

General Regulations for the European and Nordic Championships for Fjord Horses

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General Regulations for the Open Championships for Fjord Horses

1. Introduction

1.1. In the statutes of Fjord Horse International (FjHI) one of the aims is to initiate and to promote international events such as breed shows and championships. The General Regulations (GRs) are established so that individual Athletes and teams of Athletes from different National Federations (NFs) may compete against each other under fair and equal conditions with the welfare of the horse being always the paramount consideration.

The EU and Nordic Championships can only be held with the approval of at least three participating countries.

The countries organizing future Championships (Nordic and European) are invited to provide constructive input on this document.

All specifications are to be found in FjHIs rules and General Regulations.

These rules are written by the board of the FjHI with support of experienced sport athletes.

The Board of the FjHI and the organizers are not responsible for any accident or damage to horses and / or other property of the participants / spectators, or for damages resulting from accidents of any nature and cause. Participants are responsible for their own and their horses' insurances.

1.2. Goal

The objective is to promote fjord horses in general use by passing the tests / competitions.

Active Fjords offer their owners additional opportunities to participate in Championships. This may ultimately result in a higher level of the equipage. In addition, the social aspect is important to bring together fjord horse people and exchange information.

1.3 Code of conduct for the welfare of the horse

The Fjord Horse International requires all those involved in equestrian sport to adhere to the F.E.I. code of Conduct for the welfare of the horse and to acknowledge and accept that at all times. The welfare of the horse must be the paramount consideration.

F.E.I.'s Anti- doping rules need to be followed. <http://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/>

1.4 Participation

For all details that are not mentioned in this document, we refer to the GRs of the F.E.I. and the local rules in the hosting nation.

1.4.1 Health and vaccination of the horses

The day before or the day of the starting of the competition, there will be a veterinarian control of all the horses.

- Each participating fjord horse should be in possession of a pure breed pedigree of at least three generations with licensed stallions. The horse must have a valid passport issued by one of the FjHI and EU/Nordic approved national breeding organizations for Fjord horses.
- Each participating fjord horse in a sporting event must be chipped or branded
- All horses intending to participate in the EU/Nordic competitions must follow the rules of the hosting country regarding vaccinations. These rules are to be communicated no later than 8 months prior to the event.
- The rules of the country hosting the EU/Nordic championships are applicable.
- Vaccinations must not be administered within seven days before arrival at the FEI event.
- Failure to provide evidence of compliance with the above will result in exclusion from the Competition.
- If a fjord horse is not healthy or behaves un-naturally, it may be eliminated from the competition by either the judges or the veterinarian in control. The decision by these persons is binding.
All horses need to be stabled at the competition area, and it is not allowed for the horse to leave the area during the competition.

1.4.2. Qualification to start

Qualification: The respective national fjordhorse organizations determine independently what criteria and demands they will ask for from their equipages who wish to participate in the EU and Nordic Championship

Anyone who participates in these competitions is deemed to know these rules and to accept them. This also applies to the organizers.

The athlete of the participating fjord horse must be a member of their national fjordhorse association.

The age of the rider / driver shall be:

- For individual dressage and jumping : 12 years
- For driving singles : 14 years

• For driving pairs or four-in-hand : 18 years

Last junior year : the year of the 18th birthday

Riders or drivers that may present a danger to their horses, other persons, themselves, or the environment should be excluded by the judges

Participants are responsible for starting in the right class.

An Athlete can compete with more than one horse in a competition, but only one horse can compete in the finals.

Registration fee for an event will be set by the organizers of that event.

Registration fees remain payable if the horse is withdrawn from participating after the closing date of application.

Fjords horses may participate if they have reached the minimum age of 6 years

With 2 or more young entrants in the championships, a junior branch will be arranged with own championship classes. At least 2 countries have to be represented in the competition, in order for the junior championship to be held. If less than 2 junior entrants, the juniors will compete with the seniors at junior level.

Identification number: Each horse keeps the same identification number throughout the event. It is the Athlete that has to bring this number. It is compulsory that this number be worn by the horse while actively competing and at any time while working in the exercise and schooling areas or being hand walked (from the time of their arrival until the end of the event) so that they can be identified by all officials including the Stewards.

1.4.3. The use of the fjordhorses

When participating in an event fjordhorses may be used in more than one course/test.

The horses may not compete in more than 2 competitions in one day. If the horse participates in cross country (the three driving disciplines: dressage, concourse & marathon) it is not allowed in any further part of the event competition.

One horse can have a maximum of 7 entries

1.4.4. Elimination/exclusion:

a) Horses that withdraw from a class within a championship, has the right to start the remaining classes and to be included in these classes, but cannot be included in the championship

b) Horses that are eliminated by veterinary conditions or otherwise excluded from a class, are excluded from the entire championship. For horses that are eliminated by other reasons, the president judge determines whether the horse can enter the remaining classes. If allowed to enter, the horse should be included in the classes, but cannot be included in the championship

c) If an eliminated or excluded horse enters with more than one athlete, the president judge determines whether the elimination/exclusion should apply for all entries.

d) An equipage that is eliminated, has resigned or not achieved approved score in one or more classes, must not outrank an equipage who has completed all competitions in a summary, no matter the achieved competition points. Teams where one of the horses are eliminated, has resigned or not achieved approved result, must not outrank a team where all participants have completed all competitions in a summary, no matter the achieved competition points. An equipage that is excluded from a competition is excluded from the entire championship.

1.5 Equipment for horse and rider/driver

Follows the rules of the hosting country. This must be communicated no later than 6 months prior to the competition about allowed equipment and other important parts from their national rules. The complete national rules are to be shared or linked so the contestants can read them when necessary.

2. Dressage

2.1. Arena

The organizer must give the athletes access to the arena before competition starts for training. Use of the arena other than during the performance and training hours will be punished by elimination from the test.

2.2. Test

- Outside Assistance: Any outside help by voice, signs, etc. is considered as illegal or unauthorized assistance to an athlete or to his horse and will result in elimination.
- The test will be ridden by memory
- If the rider leaves the dressage arena during the test, he/she will be eliminated. If all the four legs of the horse are on the wrong side of the rail, this is considered as leaving the arena and will result in elimination.
- Only the competing rider is allowed to warm up and train the horse from the time they arrive at the competition. An additional person can walk the horse on long reins.
- Sound of bell. After the sound of the bell, the Athlete must enter the arena at A within forty-five (45) seconds

There will be held 3 departments (over 3 days) in following tests at the EU championship:

Junior

Round 1 PRELIMINARY COMPETITION TEST A Children

https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Preliminary%20A%202020%20V2_0.pdf

Round 2 PRELIMINARY COMPETITION TEST B Children

https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Preliminary%20B%202020%20V2_0.pdf

Round 3 TEAM COMPETITION TEST Children

https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Team%202020%20V2_0.pdf

Senior

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION TEST Ponies

<https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Pony%20Riders%20Preliminary%202021.pdf>

TEAM COMPETITION TEST Ponies

<https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Pony%20Riders%20Team%202021.pdf>

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION TEST Ponies

<https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Pony%20Riders%20Individual%202021.pdf>

The equipment with the highest percent from all 3 departments is the winner. If more than one has the same percent, the equipment with the highest percent from last rounds wins.

All programs are on 20 x 60 m arenas and will be evaluated by 3 judges.

A separate prize ceremony will be held after each of the departments. The winner is the one with the highest percent.

The number of placements follows the hosting country, but no less than 3 will be awarded at the final championship prize ceremony.

There will be held 2 departments (over 2 days) in following tests at the Nordic championship:

Junior

Round 1 PRELIMINARY COMPETITION TEST B Children

https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Preliminary%20B%202020_0.pdf

Round 2 TEAM COMPETITION TEST Children

https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Team%202020_0.pdf

Senior

Round 1. TEAM COMPETITION TEST

Ponies https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Pony%20Team%202012_2018.pdf

Round 2. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION TEST Ponies

https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Pony%20Individual%202012_2018.pdf

The equipment with the highest percent from the 2 departments is the winner. If more than one has the same percent, the equipment with the highest percent from last rounds wins.

All programs are on 20 x 60 m arenas and will be evaluated by 3 judges.

A separate prize ceremony will be held after each of the departments. The winner is the one with the highest percent. The number of placements follows the hosting country, but no less than 3 will be awarded at the final championship prize ceremony.

3. Showjumping

3.1 Arena

The organizer must give the athletes access to the arena for certain training hours before the competition starts. Use of the arena other than during the performance and training hours will be punished by elimination from the test.

3.2. The course

The course should be built to fit the fjordhorse stride. Pony kategori 1 should be followed.

3.3 Faults

Faults are penalised with Penalty points or by Elimination/exclusion according to the rules of the hosting country.

3.4. General provisions jumping courses

The course starts by passing the starting line and ends by passing the finish line. Both in the correct direction.

Any outside help by voice, signs, etc. is considered as illegal or unauthorized assistance to an athlete or to his horse and will result in elimination.

3.5. Time and speed

The time of the course, included in seconds and tenths of seconds, is the amount of time a participant needs for riding the course, plus time for corrections if applicable.

The time starts exactly at the moment the rider on horseback passes the starting line in the right direction, after the bell has rung or the signal is given. The time runs through until the time the participant on horseback after jumping the last fence passes the finish line in the right direction.

The time allowed, and time limit, are indicated on the course drawing with the number of fences and combinations, and speed, length, height.

3.6 Drawing of the jumping course

The course plan should accurately detail all aspects of the course and shall be available on Equipe. All obstacles must be numbered in the order in which they are to be jumped. Combination-obstacles have only one number. This number can be repeated in each section (e.g. 7A, 7B)

3.7 Level:

There will be held 3 departments (over 3 days) in the following method and heights at the EU Championship:

Junior

Department 1: 70 cm – 274.2.5 with 11 jumps

Department 2: 80 cm – 274.2.5 with 12 jumps

Department 3: 80 cm – 274.2.5 with 12 jumps

Senior

Department 1: 80 cm – 274.2.5 with 11 jumps

Department 2: 90 cm – 274.2.5 with 12 jumps

Department 3: 90 cm - 274.2.5 with 12 jumps

In 274.2.5 (https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Jump_Rules_26thEd_2019_clean_correx_Art261.4.4.pdf) the equirage rides 2 phases. All equipages are allowed to ride both phases, also if they get penalties in first phase (though not if the equirage gets eliminated in first phase). The equirage with lowest penalties after both phases is the winner. Equipages with same penalties, is placed according to the time in second phase.

There will be 1 double combinations in second departments. In third department there can be a double combination in both phases. There can be plastic mat (blue “plastic water”) in second and third department. No open water is allowed. Double combinations need to be “open” without filling.

A separate prize ceremony will be held after each of the departments. The winner is the one with the lowest penalties. Equipages with same penalties, is placed according to the time in second phase. The number of placements follows the hosting country, but no less than 3 will be awarded.

The overall result, will be calculated by adding the penalties from all 3 rounds. If equipages have the same amount of penalties for 1th 2th and/or 3.th place, there will be a jump off against the clock with 6 jumps (on the last day of the competition (directly after department 3), and the equirage with lowest penalties and thereafter fastest time wins.

Other placements follow the hosting countries rules of number of placements. If equipages have the same number of penalties, a jump off will take place, following the above rules. Remaining equipages is places according to penalties, and if equal, the fastest time from third departments second face, determines the placements

General information:

The technical level and courses need to be the same for Junior and Senior showjumping, in order for the Team competition to be fair. If the jumping arena is large, the welfare of the horses must be taken into account, and the whole arena is not to be used.

There will be held 2 departments (over 2 days) in the following method and heights at the Nordic Championship:

Department 1:

Junior:

1. round 80 cm – 8 jumps

2. round 80 cm – 8 jumps

Senior:

1. round 85 cm – 8 jumps

2. round 85 cm – 8 jumps

No double combinations and plastic mat (blue “plastic water”) in first department. There can be plastic mat (blue “plastic water”) in second and third department. No open water is allowed. 8 jumps in both rounds.

Lots are drawn for the starting order for the 1st round (if possible, otherwise electronic drawing). The starting order in the 2nd round is such that the first starting is the equirage with the most faults from the 1st round. In the event of an equal number of faults, it is the time that is decisive. The winner of the 1st department is the one with the fewest faults in the 2 rounds. In the event of an even number of faults, the winner is the one with the fastest time in the 2 round.

Department 2 - finals:

Junior:

1. round 80 cm - 8 jumps

2. runde 80 cm – 6 jumps

Jump off 80 cm – 6 jumps

Senior spring afvikling:

1. round 90 cm – 8 jumps

2. round 90 cm – 6 jumps

Jump off 90 cm – 6 jumps

There will be 1 double combinations and plastic mat (blue “plastic water”) in second department. No open water is allowed. Double combinations need to be “open” without filling. 8 jumps in first round and 6 in second round and jump off. If the jumping arena is large, the welfare of the horses must be taken into account, and the whole arena is not to be used.

The starting order in the 1st round is such that the first starter is the ekuipage with the most faults from the 1st department. In the event of an equal number of faults, the total time from the 1st departments 2 rounds is used to set the starting order. In the 2nd round, the starting order is such that the first starting is the equestrian with the most faults in total from the 1st department and final class 1st round. In the event of an equal number of faults, the equestrian with the fastest time in the first round of the final must start last. The winner of the 2nd department is the one with the fewest faults in the 2 rounds. In the event of an equal number of faults, the winner is the one with the total fastest time in the 2 rounds. Faults from all 4 rounds are added together. The winner is the one with the fewest faults. In the event of an equal number of faults to 1,2 and / or 3rd place, a jump off is made, where first faults and then time determine the placement in the championship.

Other placements in the championship:

In the case of equality for additional placements, it is the time from the 2nd departments last round that sets the placement order.

General information:

The technical level and courses needs to the same for Junior and Senior showjumping, in order for the Team competition to be fair. If the jumping arena is large, the welfare of the horses must be taken into account, and the whole arena is not to be used.

4 Driving rules

All fjord horses are regarded as ponies when calculating penalties.

4.1. Arena

Dressage : The size of the arena will be announced in the invitation and must be 40 x 80 meters

Cones course : The size of the arena will be announced in the invitation and must be at least 30 x 60 meters

4.2. Grooms:

All Classes: Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a groom (s) of 18 years or older who is knowledgeable and experienced in Driving

Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 14 years or older.

4.3. Assistance

Outside Assistance: Any outside help by voice, signs, etc. is considered as illegal or unauthorized assistance to an Athlete or to his Horse.

4.4. Equipment

Table 10 : Carriages

Dressage Carriages must comply with the following:

Class	Wheels	Grooms	Min. Width
Pony Four-in-Hand	4	2 behind	158 cm
Pony Pair	4	1 behind	148 cm
Pony Single	2 or 4	1 behind or beside	138 cm

The same Carriage must be used for Dressage and Cones

Table 11: Marathon Carriages must comply with the following:

Class	Wheels	Min Weight	Grooms	Min. Width
Horse four in hand	4	600 kg	2 behind	125 cm
Pony four in hand	4	300 kg	2 behind	125 cm
Horse pair	4	350 kg	1 behind	125 cm
pony pair	4	225 kg	1 behind	125 cm
Horse single	4	150 kg	1 behind	125 cm
Pony single	4	90 kg	1 behind	125 cm

4.5. Tyres

In all competitions carriages must be fitted with iron tyres, solid rubber tyres, pneumatic or air-filled tyres

4.6. Harness and whip

The harness must be sound and well maintained. The whip should have such a length that the front horse can be reached from the drivers seat.

It is obligatory to have a whip in hand when driving a Marathon.

4.7. Judges :

There should be at least two judges at the dressage driving

4.8. The test

The driving test is driven by memory

1. The Final Classification for individuals is determined by adding together the penalties received in each Competition. The Athlete with the lowest number of penalties is the winner of the Event.

2. Athletes who are Eliminated or Disqualified or who Retire or Withdraw in any one of the Competitions cannot be included in the Final Classification. They will only be listed on the result sheet as: Eliminated (E), Disqualified (D), Retired (R), or Withdrawn (W).

3. If there is an equality of scores on completion of the three Competitions, the Athlete with the least number of penalties in Marathon will be classified above the others. If there is still an equality of points, the scores in Dressage will be the deciding factor.

4.9 Dress, safety and whips

- In dressage the dress of Athletes and Grooms must conform to the style of the Carriage and harness used.
- Jackets or national dress, driving aprons, hats and gloves are obligatory for Athletes.
- Grooms must wear jackets or national dress, hats and gloves.
- The President of the Ground Jury may decide that:
Jackets may be removed in excessively hot and humid weather; Jackets are not required in special circumstances; Wet weather clothing may be worn and aprons not required in wet weather.
Dress in Marathon: Less formal dress is acceptable in Marathon for the Athlete and Grooms. Shorts are not permitted.
- Athletes and Grooms must wear securely fastened Protective Headgear and a back protector in the Marathon. Infringement will incur Elimination.
- Dress for Juniors and Children
At all times, whilst on a carriage, Children and Junior Athletes must wear a body protector and a securely fastened Protective Headgear. During Horse inspections, it is strongly recommended for Children and Juniors to wear securely fastened Protective Headgear.
- Whip for Dressage and Cones
- The Athlete must carry a whip of traditional style. The lash, which may be tied to the stick, must be capable of release, and must be long enough to reach all the Horses.
- An Athlete must enter the arena with a whip in hand or incur 10 penalty points.
- If an Athlete drops or puts down his whip, when in the arena, or if it is not held in the hand, he will incur 10 penalty points.
- The whip, if dropped, need not be replaced and the Athlete may finish without a whip. However the Groom may hand the Athlete a spare whip and without any further penalty.
- Whip for Marathon
The whip can only be used by the Athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.

4.10. Ranking and level

Point System

Example; ten; competitors; 3 placed riders:

Placed points:	Additional points:	Points total:
Nr. 1: 10	3	13
Nr. 2: 9	2	11
Nr. 3: 8	1	9
Nr. 4: 7	0	7
Nr. 5: 6	0	6
Nr. 6: 5	0	5
Nr. 7: 4	0	4
Nr. 8: 3	0	3
Nr. 9: 2	0	2
Nr. 10:1	0	1

Driving: The following tests for the EU and Nordic Championship

It will be possible to compete in single and pair driving. 4 equipages needs to be in each category in order to have 2 separate driving classes. Other vice single and pair driving will be held as one class.

Senior

Dressage:

FEI Driven Dressage – Senior - Test 3* A HP on 40 x 80 m arena

https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Dressage_test_2021_Singles_CAI3_update_0.pdf

Marathon – 6 obstacles (4 obstacles, and 2 will be used 2 times in competition) with max 6 gates pr. Obstacles, A-section min 4/max 6 km speed 14 km/t, B-section min 6/max 8 km speed 12 km/t.

Cones width + 20 cm, speed 250 m/min

Junior

Dressage: 3A on 40 x 80 arena

https://danskkoereforbund.dk/zakobo/upload/filemanager/Konkurrencek%C3%B8rsel/Derby_dressurprogrammer/3a_Skema.pdf

Marathon – 4 obstacles (3 obstacles, will be used 2 times in competition) with max 6 gates pr. Obstacles, Asection min 3/max 5 km speed 14 km/t, B-section min 3/max 5 km speed 12 km/t.

Cones carriage width + 25 cm, speed 220 m/min

If there are less than 2 junior participants in driving (and less than 2 different countries), the junior/senior will compete again each other, and the juniors will drive the senior marathon/cones.

5 Allround: The following method and heights at the EU and Nordic Championship

5.1 Junior:

Dressage -PRELIMINARY COMPETITION TEST B Children
https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Preliminary%20B%202020_0.pdf

Showjumping – 75 cm, without combinations and plastic water mats. (See the above description of method 274.2.5 under showjumping).

The technical level should be lower, than the one for Showjumping

Cones – Carriage width + 30 cm, 220 m/min

5.2 Senior:

Dressage – TEAM COMPETITION TEST Children
https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Preliminary%20B%202020%20V2_0.pdf

Showjumping – 80 cm, without combinations and plastic water mats. (See the above description of method 274.2.5 under showjumping).

The technical level should be lower, than the one for Showjumping

Cones – Carriage width + 25 cm, 220 m/min

General information:

If there are less than 2 junior participants in Allround (and not 2 countries entered) the junior/senior will compete against each other but at a junior level.

All dressage programs are on 20 x 60 m arenas and will be evaluated by at least 2 judges

The results from the dressage, cones and showjumping are converted to points by the number of participants. No. 1 gets points equal to the number of entries, No. 2 gets points equal to the number of entries minus 1 and so on. If the same equirage performs all three branches, it is given 3 extra points. In addition, extra points are awarded to those placed in the class. The number of placed is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the number of starters. No. 1 gets additional points equal to the number of placed, No. 2 gets additional points equal to the number of placed minus 1 and so on. This gives 2 points difference in the total points for the placed, and 1-point difference for the unplaced. If equal placement, the points are shared.

If the same equirage performs all three branches, it is given 3 extra points

Example: 10 participants and 3 placed.

Place: Participant Points, Placement Points, Total Points

No. 1 10 3 13

No. 2 9 2 11

No. 3 8 1 9

No. 4 7 0 7

No. 5 6 0 6

No. 6 5 0 5

No. 7 4 0 4

No. 8 3 0 3

No. 9 2 0 2

No. 10 1 0 1

Overall results in the allround championship are the total points for each class added together. If there are horses with equal score of total points on medal places, the placement in cones is to determine the ranking. If still equal the placement in dressage, and finally the placement in showjumping.

6. Team competition for the EU and Nordic Championship

Each country can compete with 3 mix teams. Each team should consist of an equirage from jumping, dressage and driving. The team can choose from both junior and senior equipages to be on the team. Each country can find a reserve in each discipline (jumping, dressage and driving) and it must be someone, who is already participating in the championship. The team can only replace an equirage if a horse is eliminated on veterinary conditions before the competition starts.

The following point system will be used for Team competition and points are given after each department:

1. Place 26 points 11. Place 11 points
2. Place 24 points 12. Place 10 points
3. Place 22 points 13. Place 9 points
4. Place 20 points 14. Place 8 points

5. Place 18 points
6. Place 16 points
7. Place 15 points
8. Place 14 points
9. Place 13 points
10. Place 12 points
15. Place 7 points
16. Place 6 points
17. Place 5 points
18. Place 4 points
19. Place 3 points
20. Place 2 points
21. Place and below 1 point

No points are given to athletes who retire or are eliminated.

A sheet with all the equipages that are entered in the team competition are to be made, and this is used to calculate the results for the Team Competition. The results from each equipage 2 or 3 departments are placed in this sheet, and separate calculations are done between the participants that are part of the Team Competition. This is done to make the Team Competition as fair as possible, as the number of entrances in the junior competitions are lower than in the senior competitions.

For show jumping the results before the Jump off is to be used, as this jump off is only relevant for the order of placements in the "single" championship.

The winner of the championship is the Team with the most points after 2/3 departments. With equal score, it is the result from Dressage, then the result from jumping, and then the result from driving that counts.