



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

Invitation and Announcement

4. Virtual International Missouri Foxtrotting Horse Competition

Time: July/August 2023
Closing date for entries: 22nd July 2023
Closing date for video submission: 31st August 2023

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. For the speed trail can also be taken similar obstacles that serve the same purpose.

Event Organizer:

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

Tournament Management / Registration Office:

Karl Schilling, karl@liebeneck.com

Richter:

Julie Moore

Entries:

Please fill out the entry form per Online or send it by mail to Karl Schilling

Entry fees per Class:

Adults:	25,00 \$
Youth:	10,00 \$

Bank Account:

EMFTHA
DE95 5705 0120 0000 2301 10
BIC: MALA DE 51 KOB



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Sparkasse Koblenz

Paypal to: paypal.me/missourifox Trotter
Karl Schilling
mail@liebeneck.com

Prize Money: The EMFTHA will distribute a portion of the entry fees as prize money.

Rules of participation:

The EMFTHA works with the division in different categories, such as Open and Amateur. 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. 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 can be submitted for an additional fee of 20,-€.

The closing date of the videos must be respected in any case.

Videos of unpaid entries will not be considered.

After receipt of the entry fees, each participant is entitled to send a video of each named Class to the registration office.

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. The video file name should have the following information: class, horse name and rider name.

The video must be recorded in one go, editing / cutting is not allowed. It must not contain music either. At the end of the pattern / video, the bit must be shown to the camera.



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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.

The upload of the video is simple and easy possible with this link:

<https://emftha.wetransfer.com/>

Classes:

The following classes are offered for class categories 1 and 2 as well Youth and Junior:

- Horsemanship/Western Dressage
- Western Pleasure
- Speed Trail
- Performance 2Gait
- Performance 3Gait

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 for Horsemanship / Western Dressage and speed trail will be published on the homepage (www.EMFTHA.COM).

For the Pleasure and Performance Class there are instructions about the sequence of the class is also published on the homepage (www.EMFTHA.COM).

Every participant can choose individually in which class category he wants to compete in. After the closing date, every participant will get a starter's list so see, who else will compete in their classes.

Note: After each class, the bridle with bit must be shown into the camera, only then will the video recording end.



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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.

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.

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, Speed Trail and Western Pleasure must be ridden with one hand and a bit with shanks.

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

Further options concerning the bits are available in the rule book.

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.