



# GÆÐINGAKEPPNI

## 7/8TH OCTOBER 2017

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Final closing date for entries is 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.**

There will be no changes allowed to entries after this date, other than withdrawals. No refunds.

#### INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO GÆÐINGAKEPPNI

##### ABOUT GÆÐINGAKEPPNI

Gæðingakeppni is a century old tradition in Iceland to evaluate the quality and riding abilities of the Icelandic horse. The fundamental basis of the Gæðingakeppni is the power, energy and the charisma of the horse. The competition has evolved during the years and has become quite accessible for everybody, different ages of riders and all kinds of horses.

**Whips are not allowed** except for youngsters/children's classes.

A brief description of all of the classes on offer is given below. For full details of the Gæðingakeppni classes go to [www.feif.org](http://www.feif.org) and download the rules under Gaedingakeppni. Also, if you want to know what the judge will be looking for and how he decides which mark to give, have a look at the Judges' Guidelines, also in the "Gæðingakeppni" section.

##### OVAL TRACK CLASSES

In the oval track classes, each horse/rider combination may compete in ONE gaited Gæðingakeppni class, and one tölt class (the T7). The timed fun classes can be entered in addition to the oval track classes. Only one rider per horse.

**A-Flokkur (5-gait)** – Using 6 long sides, show **walk** (middle walk), **trot** (working with extensions in the middle), **canter** (like trot), **tölt** (possibly with tempo variations), **pace** (fast, stable) in your chosen order. One gait can be shown twice. The beginning and end of the judged length (150 m) will be marked. Also judged will be **temperament** (willingness and forwardness) and **form under the rider** (the beauty, movement and form of the horse).

**B-Flokkur (4-gait)** – Using 6 long sides, show **walk, trot and canter** like in A-Flokkur above, additionally **slow tölt** (possibly extending to working tölt in the middle of the long side) and **fast tölt**.

**C-Flokkur (novice/intermediate)** – using 6 long sides, show walk, trot and canter, as well as slot to medium Tölt.

**Gæðinga tölt T7** – Like the T7 FIPO, ridden as a group test with two or more riders on the oval track. When instructed, show slow tölt, return to walk, change rein and show any speed tölt.

**Gæðinga 3 of 4** – Show four gaits (as in A-Flokkur) and only the best three will be marked.

**Gæðingakeppni children (up to 13 years)** – 2 rounds are ridden from which 4 long sides will be judged. Gaits required are walk, trot and/or tölt and canter/gallop. Riding aids and seat will be judged for every gait separately. If the child rides both trot and tölt, the score for the better gait is used. A whip is allowed.

**Gæðingakeppni young riders (14-17 years)** – 3 rounds are ridden of which 6 long sides will be judged. Gaits required are walk, trot, slow tölt, canter/gallop and a fast gait (either fast tölt or fast trot). Riding aids and seat will be judged with an overall score. A whip is allowed.

### **TIMED FUN CLASSES**

These will take place on the pace track, in tölt, trot, gallop or pace, fastest rider wins!

All participants to these classes take part under their own risk and must sign a declaration to this effect before the event commences.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES AND RIDERS**

Horses should be at least 5 years old. All horses which enter the Gæðingakeppni have to be registered in WorldFengur to show they are purebred Icelandic horses. The horses should be well prepared and kept, healthy, well fed (neither too thin nor obese) and without any injuries of any kind.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The rider should follow the instructions of the judge and competition committee in all matters that concern the competition.

### **COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

The preliminaries start with the horses being ridden one at a time in the signed up sequence. However, if there are many entries, up to 3-5 horses may be judged at the same time on the track.

The performance starts at the middle of the short side. The rider enters the track and must take the shortest route to the beginning of the short side where they intend to start. Then he shall demonstrate clearly to the judges, by nodding his head, that he is starting his performance.

The rider decides in which direction he starts his performance and he can change direction once during the performance. He also decides in which sequence he presents the required elements. The rider has three and a half rounds total.

## TACK AND EQUIPMENT

The normal sport rules apply to tack, biting, saddles and the use of weighted boots.

***If there are insufficient entries for any class, the organisers reserve the right to combine the entries with another class of a similar type.***

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### TIME SCHEDULE

A (rough) time schedule will be published on the website before the event.

### ADDRESS

The Gæðingakeppni is to be held at Connegar Farm, Manston, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT10 1HB – directions below.

### PASSPORTS AND VACCINATIONS

Please make sure you bring your horse passports with you – it is a legal requirement to do so. You will be required to show your horses' passports on arrival. *Please note it is not a requirement that horses are vaccinated to take part but to minimise the health risks to unvaccinated horses they will be kept in a quarantined area away from vaccinated horses.* Please show care and attention at all times to minimise exposure between such horses. If you do not have your horse's passport, you will be asked to leave the showground.

### ARRIVING

People are welcome to arrive on Friday, or earlier by prior arrangement .

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

If you are coming from the North or the East, first aim for Shaftesbury. Then get on the A30 heading west signposted to Sherborne. DO NOT be tempted to cut through Shaftesbury via the B3091 as the roads are very narrow and steep. Not good for trailers or lorries! Follow the A30 for 4.3 miles until you reach the crossroads in the village of East Stour.

If you are coming south through Somerset then stick to the A37/A371 and avoid Bruton (steep and narrow). Get to the crossroads in Henstridge and turn left (east) heading for Shaftesbury/East Stour.

Once you are at the crossroads in East Stour head south following the sign to Todber. After 2 miles you reach a junction in Todber. The main route turns sharp right but instead turn off this road going straight on down Red Lane following the sign to Childe Okeford and Blandford Forum. After 2.5 miles you will pass the Manston Guest House on the left and then come to a T junction. Take the left turn (NE). After 0.2 miles you will see the sign for Connegar Farm on the right.

If you are using sat nav the postcode DT10 1HB will probably take you to the Plough in Manston. If you get here then you'll need to continue NE for a quarter of a mile and you will see the farm on the right.

#### **PADDOCKS AND HAY**

Please bring your own electric fencing to make your horse's paddock. Paddocks will be generous, but hay is available if necessary.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Taking part in this show is at everyone's own risk. Please ride carefully and courteously at all times, on and off the tracks.