



Changes in FIPO, valid as of April 1, 2015

APPROVED BY THE FEIF DELEGATES' ASSEMBLY 2015 (COPENHAGEN, DENMARK)

1. Final team entries at World Championships

The number of riders at World Championships has increased. This led to a change in time schedules and a need to have more time to prepare, both for the participating teams and the officials preparing the starting order. One of the necessary steps is to allow team leaders more time to prepare the forms to enter (and check) team members for different tests.

In support of the new procedures, FIPO 10.4.1 will now read:

The team leaders must announce the final team members and their respective horses directly, and not later than two hours after the veterinary check.

2. Defending Young Rider World Champions

The Delegates' Assembly confirms the recommendation of the Sport and Youth Departments that Young Rider World Champions should be allowed to defend their titles as long as they return as Young Riders and are eligible to do so.

The following text is added as the last paragraph in FIPO 10.7.2:

Reigning World Champions in the young age class are allowed to defend their title at the succeeding World Championships provided they are still eligible to start in that age class. They participate under the same conditions as the other World Champions

3. World Championships Starting Order

The Delegates' Assembly supports the conclusion of judges and the Sport Committee that a purely random starting order improves the chances of full tribunes throughout the competition day and provides the fairest possible treatment of all participants. Therefore, the second paragraph of FIPO 10.7.7 is deleted.

The revised FIPO 10.7.7 now reads:

The starting order will be drawn by lot. In preliminary rounds the starting order is drawn independent of the age class of the rider. The starting order drawn up must be strictly adhered to; any change even with the consent of those concerned is forbidden.

4. Demands of V3

The Delegates' Assembly approves the Sport Department's opinion that the possibility of showing a single speed of tölt in both the first and last sections of the test does not fit with the progression of four-gait tests in FIPO. The Delegates confirm changing the demand in the first section to be slow tölt (removing the reference to medium speed) while leaving the last section as it is (fast to medium).

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The revised FIPO 9.4.2.2 now reads:

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

Sections:

1. *slow speed tölt*
2. *slow to medium speed trot*
3. *medium walk*
4. *slow to medium speed canter*
5. *medium to fast tölt*

5. Integration of FEI “Blood Rule” into FIPO

The Delegates approved implementation of the FEI handling of bleeding horses in competition. The FEI text is adjusted to fit Icelandic horse completion as follows:

FIPO 1.1.2.7 Bleeding

As the welfare of the horse is paramount in all competition, the moment a judge sees/realizes that a horse is actively bleeding during a test the judge must show the red card (not the vet card) and excuse the horse from the test.

The Delegates instructed the Director of Sport to provide specific guidance via the *Sport Judges Guidelines* describing the handling of this rule. The following test is added to the Sport Judges Guidelines:

Application of "Blood" Rule (FIPO 1.1.2.7)

If a horse is found to be bleeding under this rule, the horse is excused from the current test. Any marks or times from previously completed phases of the test (preliminary round, B-final, completed pace sprints) are kept. All marks and/or times from the current phase of the test are invalid.

