



Mid European Championships MEM

Guidelines for organizers, National Associations and MEM Coordination

1 Vision:

- ✓ high class sports event for individual riders and National teams
- ✓ according to FIPO
- ✓ focused on quality not quantity
- ✓ provide a come together of the participating countries
- ✓ a friendly competition between countries
- ✓ have fun
- ✓ preferably held in small member countries
- ✓ with freedom for organizers for „one more idea“ to make it a special event
- ✓ affordable for spectators, riders
- ✓ supervised by the Mid European FEIF countries through Sport Leaders and MEM coordination
- ✓ NOT excessively ruled and regulated
- ✓ NOT excessively driven by profit
- ✓ NOT „just another Worldranking competition“
- ✓ NOT driven by tight schedules

2 Member Countries / Associations:

Austria	OEIV		Italy	IIPV
Belgium	BSIJP		Liechtenstein	LIIV
France	FFCI		Luxembourg	ASBI
Germany	IPZV		Netherlands	NSIJP
Great Britain	IHSGB		Slovenia	DRIKS
			Switzerland	IPV-CH

3 Proposal and Assignment

Proposals for organizing a MEM must be handed in to the MEM Coordination prior to the FEIF Conference held 2 calendar years before the Event (e.g. for MEM 20120 prior to the FEIF Conference 2018).

The application must contain:

- A responsible person („Organizer“) with Address & Email
- A declaration that this Organizer is willing and able to fulfill the rules and regulations of FEIF and of the present MEM rules.

The decision on the location is taken by the MEM Sport Leaders at the mid European Sport Leaders meeting during the FEIF Conference. If no consensus can be found there, or because of other important reasons, the decision may be postponed, but not later than to the MEM in this same year.

4 Date

The preferred date for MEM is on the 2nd weekend in August (or late 1st, early 3rd):
9.-12. August 2018, 6.-9. August 2020, 11.-14. August 2022 ...



5 Invitation

A draft of the invitation for MEM must be shown to the MEM coordination 3 months prior to the MEM start for approval.

6 Teams and Rider/horse combinations

6.1 General Rules

A maximum of 160 combinations (rider/horse) will be admitted with riders in 2 age classes:

- young riders (age 16-21)
- adults (age >= 22)

The national associations are responsible for selecting the combinations (Team and International Riders), according to their own rules. A Team Leader must be appointed as a contact person to the organizer. The registration lists with the Team Leader, the selected combinations and their planned tests must be sent to the organizer and MEM coordination approx. 3 ½ weeks (registration checkpoint) prior to the competition start day, and entered in an online registration system if available.

Registration changes are allowed without additional costs for riders until Sunday before the MEM starts.

Riders are not allowed to participate in the Mid European Championships if they are competing in the Nordic Championships in the same year.

6.2 Qualification Limits for MEM Championship oval track tests

Combinations are allowed to compete in F1, T1, T2 or V1 respectively if they have received the following marks at least once at a Worldranking Event before the MEM:

Test	Young Riders	Adults
F1	5.5	6.0
T1	6.0	6.5
T2	6.0	6.5
V1	5.8	6.3

Countries with less than 2 qualified combinations may send non-qualified combinations (to a total of 2 combinations).

6.3 National Team Riders

Up to 35 combinations per country (including reigning MEM Champions) can be registered. The organizing country may register 5 more combinations, if the total remains below 160 combinations.

Note: National Team Riders must have the FEIF Sport Nationality of the team they are competing for (see <http://www.feif.org/Sport/SportNationality.aspx>).

Explanation: A rider who previously had another Sport nationality must register the new Sport Nationality before April 1 of the year in which he wants to compete at MEM. Having changed this he cannot compete for other countries in FEIF team events (World Championships, MEM, and Nordic Championships) within 2 years after MEM.

6.4 Other Riders

These Riders are eligible to participate at both preliminary rounds and finals. They might win a test, but are **not** eligible to become MEM Champions, and do **not** count for any Team Ranking.

The nominating country is responsible for all tasks regarding these riders (selection, admittance, information before/during MEM ...) in the same way as for their national team riders.

6.4.1 International Riders

Riders with a Sport Nationality of a **non-MEM country** may participate at the MEM as follows:

Each MEM country may appoint up to 3 such "International Riders" (3 rider/horse combinations), as long as the **quota of 35 combinations** (see 6.3) is **not exceeded**.

Note: this rule is intended for riders who have a close link to the respective MEM country, for example permanent residence, relationship / partnership or working at / running a business there.



6.4.2 Additional Riders

If according to 6.3 and 6.4.1 less than 160 combinations are registered, additional combinations may be admitted according to a procedure chosen by the organizer until 160 combinations are reached. The chosen procedure shall not be in favor of any association and must be declared in the announcement.

Additional riders must have the FEIF Sport nationality they are appointed from. A Rider is either a National Team Rider or an Additional Rider, and cannot be both, not even with two different horses.

7 Fit to Compete Check

A "Fit to compete Check" on all horses is recommended before the event starts (on Wednesday and Thursday).

8 Judges

The organizer selects the judges together with MEM Coordination. A minimum of 10 judges including a chief judge are selected. All of the marks in MEM Championship tests have to be given by FEIF judges.

All compensation, travel, food and overnight staying is up to the organizer through fee of riders.

Providing the judges secretaries and the judges' operation plan is up to the organizer.

9 Tracks and Facilities

A 250m oval track and a pace track suitable for 250m pace race according to FIPO is required.

Start boxes for pace race and electronic timekeeping equipment (including finish camera for pace races) suitable for approved records according to FIPO is required.

Sufficient training possibilities (e.g. dressage arena / riding hall, oval track, pace track, lounging place, areas for riding outside and ...) must be provided.

Enough space for housing the horses and a place for washing and spraying down the horses is required. A possibility for keeping horses outside (grass, sand or earth corrals) permanently is highly recommended. National laws and regulations must be considered.

All facilities must be ready from Tuesday before MEM until Monday after MEM.

10 Speaker, Music, Internet

The organizer engages speakers (German and English speaking) for the whole event including ceremonies.

Riders may bring in the music of their choice for single oval track tests (T1, T2, V1 and F1).

Wireless internet access for (at least) officials such as team leaders and press shall be provided.

11 Tests and test procedures

11.1 Tests

MEM championship tests are:

- T1, T2, V1, F1
- P1 (4 heats), P2, PP1
- Four Gait and Five Gait Combination

Additional tests T3, T4, V2, F2 and P3 should be scheduled by the organizer.

A Futurity Show may be scheduled (with additional horses and riders).

11.2 Start-orders

The start-order is drawn by lots.

11.3 Preliminaries in oval track tests

In all (= MEM championship and other) tests adults and young riders start together, but are ranked on separate lists.

After the first rider (an -optional- non-ranked rider, or the first rider of the test) in MEM championship oval track tests the judges meet for a short synchronization.



11.4 Finals in oval track tests

In all (= MEM championship and other) finals adults and young riders start separately.

- A-Finals are mandatory in all tests.
- B-Finals are mandatory in all tests for which 20 or more combinations in the respective age class are registered.

12 Team Championship and Ranking

Team ranking is based on the highest sum of marks in the preliminary rounds (when applicable) in each test group for the three highest ranked rider/horse combinations in that test group. In case less than three combinations participate in a test group, the team will receive 0.00 points per lacking combination.

The test groups are:

PP1	P1 / P2	T1 / T3	V1 / V2	T2 / T4	F1 / F2
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Calculation:

1. Sum of 3 best marks per team for each test group
2. Sum of <1.> per team
3. Division of <2.> by 18 (6 test groups with sum of 3 marks) per team = final score of the team

Additionally a "Team Fivegate" may be executed. For this test, each team chooses five rider/horse combinations that show one part of the five gait. The test is shown in groups of 2 - 3.

If this Team Fivegate takes place, the team ranking is calculated as average of the above individual tests (50%) and the Team Fivegate (50%).

13 Titles and prizes

MEM champion titles are awarded for young riders and adults in the MEM Championship tests and combinations:

- T1, T2, V1, F1, P1, P2, PP1, Four Gait and Five Gait Combination

The organizer provides:

- Medals for 1-3 ranked riders in all MEM Championship tests and combinations
- An additional present for the winner (e.g. flowers, ribbon)
- Giveaways for all A- und B-Final participants

Challenge trophies (in German „Wanderpreise“) are provided by the National Associations, including a trophy for the team ranking:

Austria, OEIV	Tölt T1		Italy, IIPV	SpeedPass P2
Switzerland, IPV CH	Tölt T2		Netherlands, NSIJP	Pace Test PP1
France, FFCI	Four Gait V1		Luxembourg, ASBI	Four Gait Combination
Germany, IPZV	Five Gait F1		Slovenia, DRIKS	Five Gait Combination
Great Britain, IHSGB	Pace Race 250m P1		Belgium, BSIJP	Team Championship

14 Ceremonies

Price giving ceremonies for PP1 and P1 are scheduled either directly after the test or in the ceremonies time slot of Sunday noon.

In the ceremonies time slot of Sunday noon, the ceremonies for P2, Four Gait and Five Gait combinations (all of these separate for young riders and adults) and Team ranking are scheduled. Additional ceremonies may be carried out to the organizer's wish.

All other ceremonies are carried out directly after the corresponding A-Final.

National anthems are to be played for Winners in MEM Championship tests (only there).



15 Schedule (Proposal)

The total duration of MEM is maximum 4 calendar days (Thursday to Sunday).

Three weeks prior to the competition start the schedule must be presented to the MEM coordination for validation and agreement.

All MEM Championship A-Finals are scheduled for the last day (Sunday). Except for these only a pace event (e.g. P2) shall be scheduled on that day.

15.1 Schedule (proposal)

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday						
08:00	Arrival and free training	Arrival and free training	T2 +additional Tests Fit to compete Check	F1 +additional Tests (P3 1&2)	T1 +additional (B) Finals (P3 3&4)	A-Finals T2, V1 P2 PriceC. P2						
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14:30			Fit to compete Check additional Tests break PP1	V1 (+additional Tests) (+additional B- Finals)	V1 (+additional Tests) (+additional B- Finals)	B-Finals F1, V1, T2, T1 +additional Finals						A-Finals T1, F1 Final Parade
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18:30	P1 1&2	P1 3&4					P1 3&4	P1 3&4				
19:00												
19:30	Opening and Price Ceremony PP1			PriceC. P1 (+ P3)								
20:00												

16 Doping

In the announcement it must be stated by the organizer under what rules and authority the doping tests are executed, and by which authority the resulting penalty is set and can be challenged.

The doping rules applied must be in accordance with the FEIF rules.

17 Final Remarks

These guidelines reflect the common understanding of the MEM countries. Deviations proposed by the organizer or other involved persons are possible, but in advance to be agreed by MEM coordination or, in larger cases, by the MEM countries Sport Leaders.