

### **Protocol pertaining to breeding shows.**

Breeding shows for Icelandic horses are based on the law on animal exhibition under the auspices of the Farmers' Association of Iceland and regulation no. 442/2011 on the origin and breeding of the Icelandic horse. The following procedures stipulate for responsibility, practices and relations between staff and participants of breeding shows. Criteria are also set for the qualification of judges regarding potential conflicts of interest. These rules aim at breeding shows that are professionally reliable and an inspiring venue devoted to breeding work.

These procedures are indicative and cannot be a prerequisite for annulment or alteration of an assessment that has been determined by a judges' panel. The owner has always the option to get re-judgment on the horse at another show. Process regarding complaints and disciplinary violation as well as potential penalties for those is explained in the rules.

### **Rules for employees of a breeding show**

- Employees shall follow the principle that their work raises trust and respect. They apply professionalism, ensure that all participants are treated equally and strengthen the collaboration and cooperation between employees, owners and riders.
- Employees shall strive to increase their professional knowledge.
- Employees are required to comply with laws and regulations governing the breeding shows.
- Judge is not to participate in assessment work if his principal occupation is extensive horse breeding, sale of horses or stallion holder. If in doubt regarding such general eligibility of judge, the head of Department of Animal Husbandry at the Icelandic Agricultural Advisory Centre (RML) decides on this before the structure of jury panels are determined each year.

### **Judge stands aside from judging panel if:**

- The judge is a shareholder in, the former or current owner of that horse or its parent/parents.
- The judge is the breeder of the horse or its parent/parents.
- The judge has tamed or trained the horse.
- The judge is or has been a partner of the exhibitor, owner or breeder or related party or alliance in the direct line of descent or blood connected in second generation.
- Judge has or will pay respective riders pay for taming, training or performances this year.
- The judge has accepted gifts, benefits or other perks from the owner or breeder of the horse, which may be considered to affect his credibility.
- The judge is subordinate of the exhibitor, owner or breeder of the horse.

### **Panel work.**

- Unprejudiced practices are always honored.
- Good appearance, courtesy, modesty and neutrality is honored.
- Phone usage by the judge is prohibited unless as necessary communication with employees of the show.

### **Responsibility of the chairperson of judging panel.**

- Chairperson is responsible for the execution of assessment of the relevant breeding show.
- Chairperson is, along with show manager responsible for tracks, other facilities, measurement and health inspections meet quality and regulatory requirements.
- Chairperson shall ensure that both special Icelandic rules and international FIZO regulations are observed.
- Chairperson shall ensure that assessment work is progressing rapidly and efficiently and results are obtained.
- Chairperson shall notify the national breeding leader if something deviates in judgment work on his watch which is contrary to the "Code of breeding shows".

### **Process of disciplinary violations / complaints.**

- Level 1. National breeding leader. Level 2. Head of Department of Animal Husbandry at RML. Level 3. Horse breeding council. Based on the nature and extent of the violation.
- National breeding leader can caution judge or dismiss from panel work on short or long-term basis, if rules are not followed.
- National breeding leader is unfit to deal with disciplinary violations/complaints on a higher level of appeal, if he has previously taken part in the proceedings at a lower administrative level.
- National breeding leader is unfit to deal with issues if he has such a connection with the case that is pending, which may affect the handling of the case. I.e. is party of case, representative or agent of a party or if he has close family ties to the party.

### **Rules for riders and supervisors and/or owners:**

- • Riders perform horse friendly and fair riding.
- • Riders and supervisors and/or owners show courtesy and polite conduct.
- • In violation of these rules the jury may reprimand riders and/or owners or dismiss them from the show.