

Changes in FIPO, valid as of April 1, 2011 Approved by FEIF Delegates' Assembly 2011

1. Shoes

New types of shoes are developed every day. To define what is considered to be a proper shoe the following change of **FIPO 2.3.2** applies:

If horses are shod all four feet should be shod. The only shoes allowed are those that are made for the purpose of serving as a shoe on a horse. Any shoe should have an opening at the hind side. All four shoes have to be made of the same material. The material used must not exceed the specific weight of standard iron. The shoe may have a maximum thickness of 10.0 mm and width of 23.0 mm (wear and tear included), and must be of an even shape.

2. Rings

In the current rules only reinforcements on rings are allowed when they are placed outside. But nobody knows why. For that reason the following change of **FIPO 2.3.7** applies:

Leather and synthetic rings or soles of a thickness of max. 5.0 mm and following the shape of the shoe are allowed between hoof and shoe. When filling material and/or a sole are used, a shoe of max. 8.0 mm thickness is allowed, otherwise a shoe of max. 10.0 mm is allowed. Apart from the filling material only one ring or sole per foot is allowed. Reinforcements in order to support the specific function of the sole/ring are allowed.

3. Soles

There is no explicit reason to have riders inform organisers or judges in advance that the horse has soles. For this reason the last three paragraphs of **FIPO 2.4.2** change into:
Horses with soles may be selected by judges for a check (removal of one or more soles).¹ Normally the same horse will not have to have its shoes removed more than once at the same competition. The shoe and sole can be replaced, but only under supervision of the head judge or his representative.

The rider concerned has no right to claim compensation. If the rider refuses to follow the judges' instruction, the horse will be eliminated from the entire competition.

4. Oval track

In order to make it clear for riders and judges where the long side starts and ends the following paragraph is added to **FIPO 5.1**:

The start and end of the long sides have to be properly marked.

5. Tölt T2

For many years now T2 is the single top-level test that is ridden in groups of three. This doesn't fit to the set-up of similar tests. For this reason Tölt T2 is renamed into Tölt T4 (moved to **FIPO 9.3**) and a new test T2 is added as **FIPO 8.2**:

FIPO 8.2: Tölt T2

This test is performed on the oval track.

¹ Adapted to the latest change of FIPO as decided upon by the Delegates' Assembly 2010.

Eligible horses

Horses entering this class are excluded from other tölt tests at the same event.

Preliminary Round

Riders compete individually. The rider has three rounds at his disposal to show the following gaits in the following order:

Sections:

- 1. any speed tölt.*
- 2. slow, steady and calm speed tölt.*

Return to walk and change rein.

- 3. slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth).*

Each section may be shown only once, for one round. The marks for section 3 will be doubled.

Final Round

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round.

6. World Records

The current World Records in Pace Race 250 m (P1) and 150 m (P3) are set under different conditions. The rules how to measure time in combination with start boxes are rather clear now: the time should start running the moment the doors of the start boxes start to open and the starting line (0.00 m) should be at the point where the doors turn. In addition, it has been proven that only systems where there is a video finish can supply proper times. For this reason a new list of World Records is started (the old ones are kept for historic reasons as old style World Records) that have to meet the following requirements (**FIPO 8.5.8**):

- the track must meet the requirements described In FIPO*
- the use of start boxes is required in P1 and P3*
- the use of electronic time keeping equipment is required*
- In P1 and P3 the time keeping starts running when the doors of the start boxes start to open*
- In P1 and P3 the finish has to be filmed with video equipment connected to the time keeping system, able to distinguish between riders*
- the wind speed in the direction of the race must not exceed a speed of 5.4 m/s and should be measured with a wind gauge meeting the requirements set by the FEIF Sport Committee*
- the rider must have adhered to the racing rules*

Please note: there is no need to continue to require the use of stop watches. For WorldRanking events the other time keeping method will still be accepted. This proposal only refers to new World Records.

7. Tölt T3

The finals in Tölt T3 are as heavy as the finals in Tölt T1. T1 is meant for well-trained horses; the finalists in T3 are often less trained.

FIPO 9.3.1.3 changes into:

The horses show the sections as instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. They ride on the rein agreed upon by the majority of the riders. In the event of a draw the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled.



Sections:

See preliminary rounds.

8. Tölt T4

The former Tölt T2 is added as **9.3.2** Tölt T4, and by consequence the current 9.3.2 - 9.3.5 are renumbered.

9. Judges at World Championships and other international events with team (country) representation

It is decided that on the occasion of World Championships or other large international events like MEM and Nordic Championships no judges may judge who might have a personal conflict on interest and to add some sentences from the FEI Code of Conduct for Judges to **FIPO 10.7.5**:

A judge must avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest. A judge must have a neutral, independent and fair position towards riders, owners, trainers, organizers and other officials and integrate well into a team. Financial and/or personal interest must never influence or be perceived to influence his/her way of judging.

