

USIHC NATIONAL RANKING SHOWS

RULES and PROCEDURES (effective April 1, 2024)

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Definition:

USIHC National Ranking Shows are those that are entitled to have all scores for USIHC National Ranking classes entered into the USIHC National Ranking database. Only scores from Preliminary rounds are included in the database. The USIHC Sport Chairperson must approve all USIHC National Ranking Shows.

All provisions of the current FEIF General and Sport Rules effective for the current competition season which begins April 1st each year will apply, except where noted.

Please go to FEIF website for most current rules (<https://www.feif.org/sport-dept>)

Jurisdiction:

The USIHC Competition Rules are National Rules, to be utilized in any USIHC National Ranking Show. In the event an International FEIF World Ranking Show shall be conducted in the United States it must be conducted pursuant to the entire FEIF Rules and Regulations then in effect, including the provisions excluded or amended in these National Rules.

Revisions to FEIF Rules & Regulations and the USIHC Competition Rules. As revisions to FEIF Rules are approved by FEIF, the USIHC will determine if the USIHC Competition Rules should be revised in accordance with the FEIF Rules revisions. Other revisions to the USIHC Competition Rules may occur as circumstances demand.

Procedures

Requirements for a National Ranking Show are:

1. The classes must be judged by at least one (1) International FEIF Sports Judge or one (1) USIHC Sport Judge A. Multiple judges are allowed as long as the majority are International FEIF Sports Judges or USIHC Sport Judge A.

2. The show must be open to any horse with a FEIF recognized registration.
3. The organizer must be a current USIHC member.
4. The show must be of two (2) days duration. Finals must not be held on the same day as their qualifying preliminary. A single-day show is permissible if it is part of a multi-day World Ranking series.
5. The most recent version of the IceTest Software must be used. It is available for free download at www.feif.org/software
6. The show must be held on an oval track or in an arena with an approximate circumference of 200-250 meters. Racing pace events may only be included at FEIF World Ranking events if the circumference of the oval track is 250 meters. A National Ranking show may be allowed with or without including F1 or F2 in the list of offered classes if the track does not meet the FEIF standards for racing pace.
7. The entry form must state the following:
 - a. That the USIHC and FEIF Competition Rules will apply at the show.
 - b. That all Icelandic horse entries must have a registration certificate issued by a FEIF recognized registry.
 - c. That all eligible riders will automatically be entered into the USIHC National Ranking Program.
 - d. That riders may choose to start in more than one tölt or gait test using the same horse. Only the scores in the most advanced (lowest number) test in each group will be included in the National and, if appropriate, World Ranking.

Responsibilities of the show organizer include:

1. Show application and fee. (add link to application) Must be submitted to Sport Chairperson a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of proposed show date. Late fees may apply. Any changes must be approved by Sport Chairperson.
note: World Ranking (WR) events require a FEIF WR fee and must be paid to the USIHC prior to filing of the application with FEIF.

2. Schedule of classes
3. A rider's delegate may be elected prior to the show beginning. This is in case arbitration becomes necessary.

NOTE on Arbitration. For the duration of a competition an Arbitration Committee must be formed consisting of the following:

- 1. The competition manager or a representative previously appointed by him/her.***
- 2. The head judge***
- 3. A rider's spokesman, elected before the start of the competition by those actively competing. If the riders' spokesman has to be substituted, then the rider with the second highest votes will become the spokesman's representative.***
- 4. The sport chairperson or delegate previously appointed by him/her***

All decisions made by the Arbitration Committee are final. No one may be involved in any arbitral decisions, who is either directly concerned or has interests therein or is any other way prejudiced. Arbitration proceedings are conducted verbally. Minutes are to be taken, which should at least include the following information:

- 1. Members of the arbitration committee***
- 2. Place and time of the proceedings***
- 3. Parties present***
- 4. Issues and decisions of the committee.***

Arbitration proceedings are public. Conferring is done in private. Decisions by the arbitration committee are taken on a simple majority. In the event of votes being equal, the chief judge will have the casting vote. The decision then must be immediately given in writing to the party concerned.

4. IceTest NG should be set up prior to show. Extra care must be taken with the spelling of horse and rider names. (Note: Horses imported to the United States will have a FEIF ID and a US Registration ID. The FEIF ID from the horse's country of birth is the number which must be used in IceTest NG.)

5. Show report (add link to report). This report must be filed with the Sport Chairperson within fifteen (15) days of the shows conclusion. All remaining fees, including those for IceTest and nonmembers, should be submitted at this time. Late fees may apply.

note: WR shows have a deadline of 48 hours.

Within 15 days of receiving written notification of Show Report errors, the organizer shall submit a revised Show Report correcting said errors. Late fees may apply.

note: WR shows have a deadline of 24 hours.

Responsibilities of Sport Chairperson:

1. Approve show application, which includes; proposed Judge(s) and Scribe(s). In the event that either the Judge(s) and/or Scribe(s) are not approved for any reason, the organizer will need to resubmit the Judge(s) and/or Scribe(s) for approval.
2. Review of the completed Show Report within 15 days of receipt (24 hours in the case of World Ranking). The Sport Chairperson shall review the required elements of the report and notify the organizer in writing of any errors or omissions.

note: WR shows have a deadline of 24 hours.

Rules:

The USIHC adopts all provisions of the current FEIF General and Sport Rules effective for the current competition season which begins April 1st each year.

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Exceptions or Variances:

Judges:

1. The classes for live NR shows must be judged by at least one (1) FEIF International Sports Judge or one (1) USIHC Sport Judge A.
2. Virtual NR shows will be judged by a three (3) to five (5) judge panel. consisting of a majority of FEIF International Sports or USIHC A-level judges and the remaining judges being USIHC B-level.

3. World ranking events will have a five judge panel.
4. All judge panels must have a majority of FEIF International Sports or USIHC A-level judges

Scribes:

1. Ideally each Judge will have a scribe. Scribe(s) should be familiar with the different classes and how to score correctly using the scoring sheets from the Ice Test NG Software. Ideal scribe(s) are US Sport Judge(s), persons that have attended the USIHC Judges Seminar or members of the Sport Committee.

Marks:

1. When using more than one judge, scores are averaged, except with a 5 judge panel where the high and low marks are excluded and the remaining 3 are averaged.

Tracks:

1. 250 m ovals are required for WR events and optimal for NR events
2. 200 m ovals or their equivalent are acceptable for NR events

The definition of regulation tracks is as defined in FEIF Section G9.1. In the event a regulation track is not available tests may be conducted on a track or in an arena with a minimum circumference of 200 meters [650 feet] with long sides a minimum of 60 meters [200 feet].

The beginning and end of the long side of the track shall be marked in such a way as to be clearly visible to the riders, judges, and spectators without interfering with the horses on the track. The transition point at the middle of the short side may also be marked. Options include but are not limited to flat tape on the railing or a different colored post.

Pace:

1. Racing pace events may only be included at FEIF World Ranking events if the circumference of the oval track is 250 meters.
2. A National Ranking event may include racing pace only if an appropriate location exists. An application must be made to the Sport Committee chair for approval.

3. ***P2 (100m) is the only class that is optional in a National Ranking Show. P2 is the only NR class that may be offered independent of a National Ranking Show at approved straight track events. Application must be submitted to and approved by Sport Committee Chair. Application includes lists of required judges and timing equipment. National Ranking and IceTest fees will apply.**
4. F1, F2 and F3 classes may not be required if the oval is not of sufficient size.

Finals:

1. World Ranking Shows are not required to have Finals
2. It is required that National Ranking shows offer both preliminary and final rounds for all Open Level classes
3. It is recommended that National Ranking shows offer both preliminary and final rounds for Intermediate, Novice, and Youth classes.
4. Finals are scheduled on Day2 (Preliminaries on Day 1) - if class size require a B final it may be scheduled on Day 1.

Equipment:

T7 and V5 (Novice Classes). as well as TBR and VBR (Beginning Rider classes), snaffle bits are required.

Dress Code:

All provisions in FEIF Rules Section S6.7.3.2 Riders' dress/equipment shall apply. The dress requirements in all FEIF classes at USIHC National Ranking shows shall be those required at international sport competitions. In the event of high heat or humidity, riders may opt to not wear a coat and tie.

Regardless of the conditions, riders are encouraged to dress professionally. The dress requirements in all non-FEIF classes shall be those allowed in Pace Race and Pace Tests.

Divisions: Rider Levels

There are 4 recognized and one optional Rider levels.

1. **Open:** Professionals and riders (14 years and over*) who have scored out of the lower levels. (T1, T2, T3, T4, V1, V2, F1 and F2)

* Riders are allowed to show in Open Level classes before the age of 14 ONLY IF they have placed out of intermediate classes on the same class track. In order to score out of Intermediate the riders are required to achieve a score of 6.0 or higher three times, one additional requirement for riders under 14 years is that at least one of these qualifying scores must be obtained in a live show with more than one rider in the group class. This rule goes into effect July 1, 2023. Show organizers may choose to divide Finals into two classes based on age of the riders.

2. **Intermediate:** Any non-professional rider who has not achieved a final score of 6.0 or higher three times, riding the same or different horses, in a specific discipline at USIHC National Ranking competitions (T5, T6, V3 and F3).
3. **Novice:** Any non-professional rider who has not achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times, riding the same or different horses, in a specific discipline at USIHC National Ranking competition (T7 and V5).
4. **Youth:** Riders aged 16 and younger. Riders do not score out of this division, they age out. (T8 and V6)
5. **Beginning Rider (Optional) :** Any non-professional rider is eligible for this division for two consecutive calendar years starting with their first participation in a live National Ranking show (or its equivalent). These riders would then graduate to Novice. (TBR and VBR)

Rider Eligibility

A rider may enter any class or level unless specifically prohibited by the definition of that class or level. In other words, a rider may enter at the same show, Intermediate and Novice classes if he/she is a non-professional rider and has not achieved a score of 5.0 or above three times at USIHC National Ranking competitions in that discipline.

The cut-off score in those classes will follow the rider only. It will not follow the horse or the horse and rider combination with the exception of the determination of a "green horse".

A rider may enter the same class with more than one horse. Where the Open Class is conducted as individual programs, no limit shall apply. In classes

conducted in groups the rider shall be allowed as many entries as there are groups for the class.

Horse Eligibility (G7.3.2. Participating horses in sport events)

- Purebred Icelandic horses aged five years and above are eligible.
- Horses must have a FEIF ID number.
- For World Championships and other international competitions, horses must be at least 6 years old.

The number of tests per horse per day is limited as follows:

- a) a 5 year-old horse, may start twice per day, not including races or cross-country (however, pace test, speed pace and pace races are permitted),
- b) a 6 year-old horse may start 3 times per day,
- c) a 7 year and older horse, may start 4 times per day,
 - any preliminary round and final is considered to be a start,
 - for pace test, speed pace, pace race 250m and 150m, 2 runs on one day are counted as 1 start.

It is up to the organizers to check the age of the horse. If a rider disregards this rule, and finishes an additional test, the rider should be disqualified from the test.

It must be noted that all classes (National Ranking Classes, Optional Classes and Fun Classes) are counted as "starts". The only exception are "pace" events.

Green Horse: : A horse is eligible for this division for two consecutive calendar years starting with their first participation in a live National Ranking show (or its equivalent). These horses would then graduate to Novice Horse (TNH and VNH).

Compliance.

The individual responsible for enforcing compliance with all the USIHC Sport Rules at National Ranking Shows shall be an US Sport Judge. If an US Sport Judge is not available then the official Scribe shall enforce the rules. In the absence of either an US Sport Judge or Scribe then a designated member of the Sport Committee will enforce compliance by all show participants with the rules. In all cases the individual must have a solid working knowledge of the USIHC Sport Rules. All the

materials and information needed to ensure proper compliance shall be provided by the show organizer. If a dispute arises as a result of a decision made by this individual an appeal may be made in a timely fashion to the Judge who shall have the final decision.

National Ranking:

It is required that all of the classes listed in the chart below (except P2*) be offered at all NR shows. National Ranking scores follow the rider only, not rider/horse combinations.

NATIONALLY RANKED CLASS CHART

	TÖLT	LOOSE REIN TÖLT	FOUR-GAIT	FIVE-GAIT
OPEN	T1 or T3	T2 or T4	V1 or V2	F1 or F2, P2
INTERMEDIATE	T5	T6	V3	F3
NOVICE	T7		V5	
YOUTH	T8		V6	

Classes:

1. Along with the required 16 classes, show organizers are encouraged to offer additional classes that will appeal to their riders. Note that it is not necessary for all classes to have entries. The only requirement is that they be offered.
2. Other classes even those purely for fun, may be added with the exception of halter classes, which are specifically prohibited. This prohibition is to prevent any in-roads of the philosophy that the physical appearance of the horse, divorced from its functionality, is worthy of note.
3. Most classes are ridden in a group, the size of the group is noted in the class description, the exceptions are T1, T2, V1 and F1 where preliminary rounds are ridden individually. All Finals are ridden in groups.
4. The required classes follow the ability of the rider, parallel classes which follow the ability of the horse may also be offered. See Chart Below:

Rider Based	Required	Optional	Optional	Horse Based
Open	T1,T2, T3, T4, V1, V2, F1, F2 (P2)	(P2*)		
Intermediate	T5, T6, V3, F3		TIH and VIH	Intermediate
Novice	T7 and V5		TNH and VNH	Novice
Beginning Rider		TBR and VBR	TGH and VGH	Green
Youth (16 and under)	T8 and V6			
Youth (12 and under)		T8J and V6J		

Recognition of US Bred Horses:

The USIHC Board of Directors wanted to emphasize the accomplishments of US Bred Horses. Beginning in 2022, US Bred horses are noted in show results with a flag. Additionally, the highest scoring US Bred horses in the Green Horse Tolt and Green Horse Four Gait classes are awarded the coveted Ice Bergs (the same awards given the recipients of the yearly National Rankings).

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

(https://www.feiffengur.com/documents/FEIF%20Sport_2024.pdf)

The class descriptions listed below are taken directly from FEIF Rules and will be the USIHC required classes. The scores from the preliminary round of these classes will be recorded in the USIHC National Ranking database. In the event of a discrepancy between these descriptions and those in the current version of FEIF Rules and Regulations, FEIF Rules shall prevail unless the difference is expressly noted.

OPEN DIVISION

Tölt 1 Open Individual (FEIF T1)

Preliminary Round:

Riders compete individually. Sections:

1. Begin at the middle of the short side and ride one round in slow tölt on either rein. Return to walk at the middle of the short side and change rein.
2. From the middle of the short side ride one round in slow tölt, lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides.
3. From the middle of the short side ride one round in fast tölt.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round on both reins as described in S2.3.2. All three sections of the test must be shown on both hands. The riders are instructed to walk and change reins by the speaker. The horses are given a 60 second break where at the rein change of the second section. The horses are given a 120 second break at the rein change of the third section. During these breaks the horses should be allowed to walk in a relaxed manner.

Tölt 2 Open Loose Rein (FEIF T2)

Preliminary Round

Riders compete individually. The rider has three rounds at their disposal to show the following gaits in the following order: Sections:

1. any speed tölt
2. slow, steady and calm speed tölt return to walk and change rein
3. slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth Each section may be shown only once, for one round. The marks for section 3 will be doubled. S2.8.2.2

Final Round

The finalists show the required sections including rein changes as instructed by the speaker as follows:

1. any speed tölt return to walk and change rein
2. slow, steady and calm speed tölt
3. slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth. return to walk and change rein. remain in walk for 120 seconds. 30 seconds before end of the break, the riders are allowed to prepare their horses at the instruction of the speaker. slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth. The judges give a single mark for the whole third section of the test, which is then doubled in the calculation of the final result. In T2 finals where the 3rd part is shown on both reins on speaker's instruction, the timetable of Fast tölt T1/T3 will be used, depending on the number of riders on the track

Tölt 3 Open Group (FEIF T3)

Preliminary Round:

The test is ridden with up to three riders on the oval track. The horses show the three sections as instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2. They start on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow tölt. Return to walk change rein.
2. Slow tölt on the short sides, fast tölt on the long sides.
3. Fast tölt.

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4.

Tölt 4 Open Group Loose Rein (FEIF T4)

Preliminary Round:

This class is ridden with up to three riders on the track at once. The horses show the three sections as instructed by the speaker as described in FEIF Section S2.3.2. They start on the rein chosen by the riders in each group pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Any speed tölt
2. Slow, steady and calm speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein
3. Slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth. The marks for section 3 are doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round as described in S2.3.2.

Four-gait Open Individual (FEIF V1)

Preliminary round:

Riders compete individually. The test may be ridden on either rein. The rider begins each segment of the test in the middle of the short side of the track. The rider has four and a half rounds to show the following gaits in any order:

1. Slow tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk (shown for a half round only)
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Fast tölt

Each gait may be shown only once, walk for a half round and the other gaits for one full round.

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in S.2.3.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4.

Four-gait Open Group (FEIF V2)

Preliminary round:

The test is ridden with up to three riders on the oval track. The horses show the four gaits as instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2. They ride on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Fast tölt

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4.

Five-gait Open (FEIF F1)

Preliminary round:

Riders compete individually. The test may be ridden on either rein. The rider begins each segment of the test in the middle of the short side of the track. The rider has four and a half rounds to show the following gaits in any order:

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk (shown for a half round only)
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. pace

Each gait may be shown only once, walk for a half round and the other gaits for a full round. The racing pace is shown on the long sides only. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and show the five gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in FEIF Section S2.3.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. 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 tie, the vote of the preliminary round winner is doubled. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

Five-gait Open (FEIF F2)

Preliminary round:

The test is ridden with up to three riders on the oval track. The horses show the five gaits as instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2. They ride on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk (shown for a half round only)
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. pace

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 a draw of lots by the speaker will decide. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled

Final round:

The finalists ride together and show the five gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in FEIF Section S2.3.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. 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 tie, the vote of the preliminary round winner is doubled. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

P2 – SpeedPass: Pace Race 100m with flying start.

Sport Committee Chair must grant approval for this test to be included and will

provide guidelines for doing so.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

The conducting of a final round in Intermediate Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted it shall be pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

Intermediate Tölt (FEIF T5):

Preliminary round:

The test is ridden in groups of up to five riders preferably on the oval track. The horses show the sections as instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2. They start on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections:

1. Slow, steady and calm speed tölt return to walk and change rein
2. tölt; lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides, on the short sides steady and calm speed tölt.
3. Medium to fast tölt S2.8.5.2

Final round:

The finalists show the required sections including rein changes as instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2

Intermediate Loose-Rein Tölt (FEIF T6):

This class is ridden by no more than four riders on the track at the same time. The rein is selected pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. The horses show the sections as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein
2. Slow to medium speed tölt clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth on the long sides. Reins may be held in both hands, but must be clearly slack. Handling of the reins on the short sides are neither reward nor penalized.

Intermediate Four-gait (FEIF V3):

This class is ridden with no more than four riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. The sections are ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

Sections:

1. Slow steady and calm speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Medium to fast tölt

Five-gait Intermediate (FEIF F3):

The test is ridden groups of up to three riders on the oval track. The horses show the five gaits as instructed by the speaker as described in S2.3.2. They ride on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections:

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

Pace is shown twice on one long side. The riders choose the long side by majority vote. In the event of a draw the speaker will decide. A combination needs to show one half of a long side to get a mark. The mark for pace is doubled and the total number of points is divided by 6.

NOVICE DIVISION

The conducting of a final round in the Novice Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

Novice Tölt (FEIF T7):

This class is ridden with no more than four riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. The sections are ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FEIF S2.3.2.

Sections:

1. Slow steady and calm speed tölt.
2. Return to walk and change rein.
3. Any speed tölt

Novice Four-Gait (FEIF V5):

This class is ridden with no more than four riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. The sections will be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter

YOUTH DIVISION**Youth Tölt (FEIF T8):**

The conducting of a final round in the Novice Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

This class is ridden with no more than four horses on the track. Rein is chosen pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt.
2. Return to walk and change rein.
3. Any speed tölt

Youth Four Gait (FEIF V6):

This class is ridden with no more than four horses on the track. The rein is chosen pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. The sections will be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

Sections:

1. Any Speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter. The start into canter and the stop after canter into walk is shown separately by each rider as instructed by the speaker

BEGINNING RIDER DIVISION

The conducting of a final round in Beginning Rider Class is highly encouraged as it provides riders with a second opportunity to receive feedback from the judge(s). However, offering Beginning Rider Class finals is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2.

Beginning Rider Tölt (TBR)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2. **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. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt.
2. Return to walk and change rein.
3. Any speed tölt

Beginning Rider Four-Gait (VBR)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. Rein is chosen pursuant to FEIF Section S2.4. The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FEIF Section S2.3.2. **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. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt.
2. Any speed trot.
3. Medium walk.
4. Medium canter (shown one rider at a time).
5. Any speed trot or tölt. (The mark in this section shall replace the mark for the earlier section allowing the rider a chance to improve the tölt or trot score.)

GREEN HORSE DIVISION

Green Horse Tölt (TGH)

Ridden same as TBR

Green Horse Four-Gait (VGH)

Ridden same as VBR

NOVICE HORSE DIVISION

Novice Horse Tolt (TNH):

Ridden same as T7

** Notice to show organizers, TNH and T7 may be ridden together and then make separate awards*

Novice Four-Gait (VNH):

Ridden same as V5

** Notice to show organizers, VNH and V5 may be ridden together and then make separate awards*

INTERMEDIATE HORSE DIVISION

Intermediate Horse Tölt (TIH):

Ridden same as T5

** Notice to show organizers, TIH and T5 may be ridden together and then make separate awards*

Intermediate Horse Tölt (TIH-loose rein):

Ridden same as T6

** Notice to show organizers, TIH-loose rein and T6 may be ridden together and then make separate awards*

Intermediate Horse Four-gait (VIH):

Ridden same as V3

** Notice to show organizers, VIH and V3 may be ridden together and then make separate awards*