FEIF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ICELANDIC HORSE ASSOCIATIONS

FEIF Education Seminar

September, 23th – 25th, 2026, Iceland

The Education Committees of FEIF and LH invite you to an Education Seminar

23rd to 25th of September 2026

… the days before the Laufskálarétt horse roundup!

The main topic of the seminar will be **TRANSITIONS**!

With the help of some of our very best teachers we will look into various transitions between gaits, within gaits and starting tölt and pace training with young horses. We will also discuss how to teach transitions and what role the seat of the rider has in transitions. Extended practical sessions along with some theory parts about the science behind, will give us in-depth explanations and a unique experience with colleagues from multiple countries.

Venue

The seminar will take place in north-west Iceland, the beautiful Skagafjörður. The main venue will be Svaðastaðahöllin, riding hall, in Sauðárkrókur, but we will also spend an afternoon in Hólar, the Equine University.

Draft schedule

Start of the seminar: Wednesday, September 23rd 2026 at 14.00 o'clock

End of the seminar: Friday, September, 25th 2026 at 12.30 o'clock

Teachers

Eyjólfur Ísólfsson is the Icelandic Horse professor and runs his company, Töltmaster. He is one of only 5 Master Trainers from Iceland, was the head riding teacher at Hólar University for 15 years, currently teaches courses all over the world and even holds a Professor status for Icelandic Horse riding within the SwedishUniversity of Agricultural Sciences. He is an encyclopedia of knowledge about training and teaching with decades of experience and among the most respected teachers in our Icelandic Horse world. *See www.toltmaster.com*

Árni Björn Pálsson is the reigning World Champion in T1, just won the Meistaradeild in Iceland for the 8th time, and has countless titles and wins throughout his career as one of the most successful competition riders and trainers in Iceland.

Dr Sigríður Björnsdóttir has been the head of Equine Veterinary in Iceland at the Veterinary Authorities for many years along with being among the most productive scientist in our Icelandic Horse community for decades herself. She has recently taken on a new role as a professor in Equine Science at Hvanneyri Agricultural University, working for the health and welfare of the Icelandic horse.

Hólar University and its team of riding instructors, their students and horses from the school will lead us through the start of both tölt and pace training and how to teach those early very important transitions. Linking into the ISES 10 training principles as well and discussing the development in teaching both horse and rider.

Mette Mannseth is one of the 5 Icelandic Master Trainers and the Head Ridingteacher at Hólar University. She has been an extremely successful competition rider, trainer and breeder for many years, but probably is still most known as a fabulous teacher with wealth of experience and insight. *See www.thufur.is*

Þórarinn Eymundsson is one of the 5 Master Trainers in Iceland. He has been a teacher at Hólar Equine University since almost 25years, and teaches elsewhere too, along with breeding, training and competing on the highest level. With many titles in this sport under his belt, Þórarinn is certainly one of our best known horse men and a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Ísólfur Líndal Þórisson is one of Hólar's teachers. He is a very successful trainer, competition rider and breeder as well as being the trainer of Iceland's National team. He was chosen Riding Instructor of the year 2020.See *www.isoonline.is*

Þorsteinn Björnsson has been teaching in Hólar for more than 15 years. He was chosen trainer of the year 2024 in Iceland. He will share his unique experience from more than a decade of teaching students to ride pace on the school´s pace horses.

Eligible participants:

The seminar is aimed towards riding instructors within the FEIF Matrix and *is valid as a full CPD of 20 Units*. However, all judges are also welcome as well as other enthusiastic professionals in the field.

Waiting list places will be distributed in the order of registration.
The registration is only valid after your complete payment.

The maximum number of participants is limited. Please make sure you register in time if you need the seminar for your license.

Registration:

Registration deadline: **May 15th 2026** (in case the maximum number of participants is reached earlier, registration will close before the indicated deadline).

Early bird 10% discount until April 15th, 2026

Please fill out this registration form: **https://www.lh.is/endurmenntun**

Costs:

The following costs per person are connected to the seminar:

EARLY BIRD offer 10% discount valid until April 15th, 2026:	
Participation fee for the entire seminar Wednesday – Friday	**EUR 369.-**
Bookings after April 15th, 2026:	
Participation fee for the entire seminar Friday – Sunday	**EUR 410.-**

The seminar includes coffee breaks, lunch and dinner during the seminar. Accommodation, meals before and after the start/end of the seminar and beverages are not included in the seminar fee (Friday lunch not included).

Payment:

The conference fee is non-refundable, unless the event is cancelled by the organisers. However, a candidate may be replaced by another candidate proposed by the person cancelling. This person must fulfil the demands for this seminar.

There are different possibilities for payment.

Please note you will only be registered for the seminar when your complete payment has been received on the following account, pls. send receipt to gjaldkeri@lhhestar.is:

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Or with credicard via LH website:

https://www.lh.is/product/feif-and-lh-education-seminar-sept-23rd-25th-2026

Accommodation:

Each participant is responsible for their own accommodation and it is NOT included in the seminar price. However the biggest accommodation provider in Sauðárkrókur offers special deals for participants of the Education Seminar – only bookable through this email: *info@arctichotels.is* with reference to the seminar.

Hotel Tindastóll and *Tindastóll Annex*: All rooms en suite and with breakfast included:

Single room: 26.000iskr/night

Double room: 32.000iskr/night

Cottage rooms 3 people: 34.000iskr/night

Deluxe for 3 people: 46.000isk/night

550 Guesthouse – no breakfast included.

Single room en suite: 15.000iskr/night

Double room en suite: 19.000iskr/night

Triple room en suite: 23.000iskr/night

Single room with shared bathroom: 12.000iskr/night

Double room with shared bathroom: 17.000iskr/night

Triple room with shared bathroom: 19.000isk/night

Travels:

Each participant organizes their own travels to and from Sauðárkrókur – however there will be buses that bring us from Sauðárkrókur to Hólar and back on Thursday afternoon.
We look forward to seeing you in Skagafjörður at the end of September for inspiring, fun-filled and educational days with colleagues and friends followed by a weekend of horsepacked activity for those that choose to stay a little longer!

Mark Timmerman
FEIF Director of Education

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