule stands a horse which loses a shoe after the first test cannot continue in the tournament. The intent of this rule is to prevent adjustments to the shoeing not to exclude a horse from further competition. Therefore, it is suggested to add some text to make it possible to replace a lost shoe.

A horse may not be re-shod once it has started its first test **without the express permission of the Chief Judge.**

Decision: Adopted unanimously

6. Rein and Pace Side Choice in Finals (S2.4 and S2.8.15.3)

The following additional text clarifies the handling of a “tie” when selecting the starting rein for finals.

S2.4: In finals, the majority of the riders determine the rein on which the first section is begun. In the event of a tie the vote of the preliminary round’s winner is doubled. If this does not break the tie, the decision is made by coin toss. **If the coin lands “head” up the riders start on the left rein.**

S2.8.15.3: 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 the vote of the preliminary round’s winner is doubled. **If this does not break the tie, the decision is made by a coin toss. If the coin lands “head” up the riders show pace in the direction selected by the Chief Judge before the coin is tossed.**

Decision: Adopted unanimously

7. World Championship Entries – Judges and Timekeepers (S6.4)

The current text refers to countries entering judges and timekeepers. Judges are selected per the defined procedure and not entered by countries. We have successfully transitioned to electronic timekeeping so timekeepers are no longer required.

The member countries shall enter their teams (riders and horses) and team-leaders, ~~judges and timekeepers~~ in accordance with the official invitation and on the prescribed forms.

Decision: Adopted unanimously

8. World Championship Shoeing Judges (S6.7.2.2 and S6.7.4.4)

There is no reason to set a limit on the number of judges to be used for shoeing controls at the World Championships. This should be a decision made by the Chief Judge as part of creating his staff assignments. This topic is addressed in two places. The Sport Leaders recommend removing the word “two” in S6.7.2.2 to give the Chief judge room to work. The Sport Leaders also recommend removing S6.7.4.4 entirely as this adds nothing of substance to the rules.

Decision: Adopted unanimously

9. World Championship Judges’ Meeting (S6.7.4.7)

The current text refers to the election of the “countries” judging each test. This is not fitting to the goal of the best possible judge team. The expectation is the Chief Judge along with his team will find the best judging assignments for each test without any nationalistic influence. It is recommended to delete the third bullet point as it does not fit into this vision:

- ~~election of the countries judging each test;~~

Decision: Adopted unanimously

10. Late Withdrawal with Veterinary Excuse (S1.7, S6.7.1)

It has come to the attention of the Sport Committee that veterinary certificates allowing withdrawals from tests after the one-hour window have been provided by veterinarians not on the tournament grounds who have not directly examined the horse. The Sport Leaders agree with the Sport Committee this is a manipulation of the intention of the “one-hour” rule and proposes to add text to



require the certification come from a veterinarian who has examined the horse on the tournament grounds.

S1.7: Withdrawal after this time limit will only be accepted if the horse or rider is declared unfit by a veterinary surgeon **who has examined the horse on site** or a doctor respectively or the Chief Judge;

S6.7.1 [first occurrence]: This is allowed up to one hour before start of the test and only upon producing a certificate from a doctor/veterinary surgeon **who has examined the horse on site** and only upon approval of the head judge.

S6.7.1 [second occurrence]: Withdrawal after this time limit will only be accepted if the horse or rider is declared unfit by a veterinary surgeon **who has examined the horse on site** or a doctor respectively or by the Chief Judge;

Decision: Adopted unanimously

11. World Championships Team Leaders (S6.2)

Since the possible size of the World Championships sport teams has grown with the success of the young rider changes, the job of Sport Team Leader has grown beyond what is reasonable for a single person. The Sport Committee recommends adding the possibility for a second Sport Team Leader for large teams.

Each fully paid up member country can enter a sport team and a breeding team, each with one named team leader. **A Deputy Sport Team Leader is permitted for teams with 8 or more riders including adults, young riders, and defending Champions.**

Decision: Adopted unanimously

12. Sport Nationality (S6.7.3.1)

The topic of a rider's "sport nationality" continues to be an issue. The Sport Leaders endorse a proposal from the Sport Committee to clarify the matter by moving some of the descriptive text from S6.7.3.1 (World Championships -- Eligible riders) to the general rule G2.1.4.

S6.7.3.1: Riders that comply with the specific rule about eligible riders in the general part of FIPO, and which are 16 years or older in the calendar year are eligible. A rider must have the nationality of the country he is representing or have had his permanent residence in the country he is representing for at least the previous year (counted back from the first day of World Championships).

~~A rider can only represent one country in a specific year. Any change that is allowed according to the rules has to be announced to FEIF before April 1 in a specific year. In the event of a first change of representation, the change will be effective immediately. For further changes, a rider shall not have taken part in competitions for the country he previously represented in the two years prior to the first competition he wishes to compete in under his new representation.~~

~~In special and exceptional circumstances, the Board of FEIF may grant exceptions for justifiable cases, with the agreement of the member associations concerned.~~

G2.1.4: In international competitions, riders should be members of an organisation affiliated to FEIF.

For any event with age limitation the January of the year of birth is valid for the age of the rider.

In international competitions where there are no special classes for young riders, riders aged 16 (i.e. who turn 16 in the given calendar year) or over may compete.

A rider can only represent one country in a specific year for the purposes of "international" competition. An "international" competition being one in which extra-national titles are awarded on in which national teams competed against one another. Examples of such events include the World Championships, the Nordic Championships, and the Mid-European Championships.



Any change of sport nationality must to be registered with FEIF before April 1 in a specific year using the form published on the FEIF website for this purpose.

Riders who are not listed by FEIF are assumed to have a sport nationality determined by their most recent participation in an international competition. This does not constitute a change of representation.

Upon the first change of representation, the change will be effective immediately. For further changes, a rider shall not have taken part in competitions for the country he previously represented in the two years prior to the first competition he wishes to compete in under his new representation. In special and exceptional circumstances, the Board of FEIF may grant exceptions for justifiable cases, with the agreement of the member associations concerned.

Riders who start in an international competition representing a nation other than that of their sport nationality will receive an immediate 6-month ban effective from date of the illegal start.

Decision: Adopted unanimously

13. Pace Judges (S3.2 – new)

Since FEIF recognizes Gæðingakeppni and Breeding judges at an international level these judges should be allowed to assist in pace events in positions which require the judge to only decide if a horse is pacing or not in a given stretch of the track. The Sport Leaders endorse the Sport Committee recommendation to add a new section to S3 as follows with the subsequent sections renumbered:

S3.2 -- Judges

An internationally licensed FEIF Breeding or Gæðingakeppni judge as listed on the FEIF web site may be employed in any required position for pace track tests where the duties are limited to showing a flag to indicate whether a horse is in pace or not.

Decision: Adopted unanimously

14. Second heat in PP1

The Sport Leaders endorse a proposal from Switzerland to allow all participants the chance to make two sprints in PP1. It is proposed to change the title of S3.5.4.5 to “No Time” and modify the text:

S3.5.4.5: If a horse gets the mark 0 from judge 2 or 3 and/or a red flag from the judge at the starting line or the judge at the finishing line, there will be given no scores for the time. ~~If 3 judges give 0 in the same run, then the horse is eliminated.~~

The majority of delegates vote in favour of the proposal and it is legally approved.

15. C-Finals (S2.5)

The Sport Leader propose to add the possibility of “C-finals” in a split decision (36 for, 9 against) and over the objections of the Sport Committee. This final would be for riders finishing in places 11 through 15 after the preliminary round.

S2.5: The best five horses from the preliminary round qualify for the final round called the A-final. If two or more horses share the fifth position, all horses involved qualify for the final round.

If there are sufficient participants, the organiser can arrange a further final round (6th - 10th place) called B-final. The winner of the B-final can take part in the A-final. If the winner decides not to take part in the A-final, no other can take his place.

The organiser can also arrange a further final round (11th - 15th place) called C-final. The winner of the C-final can take part in the B-final. If the winner decides not to take part in the B-final, no other can take his place.

The majority of delegates vote in favour of the proposal and it is legally approved.



Breeding proposals - Delegates' Assembly 2017

G3.5.2. Certificate of Origin / Horse Passport

Recognised studbook offices in the nation state of birth should issue a printed certificate of Origin / Horse Passport with at least the following information:

1. Name and origin of the horse (in accordance with Icelandic naming traditions, **see rules for naming Icelandic horses in G3.5.6**),
2. FEIF International Identification number,
3. Year of birth,
4. Identification markings,
5. Colour and markings,
6. Pedigree certificate - 4 generations or until Icelandic born horses which have no further pedigree information,
7. Name and address of breeder,
8. Date and signature of issuing studbook officer,
9. Official stamp, name and address of the studbook office,

...

G3.5.6 The naming of Icelandic horses in WorldFengur

Horse owners can register a name for their horse in WorldFengur. Horses must be given names before (and cannot be changed after) they are shown at a breeding show or they compete in an official FEIF competition registered in WorldFengur. The name of a horse cannot be changed after they have a registered offspring in WorldFengur. Horse owners can use the list of horse names in WorldFengur (which includes allowed names) as a reference. If the name they want to use is not in the list, they can apply for it (via the national registrars) and if the name is allowed, it is added to the list. The following rules apply for names of Icelandic horses registered in WorldFengur:

- The name must be in accordance with Icelandic naming traditions.
 - The name must be able to take the form of Icelandic declension and/or the name shall have a tradition in the Icelandic language.
 - The name shall not violate the Icelandic system of grammar and spelling.
 - The name shall be masculine for a stallion/gelding and feminine for a mare, neuter names are not allowed.
- Names consisting entirely of initials are not allowed.
- Names that have a vulgar or obscene meaning, names considered in poor taste, or names that may be offensive to religious, political or ethnic groups are not allowed.
- As preposition the word "from" in the native language shall be used, the Icelandic preposition frá will also be accepted.

The breeding committee has checked the legal situation of this proposal and it is stressed that the name is not used to identify the horse in EU. The intention of this clarification is to accept only correct Icelandic names in WF, it is otherwise possible to enter horses as NN

The majority of delegates vote in favour of the proposal and it is legally approved.

B4.2.3 Chief Judge

Each judging panel has a chief judge. It is his/her duty to make sure that judging goes efficiently and that results are determined. A group of judges that can work as chief judges each year is proposed by the FEIF breeding judge committee and approved by the FEIF Director of breeding, preferably not later than the 1st of December, the preceding year. The group of chief judges is limited to a group of 12 judges every year and the selection of judges in the group is based on experience, i.e. the number of years as an active breeding judge, the total number of assessed horses for the previous four-year period and participation at seminars for breeding judges.



Specific tasks of the Chief Judge are as follows:

- a. To ensure the current FEIF rules are followed correctly.
- b. To lead the judges' briefing before and after the show.
- c. To ensure communications between the judges and show leader work.
- d. To approve the tracks and other facilities together with the show leader.
- e. To decide together with the show leader on which part of the track the horses shall be shown.
- f. To undertake the duties of the show leader, where no show leader has been elected.
- g. To submit a report of the breeding show to the FEIF Director of Breeding.

The list will be decided and discussed in the breeding leader meeting. The rule shall guarantee that all judging teams at each single breeding show has a minimum amount of experience. Iceland in return will open the possibility to invite judges to Icelandic breeding shows.

Further discussions will take place in the annual breeding meeting.

The majority of delegates vote in favour of the proposal and it is legally approved.

Member association proposals - Delegates' Assembly 2016

Germany

1. We hereby propose the following change of FIPO, §10.7.2 Teams (Rules and Regulations S6.7.1) from (current version):

A national sport team can comprise up to 7 rider/horse combinations and a reserve horse, a reserve rider or a reserve rider/horse combination. **In addition, up to five extra eligible rider/horse combinations can be added to the team, provided that the extra riders are at least 16 years old and not more than 21years old in that calendar year.**

to (new version)

... In addition, up to five extra eligible rider/horse combinations and a reserve horse, a reserve rider or a reserve rider/horse combination can be added to the team, provided that the extra riders are at least 16 years old and not more than 21years old in that calendar year.

Reasoning: Based on the growing recognition of Young Riders at World Championships, it would make sense to allow this age group their own reservists. Until now, the reserve rider/horse combinations were stationed in their respective home countries – without training or supervision by the team trainers and vets because these were already at the World Championship grounds alongside the teams overall. That setup made it virtually impossible for the YR category to be replenished appropriately when needed. It would therefore make sense to have this supplemental pair at the venue right away in order to be able to use all participation slots allowed for YR under all given circumstances.

Unanimously accepted – Doug Smith will contact the organizer 2017 whether it will be possible to use the rule already in 2017, otherwise it is valid from 2019

2. Introduction of a pool of head judges for breeding shows:

The introduction of a pool of head judges for breeding shows including the premise that a head judge out of this list has to be present at any given FEIF-sanctioned breeding show shall be brought to a vote in the upcoming Delegates' Assembly in order to be included - upon confirmation - in future Breeding Rules.

Explanation: This is not simply an added practical guideline to existing FIZO / Breeding Rules but it constitutes a change of the rules themselves for breeding assessments including a new formulation of judges' assignments. That is especially true because the tasks of head judges shall be newly defined with the goal of accomplishing and improving greater comparability of breeding assessments globally.



2016 was a test year and it was free to use the list of head judges proposed for 2016. For the decision see page 10/11

3. Participation of national department heads in the annual autumn committee meetings of FEIF:

These meetings every autumn are the essential workgroups of all FEIF committees for the review and preparation of matters concerning all departments. In order to accomplish good and constructive international dialogue and cooperation within FEIF, such an open forum with its discussions and an exchange of ideas ahead of consequent proposals and votes is essential to a smooth implementation and broad acceptance of decisions in all member countries.

Only such continuous dialogue in concert with all nationally responsible department heads and their participation will help create solid majorities for matters to be voted upon and to accomplish real and trusted international partnership. We therefore move the national department heads shall be on a permanent list of invitees to the FEIF committee meetings.

The majority of delegates vote against the proposal.

Changes in the Regulations and Addendums

The following corrections and editorial changes refer to the regulations and appendices of the FEIF rules and regulations. Any changes to the Regulations are subject to approval by the FEIF Board, addenda/appendices are under the control of the relevant committees and the FEIF Board, and can be changed by approval of the board, without having to go through the Delegates' Assembly.

The corrections result from the reorganization of the old FIPO, FIZO and FIRO and are presented here for information; all changes will be valid from April 1, 2017.

Page 3, 5 Education

OLD:

Education aims to promote the highest level of horsemanship for all Icelandic horse riders, handlers and judges. The Trainer and Instructor Matrix sets common standards for riding instructors, young horse trainers across all FEIF member countries

NEW:

Education promotes the highest level of horsemanship for all Icelandic horse riders, handlers and judges. The Trainer and Instructor Matrix sets common standards for riding instructors, young horse and advanced horse trainers across all FEIF member countries

G3.2 Description of Gaits, page 15ff Description of gaits:

The complete gait description will be further discussed for improvements and adaptations to the practical use and descriptions in the FEIF Rules and Regulations. The following show the changes resulting from the first discussions.

The word "basic" will be **deleted** in the description of the various gaits:

- G3.2.1. page 16, A **Basie** walk
- G3.2.2. page 17, A **Basie** trot
- G3.2.3. page 19, A **Basie** canter

G3.2.1. page 15, Walk

G3.2.2. page 18, Trot, point F

- **Delete:** Fast trot (~~breeding classes~~)

G3.2.2. page 18, Trot, point G **NEW**

The following descriptions will be **added** as point G

- Slow to medium speed trot



G3.2.3. page 19, D, Faults with Canter

- D. disunited canter, last word second line: **delete** the word "**not**" : ...the horse will **not** receive a low or no mark for canter, depending on the duration of the disunited canter.

G3.2.3. page 20**Delete point F****F. ~~Fast Canter (breeding classes)~~**

~~Good clear 3-beat canter with excellent speed. The horse is well off the forehand yet stretches out in nice, round, powerful movements with good suspension.~~

Delete brackets and text in red:**G. Gallop (breeding classes)**

Gallop is an asymmetrical, four-beat gait with a moment of suspension. Footfall sequence during right lead gallop is: left hind leg – right hind leg – left front leg – right front leg – suspension.

When the horse increases the speed in canter it may turn into a four-beat gait at some point, then referred to as gallop. Gallop is an extended gait, where the horse lengthens its strides, covering more ground. The horse springs smoothly with engagement and flexion of the loins. The horse lifts the front quarters well off the ground and stretches in a flowing movement, showing good suspension.

The difference between canter and gallop is that during gallop the horse does not hit the ground simultaneously with diagonal legs, but first with the hind leg of the diagonal pair and then with the front leg. ~~The footfall sequence during left lead gallop is: right hind leg – left hind leg – right front leg – left front leg – suspension.~~ During gallop support phases alternate between uni-, bi- and tripod support in a single stride.

G3.2.4. page 22, Tölt

- G. Fast tölt ~~(breeding classes)~~ – **delete** brackets
- H. **Slow to medium tempo** ~~or any speed without rein contact~~ – **delete** "or any speed"
- H. first line: **Change** "rain" to "rein"

G4. Anti-Doping Procedures

Add as first sentence: ~~The following anti-doping rules represent the minimum standard if no other rules apply. FEIF will only step in if the country has no jurisdiction~~

G6.1.6., 3 page 57, Sport competitions and breeding shows

The year before the World Championships an international or national sport competition ~~and breeding show~~ should take place at the competition grounds, on which occasion the FEIF Director of Sport and the FEIF Director of Breeding or their deputies will inspect and approve the grounds.

Delete: ~~...and breeding show~~

G11. Addendum 1: Codex for World Championship Judges

Delete: year 2015 – second paragraph



BREEDING

B10 – updates on B10 – Addendum 4: International breeding judge education

B11 – Addendum 5: Approved information

Add information from the improved information booklet that breeding published until 2015:

- Standard marking of tracks
- Position of horses during conformation assessments
- Measurements
- Testicle check
- FEIF working rules for breeding shows
- Checklist for facilities at breeding shows
- Foal and young horse assessment

SPORT

S8 NEW

Add annex with explanation of sport judge examination

YOUTH

CUT

the whole section Y2: Guidelines for Organisers of FEIF YouthCup International Team Championships

NEW:

- **Y1.1.2** The FEIF YouthCup Manual with guidelines for national organisers is revised and augmented regularly and published as a separate document.
- **Y1.1.4** FEIF Young Leaders' Events

In 2016 the remit of the Youth Committee was expanded to include the age group 18-26. During this stage, great changes take place in the lives of young people, future leaders are emerging, and we want to encourage and support that development. To that purpose, the FEIF Youth Committee organises a series of annual seminars with the aim to develop and practice leadership skills in relation to ourselves, to others, and also in the field of horsemanship. It is currently envisaged that the annual seminars will possibly be augmented by online training.



Membership Fee – Delegates Assembly 2017

As decided unanimously by all participating countries at the Chairperson Meeting 2016, FEIF prepared a proposal for an **increase of 15 % of the membership fees to the Delegates' Assembly 2017 with retroactive effect and with no changes in the distribution of votes.**

PROPOSAL

Country fee in Euro	Euro per member	No of members	Votes
633	fixed fee	<200	1
633	2,53	250	1
759	2,53	300	2
1202	2,40	500	2
1708	2,28	750	2
2151	2,15	1000	3
2530	2,02	1250	3
2846	1,90	1500	4
3542	1,77	2000	4
4111	1,64	2500	4
4554	1,52	3000	4
4870	1,39	3500	5
5060	1,27	4000	5
6958	1,07	> 6500	6

Based on the membership numbers registered by the countries, this would result in the following membership payments:

Country	nr of members	votes	membership fee NEW	membership fee OLD
Austria	1.564	4	2.960	2573,56
Belgium	135	1	633	550,00
Canada	180	1	633	550,00
Denmark	9.629	6	6.958	6050,00
Faroe Islands	100	1	633	550,00
Finland	1.106	3	2.365	2056,56
France	300	2	759	660,00
Great Britain	212	1	663	576,40
Germany	25.040	6	6.958	6050,00
Iceland	11100	6	6.958	6050,00
Italy	25	1	633	550,00
Luxembourg	34	1	633	550,00
Netherlands	2300	4	4.035	3509,00
Norway	2213	4	3.892	3384,59
Slovenia	32	1	633	550,00
Sweden	6709	6	6.958	6050,00
Switzerland	1434	3	2.879	2503,60
USA	602	2	1.434	1246,96
TOTAL	62800	53	50612,00	44010,67

Decision: Adopted unanimously



Indexing of membership payments

The Board of FEIF proposes: **The annual fee shall be subject to an index as of March 1, 2017 equal to Index of Consumer Prices published by Eurostat. The above structure for annual fee shall be valid from the FEIF period 2016/17 (retroactive effect) and onwards.**

The majority of delegates vote in favour of the proposal (14 votes against) and it is legally approved.

Associate members

The following addition should be made to the obligations of associated members as set out Annex 2, page 16: **The annual fee for an associate member shall be Euro 127.- per year**

Country	nr of members	votes	membership fee NEW	membership fee OLD
Australia	28	0	127,00	110,00
New Zealand	57	0	127,00	110,00

Proposal is accepted as consequence of the adopted membership fee proposal

9. Discussion on the FEIF Budget

No further discussions as the membership proposal was unanimously accepted.

10. Establishment of the annual contribution

As the 15 % increase proposal was accepted unanimously, there was no discussion/need for establishment of annual contributions.

11. Decision / vote on FEIF Budget

The budget proposal is presented to the delegates.

Decision: Adopted unanimously

12. Miscellaneous

Gunnar Sturluson thanked everyone for participating and closed the Delegates' Assembly 2017.

