

## **Development Team Announcement**

**Our organization is excited to launch the USIHC Development Team. The purpose of the USIHC Development Team is to further promote Icelandic Horse Sport here in the USA by encouraging participation in all types and levels of competition from novice to individual and open classes. One of the core goals of the Development Team is to provide outreach and support to all the membership, recognizing that “the best competition horses also make the best trail horses.” The Development Team will offer members community and foster interest in Sport through access to specialized educational and training opportunities.**

**The Development Team will be coordinated by a Team Leader appointed by the USIHC Board; Shelby Walker. In addition, a Development Team committee of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 committee members will be assembled by the Team Leader to organize events (4-6 per year). A Team Leader will serve a 2-year term, which will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>. If a Team Leader is unable to serve their entire term, they will be replaced as promptly as possible. Team Leaders can be nominated by any Development Team member via email to the USIHC Sport Leader. The Sport Leader will bring all nominations to the USIHC Board of Directors for a vote.**

**Requirements to become a Development Team member: (i) current USIHC member in good standing; and (ii) commitment to competing in Sport. In addition, all team members agree to the following code of conduct: (i) to abide by the rules, policies, and procedures of FEIF and the USIHC and acknowledge that any failure to do so may result in immediate suspension from the Development Team; (ii) to agree that horse welfare, dignity, safety and health of horses are paramount and to commit to place them above all other interests; and (iii) to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all events and competitions where I represent or may be perceived as representing the team.**

**Annual Membership Fee\*: \$50**