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## 1. Introduction

**1.1.** 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 countries organizing future Championships are invited to provide constructive input on this document. The General Regulations in this document apply for all riders and horses participating in the Nordic Championship competition.

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The Nordic Championships can only be held with the approval of at least two participating countries. All specifications are to be found in the present document.

These rules are written by the board of the Haflinger Sports Association in Denmark (HSDK) with support of experienced sport athletes.

The Board of the HSDK 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 the Haflinger horse as the great sports horse it is. Also participating in championships may ultimately result in a higher level of the Equipage. In addition, the social aspect is important to bring together Haflinger horse people and exchange information.

## 1.3 Code of conduct for the welfare of the horse

HSDK 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 always acknowledge and accept that. 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

- Each participating Haflinger should hold no more than 1,56% OX-blood. The horse must have a valid passport to be shown and, for Danish horses, be registered in the sports register by HSDK
- Each participating Haflinger horse in a sporting event must be chipped or branded
- All horses intending to participate in the Nordic competitions must follow the rules of the hosting country regarding vaccinations. Learn more [here](#)

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- Vaccinations must not be administered within seven days before arrival at the event.
- 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.

Failure to provide evidence of compliance with the above will result in exclusion from the Competition. If a Haflinger horse is not healthy or behaves un-naturally, it may be eliminated from the competition by either the judges or the delegated. The decision by these persons is binding.

### **1.4.2. Qualification to start**

- The respective national Haflinger organizations in each participating country determine independently which criteria and demands they will demand from the Equipages who wish to participate in the Nordic Championship.
- Anyone who participates in these competitions is deemed to know the rules and to accept them. This also applies to the organizers.
- The athlete of the participating Haflinger must be a member of their national association. Danish athletes must be a member of Haflinger Sport Danmark (HSDK)
- The minimum age of the rider for individual dressage and jumping is 12 years.
- Riders 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

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- 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.
- Haflinger horses at the age of 4 and 5 years can participate in the classes for youngsters
- Older horses are from the age of 6 years and
- Identification number: Each horse keeps the same identification number throughout the event. It is the Athlete that must bring this number. It is compulsory that this number is 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 Haflinger horse

When participating in the championship the horse may be used in more than one course/test.

The horses may not compete in more than 2 competitions in one day. One horse can have a maximum of 5 entries during the weekend and no more than two per day.

### 1.4.4. Elimination and/or exclusion

- 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
- 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

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- 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.
- An equirage that is eliminated, has resigned, or not achieved approved score in one or more classes, must not outrank an equirage who has completed all competitions in a summary, no matter the achieved competition points
- A decision of elimination and/or exclusion determined by the president judge or delegate is not to be discussed or argued.

### 1.5 Equipment for horse and rider

Follows the rules of FEI.

## 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 her/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 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 can warm up and train the horse from the time they arrive at the competition. An additional person can walk the horse on long reins.

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- Sound of bell. After the sound of the bell, the Athlete must enter the arena at A within forty-five (45) seconds
- The Equipage with the highest percent from the two departments is the winner. If more than one has the same percent, the Equipage with the highest percent from last rounds wins.
- All programs are on 20 x 60 m arenas and will be evaluated by no less than two judges.
- A separate prize ceremony will be held after each of the rounds. 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 two departments over two days in following tests at the Nordic championship:**

### **Young horses age 4 and 5 years**

Round one: [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Young%20Horses%204%20YO%202022\\_0.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Young%20Horses%204%20YO%202022_0.pdf)

Round two: [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Young%20Horses%204%20YO%202022\\_0.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Young%20Horses%204%20YO%202022_0.pdf)

### **Horses older than 6 years**

Round one (easy): [https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Individual%202022%20V2\\_0.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Children%20Individual%202022%20V2_0.pdf)

Round two (easy): <https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Pony%20Riders%20Freestyle%202022%20V2.pdf>

Round one (difficult): <https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Regional%20Games%20Individual%202022.pdf>

Round two (difficult): <https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Juniors%20Freestyle%202022%20V2.pdf>

**Find all tests [here](#)**

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## 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 test

- The course should be built to fit the Haflinger horse and be available for the riders to see at latest at 8pm the night before competition.
- A separate prize ceremony will be held after each of the rounds. The winner is the one with least faults and fastest time according to the description of the method below.
- The number of placements follows the hosting country, but no less than 3 will be awarded at the final championship prize ceremony.
- The Nordic champions are given by placement in the two rounds by following method:
- Least faults are placed higher
- Fastest time in all (if participating in jump off both days) are placed higher

**There will be held two departments over two days in following heights at the Nordic championship:**

**Young horses age 4 and 5 years**

**Round one: 75 cm.** – one preliminary round. All horses that are equal for 1. place after the preliminary round will compete in a jump off. Method B1 described [here](#)

**Round two: 80 cm.** - one preliminary round. All horses that are equal for 1. place after the preliminary round will compete in a jump off. Method B1 described [here](#)



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## Horses older than 6 years

**Round one: 95 cm.** – all Equipages are riding through the course twice. All horses that are equal for 1. place after the two preliminary rounds will compete in a jump off. Method B12 described [here](#)

**Round two: 100 cm.** - all Equipages are riding through the course twice. All horses that are equal for 1. place after the two preliminary rounds will compete in a jump off. Method B12 described [here](#)