



FEIF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ICELANDIC HORSE ASSOCIATIONS

INVITATION 14th FEIF YOUTH CUP

Solfaxi Stables, Münsingen, Switzerland

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To:
National Youth Leaders
National Offices
FEIF Youth Committee
FEIF Board

Registration and more information

Dear all,

On behalf of FEIF and Islandpferde Vereinigung Schweiz (IPV-CH), we would like to invite you to Switzerland for the 14th FEIF YouthCup (FYCup) at <https://www.solfaxi.ch>

Eligible riders are young riders who will TURN 14, 15, 16 or 17 years of age in the year of the FYCup. All participating horses have to be registered in WorldFengur.

Please find included information and forms needed for riders, and helpers. The FYCup will be organized in accordance with the FEIF Rules and Regulations 2024 (published on April, 1st). The description of the tests of the FYCup are presented in the sport rules and can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.feif.org/sport-dept/documents/> (R&R 2024 will be valid for the FYCup)

*The cost for the **participants** is **€1000.- plus the trainers' and judges' fee of €65.** Country Leaders (CL) and other officials pay **€500.-** this includes lodging and all meals. Team Leaders (TL) will receive free food and accommodation (no participation fee).*

There is a separate fee towards the travelling costs of judges and trainers. *This fee is **€65.-** for each rider and should be paid in addition to the participant fee.*

The **deadlines** for the entries must be taken seriously. Countries not sending their forms at the right date, risk that their places will be given to other countries (more specific information about the forms are found below).

Pre-entry: form 1 latest: **10th of April 2024**

Entries: form 2, 3, 4 latest: **1st of July 2024**

Looking forward to seeing you in Münsingen - on behalf of the Organising Team and the FEIF Youth Committee

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1. Forms and entries

Please note the following important deadlines for the following forms:

DEADLINES:

Form 1: Pre-entries: number of participants, riders on waiting list, CL to accompany participants. Countries are also invited to propose Team Leaders. **10th of April 2024**

Country*	Number of riders per country
CH	6 (5 +1 as host country)
DE, IS, SE, DK	7 participants
AT, (CH), NL, NO	5 participants
BE, FR, FO, FI, US	3 participants
GB, IT, LU, SO, CA, HU, AU, NZ, LI	2 participants

*Note: these numbers have been revised in Oct 2021 to accommodate new FEIF member countries

Please make sure to inform the FEIF Office before the deadline about the number of places you need so that other countries can be informed in time about additional participants.

Form 2: application of participant (signed paper form) **1st of July 2024**

Form 3: registration country leader (CL), team leader (TL) **1st of July 2024**

Liability form: send a scan of a signed paper form to the FEIF office **1st of July 2024**

Deadline for payments **1st of July 2024**

Attention:

*Please note that the applications for the participants (form 2) and the liability form shall be signed by **parents and participant**. By signing the forms, all participants and parents agree to follow the rules as stated in this invitation or documents referred to in this invitation.*

All forms (completed and signed) have to be sent to the office@feif.org or FEIF Office, Susanne Fröhlich, (if you prefer paper forms, please send to: Brunnhof 17, 4431 Haidershofen, Austria). **The** pre-entry forms are necessary to find out the approximate total of participants. Countries with more than the given number of participants should also send in their “waiting list” together with the pre-entry form. Available places will be given out by the FEIF Youth Committee, and countries are informed as early as possible after 10th April. After that date any extra places will be allocated to riders on the waiting list.

2. Eligible riders

Eligible riders are all youngsters who will TURN 14, 15, 16 or 17 years of age in the year of the FYCup. A proof of age is required; a copy of valid ID, such as a passport or similar, is to be sent in with form 2. National youth leaders are responsible for selecting only eligible riders.

All participants must be part of a group cared for by a nominated Country Leader (CL). It is possible for a CL to look after participants from more than one nation. Arrangements of this kind must be confirmed to the FEIF Office in writing.

3. Horses

The FYCup is an international competition. All participating horses (including rented horses for participants from the US, Canada, Faroe Islands and Iceland) need to provide a valid passport and be registered in WorldFengur. The data on the horses’ registration paper will be checked against data in WorldFengur. All horses have to be shod according to FEIF Sport Rules and have the correct vaccinations – see chapter 4. FEIF and FEI vaccination rules



4. FEIF and FEI vaccination rules - Important!

The complete information on the required vaccination is available on: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/veterinarians/biosecurity-movements/vaccinations>

Horses that are not correctly vaccinated will not be allowed to participate. Be sure to check the vaccination papers in due time (in case of doubt, ask your veterinarian for help).

Proper documentation of the vaccination history must be provided when the horse arrives at the venue. Any horses arriving without a complete vaccination history shall be denied entry to the venue.

5. Insurance

All participants MUST have a valid accident and third-party as well as a personal and horse insurance, covering all risks is required. All riders and helpers take part in the FYCup totally at their own risk.

The type of insurance policy taken up must be carefully considered by each participant, and reflect particular circumstances such as medical condition, whether the participant comes with their own horse and equipment, or is renting a horse and equipment, etc. CL may also want to take out a suitable insurance policy, particularly covering their third-party responsibilities.

FEIF and the host organizers do not accept any responsibility for injuries and accidents to participants or helpers or horses.

Riders having to use a rental horse must make sure that the horse is adequately insured, either by existing insurance arrangements of the owner, or a particular insurance policy for the event, arranged in agreement with the owner in advance of the FYCup. All arrangements are strictly between the owner of the horses and those renting the horse. FEIF and the OC will not get involved in any of these arrangements.

6. Liabilities

Rider: Riders declares that participation in this event, and accommodation and keep of the horses, occur at their own risk.

All participants are required to fill out and sign a liability form. This also needs to be signed by the parents or a responsible person. A scanned copy of the form should be sent to office@feif.org, and CL need to bring the hardcopy paper original to the FYCup.

Horse: For the duration of the event, each participating horse must have a valid liability insurance. As an owner / rider you remain responsible for any damages. Neither FEIF, nor the event organization or IPV-CH accept any liability. Neither the organisers nor IPV-CH, nor the land-owner may be made responsible for damage to humans, animals and / or equipment. The rider declares that the horse is healthy, comes from a healthy stock and is vaccinated according to FEI rules.

7. Note for parents

Parents, friends and relatives are most welcome to attend the competition part of FYCup as spectators. However, parents, and personal trainers and other supporters are asked to respect the rule that they are not allowed on FYCup grounds during the training part of the event without explicit permission.

During the competition parents are kindly requested to remain within the area designated to spectators. Parents are not allowed to assist the riders during the competition.



8. FEIF YouthCup tests and rules 2024

The test offered at the FYC 2024 are listed below.

Test offered	Trophy sponsored by:
T3 (tölt)	IS
T6 (easy T4)	FI
T7 (tölt class)	IT
V2 (four-gait)	AT
V5 (easy four-gait)	FO
F3 (five-gait)	DE
P2 (SpeedPass)	DK
PP2 (basic pace test)	NL
FR1 (flag race)	US
Dressage (2 set tests)	SE/ GB
TR1 (trail)	CH
Theory Test 7/ Team Trophies	NO

Rules:

Valid rules are FEIF General and Sport Rules 2024. Additional information will be given in a number of online meetings in the spring of 2024.

Participants of the FYCup are not allowed AT ANY TIME to smoke or consume alcohol or use any other recreational drugs. Breaches of this rule may result in the participant being sent home at their own cost.

9. Information for Country Leaders (CL)

CL will be at least 25 years of age. It is very important that CLs speak good English, are able to work in a team, and have the ability to assert themselves. The CL should inform, and if necessary, remind their group in advance about the ideals and the rationale of the FYCup, and the importance of the international spirit of co-operation. All CLs must participate in daily CL meetings. The main task for CLs is to liaise with the parents of their participants, to be responsible for their own national group, and their horses. This refers to the internal preparation of the FYCup, all communication with parents or legal guardians, communication with the OC (Organising Committee) and FEIF.

CLs are responsible for the travelling arrangements to and from the FYCup; they are expected to know the riding abilities of participants and the horses, carry overall responsibility for the riding equipment (is the equipment safe? it is allowed under FEIF competition rules?); CLs sleep together with their group and are responsible for the general behaviour and co-operation of the youngsters in their charge.

CLs are responsible for the welfare of the horses of their country (health, keeping, food, and tidiness in the stable area).

After consultation with a FYCup trainer and the rider in question, it is the responsibility of the CL to decide, whether and if so what kind of training or exercise the horse may need on Wednesday (non-riding day).

The CL is responsible for bringing a new trophy, which the winner can keep (this is instead of the miniature of previous years). The new trophy needs to be robust and compact enough to fit into the (flight) luggage of the winners. (For more info, see point 15 below)

For the opening and closing ceremonies CL need to bring **TWO national flags** with them. Size 150x90 cm (flag poles will be provided by the OC).



The CL will support their own group in putting together a programme for the Country Evening (max 7 min. per country). The show should say something about each country and culture. Please note that the OC cannot guarantee that there will be a speaker system for music, a beamer or any other such technical support. The aim of the Country Evening is to help the participants to get to know each other and learn something about the different countries represented on the FYCup.

10. Information for Team Leaders (TL)

Team Leaders will be at least 22 years of age. The TL speaks English fluently, has experience of competitions, and has good organizing skills. The main task of the TL is to look after an international team of 6 riders, meaning that they are responsible for creating a positive team spirit, accompanying the team to all coaching sessions, sharing meals with the team, and oversee the team tests. TLs will co-ordinate team entries for the competition, s/he must be familiar with FYCup rules, and the FEIF Rule Book.

TL are required to participate in the TL training event on Saturday at the beginning of the FYCup, and all TL must take part in daily TL meetings.

11. The Teams

On the first evening, the organisers allocate all riders to international teams of 6 participants; during the training sessions as well as the competition, participants will work together within their international teams.

Riding: On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, all participants will undergo coaching by a range of qualified and experienced riding instructors. It is expected that all participants take part in the total programme of the event, and it is the responsibility of the CL to make sure all participants follow this rule.

12. Accommodation

The lodging for all involved in the FYCup is at Schützenhaus, Ballenbühlweg 1 3110 Münsingen

Accommodation will be in student housing. CL will sleep with their country participants. TL will share separate accommodation on the site.

All participants need to bring

- Any personal medication
- Sheets and sleeping bag
- Towels
- Riding and competition clothes, helmet, whip, gloves, etc
- Swim wear, sun lotion and insect repellent
- Leisure clothes
- Rain clothes
- Small day bag
- **Valuables:** please do not bring valuable jewellery, or expensive gadgets (camera / phone), or too much cash. There is no secure place to keep any of these.
- **CL** –remember to bring: liability forms, trophies and 2 national flags 90x150cm

13. Horses and Stabling

The host country has big paddocks for the horses, so **you need to bring your own fencing material to build your own small paddock**. You also need your own tools for mucking out and keeping the paddocks clean. Wheelbarrows will be available. Remember to bring drinking buckets and feed bowls.

The trailers may be left in a designated parking lot on site. Bring a trailer lock and make sure nothing is kept in the trailer.

There will be room for your tack in the stable block. Bring your own saddle stand.

During the whole event, each participating horse is accommodated in its own box. Do not forget to bring water buckets and feeding buckets as required by your horse, Participants on rental horses will need to inquire with the OC or the horse owner, how this is handled.



14. Cost and payment details

Costs:

- the cost for **participants** is **€ 1000- plus the trainer and judges' fee of €65.-**.
- CL and others (CL and other officials) pay **€500 -**, this includes lodging and all meals. TL are classed as volunteers, and receive free food and accommodation, but are responsible for their own travel costs.
- There is a separate fee towards the travelling costs of judges and trainers. This fee is **€65.-** for each rider and should be paid in addition to the participant fee.

Payments should be made by the countries and not directly by the participants!

Bank accounts:

FEIF account – Austria (Euro)

Susanne Fröhlich, FEIF Office

Easy Bank; IBAN: AT581420020010480133; BIC/SWIFT: BAWAATWW

FEIF account – Iceland (only payments in Euro)

FEIF Alþjóðasamband Íslandshesí

Íslandsbanki; IBAN: IS960528380002194211161720; SWIFT: GLITISRE

It is also possible to use PayPal for payment (office@feif.org), in this case please add 3% to the total to cover the PayPal fees if applicable. **Please note that registration is binding, there is no refund in case of unexpected changes of circumstance.**

Note: When transferring the money, tell your bank to pay BOTH expenses, yours and also the “foreign” side!

15. Trophies

As of 2018 perpetual trophies have been withdrawn, and sponsoring countries are kindly asked to provide a new trophy for each FYCup, which the winner is allowed to keep (see above table).

The sponsoring country needs to provide a new trophy for the relevant class, and the winners will be able to keep the trophy. Please select a trophy that robust and small enough to easily fit into the rider's luggage! All trophies need to be at the venue no later than 13th July 2024. The team trophies (7 small trophies) are sponsored by Norway, one for each team member (plus the TL) to keep.

In case a sponsoring country (see table) does not participate in the current FYCup, the 2024 trophy shall be sent to:

Islandpferdezentrum Sólfaxi AG, Schützenreutiweg 16, 3110 Münsingen, Switzerland

Note: If a country fails to deliver the trophies in due time, the country will have to pay a fine of €200 plus any subsequent postage charges.

16. Arrival

The FYCup begins in the afternoon of Saturday, 13th of July and ends on Saturday morning, 20th of July.

At the time of arrival, the horses' passport and vaccination record will be checked, and whether the horse is free from obvious respiratory infections. The full veterinary fit to compete check will be done on Saturday, and it is possible that horses will be rejected at that point. Rejected horses need to leave the premises by Saturday evening.



17. Preliminary programme

Saturday Arrival
 Vet check: fit to compete
 TL training (afternoon)
 Welcome and announcement of teams

Sunday / Monday / Tuesday: Training days, Country evenings, Competition briefing.

Wednesday Outing – first classes of the Competition

Thursday Opening ceremony of the competition

Friday Competition day and prize giving

Saturday Departures

18. Local information

Suitable Airports would be Zurich, Basel oder Bern

Switzerland has a fantastic public transport system (www.sbb.ch) which will then take the participants to Münsingen station from where the OC will pick them up. Please inform the OC of your arrival time a few days before you arrive in Switzerland.

