

STATUTES OF THE NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE NORWEGIAN FJORDHORSE

§ 1. Purpose

Nordic Championships for the Norwegian Fjordhorse is an event where the content is adapted to the versatile skills of the fjordhorse and the athletes. The championship seeks to promote the comprehensive and specific use of the fjordhorse in the Nordic countries, at the same time as it creates contact and community between the countries. The event contains different riding/driving disciplines adapted to the distinctive character of the fjordhorse. Participating countries are Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. For the championship to have official status, at least two countries must be represented.

§ 2. Regulations

Participating countries shall meet the requirements that their respective equestrian organizations are asking for participation in competitions, at the level of the disciplines in the Nordic Championship at any time. Equipages shall compete on a pure bred fjordhorse with known pedigree. Each national fjordhorse organization determine independently what criteria and demands they will ask to the pedigrees of horses who are to participate in the Nordic Championship.

Beyond the specifications and the exceptions mentioned in these statutes, each country shall use their national equestrian competition rules in general and in individual branches. The organizing country should in reasonable time and no less than two months before the event share information 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.

With 2 or more young entrants in the championships, a junior branch will be arranged with own championship classes (last junior year: the year of the 18th birthday).

The individual allround championship is a competition where the horse is the competitor. Each horse can compete with up to three different athletes, one in each discipline. The championship contains three disciplines: dressage riding, cones and showjumping.

There are four branch championships; dressage riding, showjumping and driving for both single and pair.

The team championship is an allround championship where each team consists of three equipages from the same country. Horse 1 starts dressage riding, horse 2 starts showjumping and horse 3 starts single driving (dressage, cones and marathon, overall score counts). A horse or athlete can only be part of one team, and only start once on the team. Each team can insert a spare horse, which can replace a horse that is not fit to enter the competition by veterinary cause. The spare horse cannot be obtained from other teams. Each country can enter maximum 3 teams.

Each horse can enter maximum two classes a day. Athletes are committed to consider the fitness level of the horse in order to manage two classes a day. The president judge can refuse a horse to enter if he/she considers the fitness level of the horse too low. This decision may not be appealed.

Elimination/exclusion:

a) Horses that withdraw from a class within a championship summary, has the right to start the remaining classes and to be included in the summary.

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 summary.

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.

§ 3. 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 Nordic Championship for the Norwegian Fjordhorse.

§ 4. Judges

The organizing country must assign qualified and authorized judges approved for the respective classes and disciplines by the respective equestrian organization. Aspirants should not be used.

§ 5. Veterinary inspection of the horses and stabling

Veterinary inspection is required for horses that enter official championship classes. The inspection will be carried out before the first championship entry begins. For horses that have entered marathon driving; the horse must enter in-harness inspection before the horse starts cones. It is done before the cones main judge, on both hands. National animal welfare legislation may have additional rules that the organizing country must comply with, they must inform in reasonable time and no less than two months before the event. Time for inspection is to be specified in the invitation.

§ 6. Nordic Championship classes and competitions

The following classes are used in the Nordic allround individual championship

Senior:

- 1) Dressage test FEI's Team Competition Test for Children
- 2) Cones: carriage width + 30 cm
- 3) Showjumping: 0.80 m

Junior:

- 1) Dressage test FEI's Preliminary Competition B Test for Children
- 2) Cones: carriage width + 30 cm
- 3) Showjumping: 0.80 m

The following classes are included in the Nordic dressage riding championship:

Senior:

1. Department: FEI's Preliminary Competition test for Ponies
2. Department: FEI's Team Competition test for Ponies

Junior:

1. Department: FEI's Preliminary Competition B test for Children
2. Department: FEI's Team Competition Test for Children

The following classes are included in the Nordic showjumping championship:

Senior:

1. Department: 0.80 m
2. Department: 0.90 m

Junior:

1. Department: 0, 80 m
2. Department: 0.85 m

If no age separation, the championship follow senior classes.

Technically demanding courses are preferred. The second department shall contain higher technical difficulty than the first department. Filling and mats/trays on the ground can be used, but not single waterjump. Except for the rules described in these statutes, the regulations for cat.1 pony are to be followed, albeit with minimum pace 325 m/min.

The following classes are included in the Nordic driving single championship:

Senior:

A: Dressage: FEI Test 2A

B: Marathon: A-section min 4/max 6km, speed 14km/t. E-section min 6/max 8 km, speed 12 km/h. Max 7 obstacles/max 6 gates per obstacle (up to 3 obstacles allowed used 2 times in a competition).

C. Cones: Carriage width + 20 cm Speed: 250 m/min

Junior:

A: Dressage: FEI Juniors and Young Drivers

B: Marathon: A-section min 4/max 6km, speed 14km/t. E-section min 4/max 6 km, speed 12 km/h. Max 5 obstacles/max 5 gates per obstacle (up to 2 obstacles allowed used 2 times in a competition).

C. Cones: Carriage width + 30 cm Speed: 220 m/min

Method in cones: Fault competition, no drive-off.

The following classes are included in the Nordic carriage driving pairs championship:

A: Dressage as for single driving

B: Marathon as for single driving

C: Cones as for single driving

Method in cones: Fault competition, no drive-off.

The following classes are included in the Nordic team championship:

1) Dressage The second department of the senior individual championship

2) Showjumping The second department of the senior individual championship

3) Full single driving competition as in the senior individual championship

The organiser is free to arrange additional open classes/competitions during the event.

All dressage tests-are located on the FEI website and on the national equestrian organization website.

Dressage driving arena should be 100x40m, but can be deviated if not accessible on event arena.

§ 7. Calculation of summary results

Allround:

Separate result lists for the equipages entering the allround championship are to be announced in addition to the regular classes result list. The results from the dressage, cones and showjumping are converted to points by the number of participants, generated from the separate result lists so other contestants does not count. 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 equipage 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.

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.

Branch championships:

Equipage result is calculated in the following way:

Dressage: Percent 1.department + percent 2.department

Showjumping: As allround

Driving: Standard penalty points calculation in driving events

Equal equipages are to be separated by the following criteria:

Dressage: Percent 2.department

Showjumping: Fewest penalties in 2.department

Driving: Fewest penalties in marathon

Team championship:

Separate result lists for the equipages entering the team championship are to be announced in addition to the regular classes result list. These separate lists are used to calculate the allround championship. The total points for each equipage is added to the team total score.

§ 8. Prizes

Standard individual prizing in each class.

Nordic Individual Allround winners are awarded medals (gold, silver, bronze), cups (1, 2, 3) and ribbons to the horse.

Branch championship winners are awarded medals (gold, silver, bronze), cups (1,2,3) and ribbons.

Nordic team championship winners are awarded medals (gold, silver, bronze) and ribbons to each equipage in the team.

If only 3 contestants enter in a championship, only gold and silver will be awarded. If 4 or more contestants enter, gold, silver and bronze will be awarded.

Other placements are awarded by the current rules of the equestrian organization in the organizing country.

Gold medal winners get a price tack/sponsored tack.

It may in addition be given gift prizes/sponsor prizes according to the organizers wishes.

It is encouraged to give a contestant ribbon/prize to all who participate in the Nordic Championship for the Norwegian Fjordhorse.

§ 9. General

The event is held over a minimum of 3 days. The organizer is free to extend the length of the event. Other disciplines/classes can be arranged during the event, but they are not official championship classes. Only one championship class can be entered a day.

Nordic Championships will be held in rotation every two years between the Nordic countries. The national fjordhorse organization in the organizing country is responsible for the event, usually in cooperation with local clubs/associations. The hosting country is determined a minimum of 2 years in advance. Countries can exchange the event among themselves. If a hosting country is unable to take on the event, the other countries should be informed a minimum of 2 years in advance.

The statutes are to be revised when required, however two Championships must be conducted after a revision before new changes can be made.

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