



European Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Association e.V.
Staatlich anerkannte Züchtervereinigung

Invitation and Announcement
2. Virtual International Missouri Foxtrotting Horse Tour 2021

Time: April to August 2021
Closing date for entries: 31st July 2021
Closing date for video submission: 14th August 2021

Location:

Any indoor or outdoor riding area with the standard size of 40x20 meters. Larger areas must be brought to this dimension e.g. by rods. For the Performance and Western Pleasure classes please set up an Oval within the riding area as shown on the Pattern of the individual class. The riding track should measure a width about 5-6 meters.

Event Organizer:

European Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Association e.V.
karl@liebeneck.com

Tournament Management / Registration Office:

Julia Schaefer, js-horsemanship@gmx.de

Richter:

Julie Moore

Entries:

Please fill out the entry form and send it by mail to tournament management.

Entry fees per Class:

Adults:	20,00 \$
Youth:	10,00 \$

Bankaccount:

EMFTHA
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BIC: MALA DE 51 KOB
Sparkasse Koblenz



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Paypal to: paypal.me/missourifoxtrotter
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Prize Money: The EMFTHA will distribute 15% of the taken entry fees.

Rules of participation:

The EMFTHA works with the division in different categories, such as Open, Amateur, Youth and Junior Horse. Every rider may decide, whether he wants to compete in class 1 (more experienced riders) or in class 2 (less experienced riders). Everyone can participate, provided that the horse is a Missouri Foxtrotter, registered by the MFTHBA. Youth riders are under 18 years can compete in Youth classes and/or adult classes. Young horses aged between 4 and 6 years can compete in Junior Horse classes. The EMFTHA want to invite all Missouri Foxtrotter-owners to take part in this special project, no matter if they are part of any horse organization.

Organization of the virtual tournament:

After publication of this announcement every participant has time until the closing date to submit his entry and to transfer the due fees. Later entries will not be considered, nor will unpaid entries.

After receipt of the entry fees, each participant is entitled to send a video of every chosen class to the tournament management.

Form of video-transmission:

The video must show the perspective of the judge the best possible way. The appropriate position is marked on each pattern. Please do not forget to name the rider, horse and class at the beginning of each video. After each ride, the rider needs to take the bridle of the horse off to show the type of bit which was used for the class.

Please make sure the quality of the video is appropriate, this is every participant's responsibility. Videos which are too dark or otherwise not clear enough cannot be judged. Please do not play any music during your ride and do not put any music on the video afterwards.



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The upload of the video is simple and easy possible with this link:
<https://missouri-foxtrotter.wetransfer.com/>

Classes:

The following classes are offered:

- Horsemanship/Western Dressage – category 1
- Horsemanship/Western Dressage – category 2
- Horsemanship/Western Dressage – Junior Horse (4-6 years old)
- Western Pleasure – category 1
- Western Pleasure – category 2
- Western Pleasure – Junior Horse (4-6 years old)
- Performance 2Gait
- Performance 3Gait
- Performance 2Gait Junior Horse (4-6 years old)

Please acknowledge that every entry must choose between competing in the Performance 2Gait (Flat Foot Walk and Foxtrot) **or** in the Performance 3Gait (Flatt Foot Walk, Foxtrot, Canter). A Youth Performance is also available. The reason for this rule is to regulate the upcoming work for the judges.

The pattern and set up regulations for all class will be published via facebook and the EMFTHA-homepage.

Every participant can choose individually in which class category he wants to compete in. Entries for Junior Horse-classes cannot switch in between the different categories. After the closing date, every participant will get a starter's list so see, who else will compete in their classes.

Placing:

After judgement of all appropriate videos the placings will be done from the judge in cooperation with the tournament management, divided per class categories 1, 2 and youth.

The results will be published online on Facebook and on the homepage. Further than that, every participant will get the results via email. For the publishing, a nice picture of each rider and horse would be desirable.



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By submitting the entry form, each participant agrees that photos or video recordings of him or her may be shown in public media.

Tournament rules:

The EMFTHA rule book is valid, which can be viewed on the website www.emftha.com under "Sport" and "Rules EMFTHA". This is only valid for the rules that are also applied in a virtual tournament.

Especially notice, that it is required to choose appropriate clothing for the ride, as if it was a real tournament. Generally, all Performance classes can be ridden with two hands, no matter if your bit has shanks or not.

In class category 1 the classes Horsemanship/Western Dressage and Western Pleasure must be ridden with one hand and a bit with shanks.

In class category 2 the classes Horsemanship/Western Dressage and Western Pleasure the participant may choose between riding one hand/bit with shanks or with two hands/using a bit without shanks.

After each ride the bridle of the horse needs to be taken off, to show the bit. Further options concerning the bits are available in the rule book. Please note that there is no "cut" in the video allowed between the ride and the bit control.

In all classes it is everyone's duty to wear a long sleeve/show outfit. With the excuse for women participating in Performance classes, a Western hat must be worn as well. For youth riders it is necessary to wear a proper helmet.