



INTERNATIONAL FRIESIAN SHOW HORSE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow IFSHA Members,

Spring is finally here along with the horse show season for many of us. I have heard remarks from the IFSHA membership that IFSHA is canceling horse shows. The International Friesian Show Horse Association organizes and produces one horse show per year; The World and Grand National Friesian Championship Horse Show.

The horse shows that members find on the IFSHA Website are horse shows that are produced by smaller horse show organizations. These organizations are affiliated with IFSHA and USEF by hosting IFSHA classes and/or the IFSHA Regional Championship classes. By their affiliation with IFSHA and the USEF these organizations are required to follow the standards of USEF in production of their horse shows. Licensed officials must be hired as well as quality support staff and take place at a suitable venue. All of this comes with a hefty price tag.

If we hope to continue to grow as an organization, it is our responsibility to support these shows. Without our horses in attendance and our financial support; small horse show organizations have no other recourse but to cut classes that do not have entries or completely cancel the show. So please don't say "I'm not ready or I'll go next time". There may not be another "next time".

I wish you all safe rides this horse show season and look forward to seeing you at the IFSHA Friesian National Show.

Warm Regards,

Sandy Jacob
IFSHA President