

British Championships & Summer Festival West Tarf, West Linton, Scotland

Annually, the Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain plays host to a national championships for Icelandic horses. For the first time in four years, the venue will be in Scotland, just outside of the village of West Linton, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Aitken.

Icelandic Horse Sport – what is that?! The Icelandic horse is a 4 or 5 gaited horse – so in addition to walk, trot and canter they can also display Tölt, giving them 4 gaits, and then some of them also have a 5th gait – Pace. Tölt is a 4 beat gait displayed at varying speeds, from slow tempo to faster tempo, the horse is proud and carrying himself well. Pace is a 2 beat lateral movement, which is used as a racing gait – and is known as 'flying pace' as he speeds along the pace track!

Our equestrian discipline is performed mainly on a 250m oval track. There are all sorts of classes for all sorts of level of rider and horse, from those just starting out in the sport to elite riders. Some classes are judged on the riders showing a sequence of their gaits with their horse, to varying speeds of Tölt and also pace tests on the straight pace track!

The 2015 Championships will see some riders competing for selection to our National Team that will go on to represent GB at the World Championships for Icelandic horses in August.

Spectators are welcome to come and find out more about the Icelandic horse, our sport and see the action on the track!

There will be catering facilities available and plenty to watch. Parking and admittance are free – we look forward to seeing you there!

More information: www.ihsgb.co.uk

Event Manager: Kirsty Carson, kmj75@hotmail.co.uk, 07730714565 Venue & spectator parking: West Tarf, West Linton, EH46 7AA

Please note:

- There will be a walk from the spectators parking to the competition track that will be signed. If disabled access is required, please contact the event manager
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times