

# **USIHC National Team Membership Policy – 2026**

## **1. Policy Statement**

This policy establishes the structure, cost, and benefits of membership in the United States Icelandic Horse Congress (USIHC) National Team for the applicable calendar year.

## **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all individuals who are accepted as members of the USIHC National Team for the applicable membership year, contingent upon timely payment of membership fees.

## **3. Membership Fee Structure**

### **3.1 Annual Fee**

- The annual National Team membership fee is five hundred dollars (USD \$500).

### **3.2 Payment Schedule**

- Members will be billed in two installments of **two hundred fifty dollars (USD \$250)** each.
- Installments are invoiced in **January** and **June** of the applicable calendar year.

## **4. Membership Benefits**

Members in good standing are entitled to the following benefits during the applicable membership year:

### **4.1 Apparel and Recognition**

- Annual National Team T-Shirt.
- Certificate of membership valid for the 2026 calendar year.
- Official recognition as a National Team member on the USIHC website.

### **4.2 Educational and Competitive Support**

- Complimentary admission to the **National Team Virtual Education Series** (three virtual lectures annually on topics relevant to high-level Icelandic horse sport competitors).
- Annual stipend of **two hundred fifty dollars (USD \$250)** toward participation in any National Team Clinic.
- Opportunity to try out for the U.S. National Team for the World Championships

#### 4.3 Training and Development Access

- Priority access to lessons and video feedback with the designated Team Trainer.
- Opportunity to purchase additional National Team apparel.

#### 5. Conditions of Membership

- All membership fees are **non-refundable**.
- Membership benefits are **non-transferable** and apply solely to the registered member.
- Members must comply with the **Code of Conduct for USIHC National Team Members** and remain in **good standing with the USIHC** to retain eligibility for benefits.

#### 6. Administration

This policy shall be administered by the USIHC National Team Leader, subject to oversight by the USIHC Board of Directors.