



The European Fjordhorse Championships 4th- 7th August 2016 in Vilhelmsborg, Mårslet, Aarhus.

1. Place of Competition

The National Equestrian Center Vilhelmsborg, (Det Nationale Hestesportscenter) at Bedervej 101 8320 Mårslet, Denmark.

2. Host

The competition is hosted and arranged by the Danish Fjordhorse Association (Fjordhesten Danmark) in cooperation with Birken Riding Club and the Central Jutland Horse Driving Association (Midtjysk Køreselskab) with support from the proposed rules and regulations of the FJHI.

3. Entry Fees

European Championships: DKK 800,- for all tests in the same discipline. Remember to book all tests/sections of the championship. Team entry fee: DKK 500,- per team.

4. Box Hire

DKK 1100,- per box (DKK 200,- deposit will be refunded upon cleaning the box prior to departure). Box hire includes straw mattress. Alternative bedding, wood shavings can be purchased at DKK 100,- per package.

5. Vet Check

Vet check for European Championship takes place Wednesday 3rd August 2016. Upon completed vet check, horses are not allowed to leave the site.

6. Registration

Entry registration to be emailed to alice@fjordhest.dk. Entry fees should be paid to Fjordhesten Danmark on the following registration and account number: 7670-6228501, IBAN DK2476700006228501 SWIFT Code RINGDK22.

The registration entry is only completed upon receipt of payment.

7. Contacts

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8. Requirements for participating horses

The Championships are open for fjord horses 6 years or older. Each participating fjord horse should be in possession of at least three generations pure breed pedigree with licensed stallions. The horse must have a passport issued by one of the national breeding organization for Fjord horses. FEI passport is NOT required.

9. Requirements for riders/drivers

European Championships: All participating riders/drivers must be a member of their respective national fjord horse associations.

The age of the rider / driver shall be:

- For individual dressage and jumping : 12 years minimum
- For driving singles : 14 years minimum
- For driving pairs: 18 years minimum

10. Tests per day

Only two tests per day are allowed.

11. Vaccinations

Vaccine requirements are according to the rules of the Danish Equestrian Association. FEI vaccinations are not required. Each participating fjord horse to a sporting event must be chipped or brand. If a fjord horse is not healthy or have an unwanted behaviour, it can be eliminated from the competition by either the judges or the veterinary. The decision by these persons is binding.

For horses that have initiated their vaccination programme after the 31st December 2012:

- a primary course of two vaccinations, with an interval of between 21 and 92 days;
- a third dose (the first booster) must be given within seven months of the date of administration of the second primary dose; and
- at least annual boosters given subsequently no later than on the anniversary day of the last vaccination.

For horses that have initiated their vaccination programme prior to the 31st December 2012:

- a primary course of two vaccinations, with an interval of between 21 and 92 days; the day of vaccination counts.
- at least annual boosters given subsequently no later than 367 days of the last vaccination. After the 31st December 2012, the annual booster must, however, be given on the anniversary of the last vaccination.

Entry into competitions after having received the second booster and up to the time of the third booster is allowed. Vaccinations must not be administered within seven days of arrival at the event. Not being able to show this, leads to exclusion from the Championship.

12. Equipment:

We refer to the Rules & Regulations of the Danish Equestrian Association for both juniors and seniors in all disciplines and the regulations of the Danish Driving Association.

<http://www.rideforbund.dk/~media/rideforbund/Ridesport/Reglementer/2016/Dressuur%202016.ashx>

<http://www.rideforbund.dk/~media/rideforbund/Ridesport/Reglementer/2016/Springning%202016.ashx>

<http://www.rideforbund.dk/~media/rideforbund/Ridesport/Reglementer/2016/Flles%20Bestemmelser%202016%20%20gldende%20fra%201%20marts%202016.ashx>

<http://www.koereforbund.dk/konkurrencekorsel1-2/reglementer-m-v>

13. **Driving competition:** is not divided into junior and senior during the event however a separate ceremony will take place for juniors with participation of a minimum of 4 juniors.

14. Team Competitions:

A mix team consists of one dressage rider, one show jumper and one driver. Each NFA may have a maximum of 3 mix teams. The team with the highest scores through all three rounds of the competition wins.

15. Arrival

Two entry cards per horse for the stables will be handed out upon arrival. For the welfare of the competing horses and overall security, the stables will be closed to the public and entry to the stables requires use of entry cards.

16. Camping

It is possible to camp on site. Information regarding camping, hotels or alternative lodging can be found in the official Jubilee Invitation -

http://www.fjordhest.dk/brugerfiler/inf._vedr._jubil%C3%A6et.engelsk.pdf

17. Deadline for entry

Your application including payment must be received no later than the 5th of June 2016.

Tests

DRIVING Singles

Test 25: Dressage 7A

Test 26: Marathon (6 obstacles)

Test 27: Cones + 20cm

Tests

ALLROUND

Test 21: Dressage Programme LB3A

Test 22: Jumping 75cm B3 (no combinations)

Test 23: Driving Dressage 7A

Test 24: Cones +30cm

DRIVING IN PAIRS

Test 28: Dressage 7A
Test 29: Marathon 6 obstacles
Test 30: Cones + 20cm

Dressage:
3 rounds over 3 days

Senior:

Test 1: Preliminary Competition (Edition 2012) update 2016, valid from 01.01.2016

Test 2: Team Competition (Edition 2012) update 2016, valid from 01.01.2016

Test 3: Individual Competition (Edition 2012) update 2016, valid from 01.01.2016

Junior:

Test 6: Preliminary Competition A (Edition 2014) update 2016, valid from 01.01.2016

Test 7: Team Competition (Edition 2015) update 17.09.2015&2016, valid from 01.01.2016

Test 8: Individual Competition (Edition 2014) update 2016, valid from 01.01.2016

Jumping:
3 rounds over 3 days

Junior:

Test 16: 1st round 70cm S2

Test 17: 2nd round 80cm B3

Test 18: 3rd round 90cm B4

Senior:

Test 11: 1st round 80cm S2

Test 12: 2nd round 90cm B3

Test 13: 3rd round 95cm B4

For information on jumping methods S2, B3 & B4 see section 19 below.

18. **Qualifications:** Each country sets the qualification requirements for their participants. However, it is expected that each and every participant competes at national finale level as a minimum.

19. **General:**

- Participation in competition must be restricted to fit horses and athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling. The welfare of the horse must always be paramount.
- No horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete, veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.
- Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before competition.
- Abuse of a horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

- 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 horse insurance.
- Correct clothing is mandatory for participants when they are in the ring. As a general rule protective headgear has to be worn by all athletes (as well as any other person) at all times when mounted and is recommended to be worn by the person presenting the horse in a horse inspection.

- **Ranking:**

The following point system will be used for each competition:

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

No points are given to athletes who retire or are eliminated. The winner of the championship is the equipage with most points after 3 rounds.

11. **In case of equal results:** The results from the third round determine the final score of the championship, should the results be equally ranked i.e. the equipage with the best score on the third day of competition wins.

- **Prizes:** If only three competing equipages or teams; Only gold and silver prizes will be awarded. With four or more competing equipages; a bronze medal will also be awarded. The additional placed riders will be awarded in accordance with the general prize giving rules of the Danish Equestrian Federation and Driving Association.
- A Steward is appointed to ensure that the event is held in accordance with the rules and regulations. Together with the judges present, he/she will have the decisive ruling in any disputes that may occur during the event.
- Flag: It is allowed to wear a small national flag on jackets on either chest or sleeve (max. 80 cm² pr. side). Flags/logos are also allowed on saddle pads (max. 200 cm² pr. side).
- For further details on equipment, we kindly refer to the rules and regulations of the Danish Equestrian Association and / or contact the Danish Fjord Horse Sports Committee- see email contacts above. A brief meeting on Wednesday 3rd August, 2016 at Vilhelmsborg is also scheduled, where participants can raise any questions they may have with regards to equipment.
- Equipages that may present a danger to themselves and their environment should be excluded by the judges.
- Participants are responsible for starting in the right class.

- **Dressage:**

- The organizer must give the athletes access to the dressage arena for certain training hours. Use of the arena other than during the performance and training hours will be punished by elimination of the test.
- Dressage: If the equiptage leaves the dressage arena during the test, he/she will be eliminated. If all 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 during the competition. An additional person can walk the horse on long reins.
- Dressage: No soft hats, tail coats or double bridle allowed in any of the dressage tests. Correct clothing for all participants when in the ring. The following is compulsory: - a black or dark jacket coat (contrast colouring on collar and piping allowed). Protective headgear, black or the same colour as coat, breeches: white or off white, stock or tie: white, off white or same colour as coat, gloves: white, off white or same colour as coat, riding boots: black or same colour as coat. All dressage tests are ridden by memory.
- Dressage: Whips are only to be used in the warm-up arena.
- All dressage riders have 45 seconds from the sound of the bell to enter the arena.
- Dressage: Spurs are compulsory and must be made of metal. The shank must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the athlete's boot. The arms of the spur must be smooth and blunt. If rowels are used, they must be blunt/smooth (no sharp edges) and free to rotate. Spurs must never cause any harm to harm the horse.
- Whips up to 120cm including stroke.
- Dressage: Any decoration of the horse with extravagant items, such as ribbons or flowers etc. in the tail, etc., is strictly forbidden. Normal plating, however is allowed.
- Dressage: Protective fly hoods are permitted for outdoor events. These will be systematically checked by the stewards to ensure that nothing prohibited has been added to protect from sound. The fly hoods should be discreet and should not cover the horses' eyes. Ear plugs are allowed at prize-givings only.

- **Jumping:**

- All jumpers must greet the judge before the start of the course.
- Whips up to 75cm allowed.
- Spurs: The shank must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the athlete's boot. The arms of the spur must be smooth and blunt. Spurs must never cause any harm to the horse.

- Correct clothing for all participants when in the ring. The following is compulsory: - a jacket coat, free choice of colour. A shirt or blouse with turtle neck of any choice of colour, however any visible parts of the blouse must be white/off white. Breeches: white or off white. Stock or tie compulsory in white or off-white when wearing a shirt. Protective headgear according to EU safety standards. Gloves: Allowed, free choice of colour.
- Wearing a body protector while jumping is compulsory for all riders. (Airbags not allowed).
- **Jumping method S2:** 1st round the riders are given a score for their style. Rating: Ground pace, correct riding, general appearance. The results of the test: the total points minus the penalties which may occur.
- **Jumping method B3:** 1st main round. If the rider has penalties in the main round, the judge will sound a stop signal when passing the finish line. If the rider has zero penalties, the equipage continues directly in a 2nd round. The rider has 45 seconds to start the 2nd round from passing the finishing line of the 1st round. Riders who have not qualified to enter the 2nd round due to penalties will be placed according to penalties and time in the 1st round.
- **Jumping method B4:** Jumping in two phases. Several combinations may be present in the 1st course, and 1 combination in the second phase. 1st phase: 7-9 obstacles, at least 1 combination. The start of the 2nd phase is concurrent with the finishing line of the 1st phase. Phase 2: 4-6 obstacles, which may be new obstacles or obstacles which were also present in phase 1. Riders with zero penalties in phase 1 continue directly in phase 2 where penalties and time dictates the ranking of the equipages. If penalties or time is identical, the riders are equal in ranking. If the rider has penalties in phase 1 the judge will sound a stop signal. If no penalties occur in phase 1, the passing of the finishing line in phase 1 is considered a start of phase 2. Equipages that do not qualify for the 2nd phase are placed according to penalties and time in phase 1. Should there be equal penalties or time, the riders are ranked equal.
- **Driving:**
 - All fjordhorses are regarded as ponies when calculating penalties.
 - The dressage arena will be 40x100 metres. Cones course: 70x 120 metres with a maximum of 20 cones. Combinations may occur.
 - Grooms: Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a groom of 18 years or older who is knowledgeable and experienced in driving. Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a groom of 14 years or older.
 - Carriage: The same carriage may be used for all disciplines.
 - Marathon carriages: Must comply with the following: Single: wheels, 4, min. weight 90kg, grooms 1 behind, min. width: 125cm. Pairs: wheels 4, min. weight 225kg, grooms: 1 behind, min. width: 125cm.

- Tyres: In all competitions carriages must be fitted with iron or solid rubber tyres. Air-filled tyres not allowed.
- Harness: must be sound and well maintained. It is obligatory to have whip in hand in Dressage and Precision Driving:
- The tests are driven by memory.
- Cruelty Definition: Abuse of the horse means an action or omission that causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse including, but not limited to: Excessive pressing of exhausted horses, excessive use of whip, and unacceptably severe, badly fitting, broken or damaged bit, badly fitting harness which might cause distress to the horse, damage to a carriage which might cause injury to the horse.
- Ranking: 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. If there is an equality of scores, 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. Scores will be calculated to two decimal places.
- Dress and Safety:
- 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 Judge/s may decide that: Jackets may be removed in excessively hot weather; jackets are not required in special circumstances; wet weather clothing may be worn and aprons not required in wet weather.
- Penalties occur for improper dress.
- Dress in marathon:
Less formal dress in marathon is acceptable in marathon for the athlete and groom. Shorts are not permitted.
- Athletes and grooms must wear securely fastened protective headgear and a back protector in marathon. Failing to do so will incur elimination.
- Dress for juniors:
At all times, whilst on a carriage, 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 last, which may be tied to the stick, must be capable of release and must be long enough to reach 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, 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: Optional. If the driver chooses to carry a whip, the whip can only be used by the athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.
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- **Allround Discipline:** Consists of 4 tests, dressage riding in programme LB3A, Showjumping in 75cm method B3 (no combinations), Driving Dressage Test 7A, Driving Test Precision + 30 singles. The championship goes on the horse, and the 4 tests may be taken by 3 different participants with the same horse (1 rider for dressage, 1 for jumping & 1 for driving) or one person doing all tests. If there are equally placed participants, the results from precision driving, dressage riding and showjumping, in that order, decide the final ranking and places.
- Cancellation of entry prior to 5th June- full refund minus DKK 50,- administration fee. Cancellations due to illness on or prior to 20th July - 50 % refund of entry fees with a declaration from the veterinarian. After 20th July no fees are refundable.
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- **Attachment LB3 dressage programme**
- **Attachment Evaluation and Score sheet for S2 Showjumping**

We look forward to welcoming you at the European Fjordhorse Championships 2016.