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Icelandic Horse World Championships 2025 in Birmenstorf – A Celebration of Emotion and Community

Birmenstorf, August 12, 2025 – The Icelandic Horse World Championships 2025 are history – and they’ve left a lasting impression. Under the motto “THE BEAT GOES ON!”, Birmenstorf (AG) transformed into a vibrant hub of international equestrian sport from August 4 to 10. Around 30,000 visitors came together to celebrate the fascination of the Icelandic horse – across 18 sport and six breeding disciplines, accompanied by a diverse supporting program.

Top Athletic Performances with a Focus on Animal Welfare

The championships sent a strong message for fair equestrian sport: no prize money, no material rewards – but plenty of passion, respect, and joy. Strict participation requirements and a clear focus on animal welfare made the event a model for sustainable equestrian sport. A total of 184 Icelandic horses competed in various sport and breeding competitions. The 156 riders from 18 nations were accompanied not only by their trainers and grooms but also by numerous family members and friends. Together, they created an electrifying atmosphere that made the tournament an unforgettable experience.

Roman Spieler, President of the Organizing Committee, draws a positive conclusion:

«The Icelandic Horse World Championships 2025 were a complete success – a celebration that went far beyond equestrian sport. With over 30,000 visitors, more than 500 volunteers, and rider pairs from 18 nations, Birmenstorf became a lively meeting place for the international Icelandic horse community.»

The combination of top-level sport in breeding and competition, a varied supporting program with music, culinary highlights, and a diverse exhibitor area showcased the versatility and unifying spirit of the event. Spieler adds: «We are especially proud of the family-like atmosphere that emerged through the commitment and warmth of everyone involved. My heartfelt thanks go to all who contributed – on stage, behind the scenes, and everywhere in between. They made this championship a special chapter in the history of Icelandic horse sport.»

An Experience for All the Senses

Beyond the competitions, the championships impressed with an interesting symposium focused on the theme of “Horse,” offering fascinating insights into training, health, and care. The exhibitor area featured high-quality riding gear, artistic handicrafts, and innovations related to Icelandic horses.

Evenings were filled with atmosphere thanks to a diverse musical program featuring live bands and DJs, inviting visitors from the region and beyond to linger and enjoy. Food trucks offering international cuisine delighted guests and turned the grounds into a place of enjoyment and connection beyond the arena.

Conclusion: A Summer Fairytale with Heart

The Icelandic Horse World Championships 2025 were more than just a tournament – they were a celebration of community, emotion, and love for the horse. Thanks to dedicated organization, fair competition conditions, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere, Birmenstorf will be fondly remembered as a gracious host.

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Sport Tests – World Champion 2025 (Adults)

Test	Rider	Horse	Country
T1	Árni Björn Pálsson	Kastanía frá Kvistum	Iceland
T2	Aðalheiður Anna Guðjónsdóttir	Hulinn frá Breiðstöðum	Iceland
V1 Fourgait	Anne Stine Haugen	Hæmir fra Hylidsbæk	Norway
F1 Fivegait	Lena Maxheimer	Abel fra Nordal	Germany
P1 (Pace Race 250 m)	Natalie Fischer	Ímnir fra Egeskov	Denmark
PP1 (Pace Test)	Laura Enderes	Fannar von der Elschenau	Germany
P2 (Pace Race 100m)	Natalie Fischer	Ímnir fra Egeskov	Denmark
Fourgait Combination	Lisa Schürger	Kjalar frá Strandarhjáleigu	Germany
Fivegait Combination	Caspar Logan Hegardt	Oddi frá Skeppargården	Sweden

Sport Tests – World Champion 2025 (Young Riders)

Test	Rider	Horse	Country
T1	Védís Huld Sigurðardóttir	Ísak frá Þjórsárbakka	Iceland
T2	Dromelot van Helvoort	Glymjandi frá Íbishóli	Netherlands
V1 Fourgait	Védís Huld Sigurðardóttir	Ísak frá Þjórsárbakka	Iceland
F1 Fivegait	Jón Ársæll Bergmann	Harpa frá Höskuldsstöðum	Iceland
P1 (Pace Race 250 m)	Kristján Árni Birgisson	Krafla frá Syðri-Rauðalæk	Iceland
PP1 (Pace Test)	Jón Ársæll Bergmann	Harpa frá Höskuldsstöðum	Iceland
P2 (Pace Race 100m)	Kristján Árni Birgisson	Krafla frá Syðri-Rauðalæk	Iceland
Fourgait Combination	Daniel Rechten	Óskar frá Lindeberg	Germany
Fivegait Combination	Jón Ársæll Bergmann	Harpa frá Höskuldsstöðum	Iceland

Breeding tests – World Champion 2025

Category	Horse	Rider	Nation
Mares 5 years	Óskastund frá Steinnesi	Árni Björn Pálsson	Iceland
Mares 6 years	Flóka vom Sonnenhof	Jolly Schrenk	Germany
Mares 7 years and older	Náttús vom Kronshof	Frauke Schenzel	Germany
Stallions 5 years	Sörli frá Lyngási	Agnar Þór Magnússon	Iceland
Stallions 6 years	Drangur frá Ketilsstöðum	Viðar Ingólfsson	Iceland
Stallions 7 years and older	Hljómur frá Auðsholtshjáleigu	Árni Björn Pálsson	Iceland

Team Trophy

Country	Points
Iceland	111.7600
Germany	107.1600
Danmark	106.5200
Sweden	104.5800
Austria	101.3900

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