

Horseathlon Online World Championship

Who has ever fantasized about competing in a sporting event with others outside of their own country? This will be possible starting on October 1st, 2023: After the first 2022 Online Competition, Horseathlon is going further by realizing the first ever Horseathlon Online World Championship.

We have a climate problem, this has probably become clear to most people at this point, and we are all required to do our part to reduce carbon emissions. The equitation scene is not exempt from this fact. In a 2018 study by the Schaffhausen-based consulting firm ESU Services on the eco-balance of pets, the horse comes off rather negatively. In comparison to other pets, horse husbandry has the highest climate-relevant impact. In addition to food and bedding, the transportation to stables, competitions and events are particularly significant.

Does it still make sense in this day and age to drive horses through half of Europe and back or even fly them overseas to take part in an event? More than likely, most equestrian sports could offer alternatives that may even be easier to implement. In the future, each individual, but also the equestrian sports associations, will have to reassess and, if necessary, make changes.

Innovation and ethics have shaped Horseathlon for more than 20 years. Two decades ago with the first competition, where the goal wasn't higher, faster, further, but more beautiful, more precise, more suitable for the horse. A few years ago, the ethics committee of Horseathlon met to ensure that the horses' welfare is paramount and to identify and to make the event as horse friendly as possible.

For ecological reasons, as well as enthusiasm to try new things, the Horseathlon team organized an Online Horseathlon. In 2023, the organizing committee is going a step further. Horseathlon is going international and invites all motivated and dedicated riders worldwide to participate in the first Horseathlon Online World Championship.

No matter which discipline of riding you come from, all those who deal with their equines fairly and responsibly, can participate. It is advantageous, however, if you and your horse are familiar with gymnastics and trail obstacles both on the ground and in the saddle.

By no means does everyone have to set up their own course. We recommend getting together a group of like-minded people in your region. This way the effort to build the course is minimized and the eco-balance ends up even better. In training together, you will end up having more fun and socializing.

You can register for the first Horseathlon Online



**World Championships from October 1, 2023.
Info at www.horseathlon.ch/en/competition-events/**