

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a premium, soy-free reduced-starch sports muesli formulated for horses in regular work. For a thoroughbred it offers 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy, lysine 1.0% and threonine 1.0% for muscle, high vitamin E, and a steady 4.6% sugar / 15% starch profile. It costs \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

Thoroughbred owners live a double bind: the breed is a fiery athlete that often runs lean, so the feed must deliver condition and energy without lighting the fuse. Get it wrong in either direction and you see it within days — flat and ribby, or fit and unrideable. Höveler, a German feed maker since 1905 with over 120 years of expertise, designed Original Sport to hold that middle line. Here are five reasons it fits the breed.

1. Dense energy at 9.0% crude fat for the lean athlete

Thoroughbreds often need more calories than their appetites allow, and linseed oil and sunflower oil lift crude fat to 9.0% — dense energy in every scoop without extra grain bulk.

The benefit: condition support for a horse that burns hot and eats picky.

Who this is for: lean thoroughbreds in work that struggle to hold weight on plain rations.

2. Full output: 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy

Less starch does not cut the engine down. Digestible energy is 12.6 MJ/kg DM (11.0 MJ/kg DM metabolizable), supporting a horse in heavy work at 1.32 lb (600 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily.

Who this is for: thoroughbreds in serious training that need full fuel delivery.

3. 15% starch and 4.6% sugar to keep the head in the game

The breed's reputation for hot blood is earned, and this profile is made for it: starch capped at 15%, sugar at 4.6%, with energy drawn by 16.4% crude fiber instead.

The benefit: performance nutrition in [Höveler equine feed](#) a form designed to support a focused, rideable thoroughbred.

Who this is for: hot horses that become unmanageable on conventional sweet feeds.

4. Muscle and recovery support for the athlete's body

Lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%, and methionine+cysteine 0.93% support muscle function on 15.1% crude protein, while high vitamin E and grape seed meal at 0.5% add antioxidant support.

Who this is for: thoroughbreds whose programs demand topline and quick bounce-back between sessions.

5. Gut comfort and competition compliance built in

The 0.7% Diamond V inactivated yeast and fructooligosaccharide fiber support digestive comfort — worth having in a breed whose digestion shows stress first. Original Sport is also competition-safe and FEI-compliant (verify rules with your event organizer), soy-free, and made in Germany.

Who this is for: owners of competition thoroughbreds who need the feed and the backing to get to the start.

How to feed it

Rates are per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day, with forage always alongside. Scale by your horse's body weight and training intensity:

Work level	Feed per day	Hay per day
Light work	0.55 lb (250 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight
Medium work	0.88 lb (400 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight
Heavy work	1.32 lb (600 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight

Key specs at a glance: 9.0% crude fat, 12.6 [performance horse feed](#) MJ/kg DM digestible energy, 15% starch, 4.6% sugar, 16.4% crude fiber, lysine 1.0%.

Work out exact amounts with the Feeding Calculator, and keep the full hay ration in place while you tune the concentrate.

Orders carry a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee with a 24/7 licensed vet team on hand, bifid is rated 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews, and the current bag and full analysis are on the Höveler Original Sport product page.

Frequently asked questions

Can a reduced-starch feed fuel a thoroughbred in hard work?

Yes — the feed delivers 12.6 MJ/kg DM of digestible energy, carried by 16.4% crude fiber and 9.0% crude fat from linseed and sunflower oil. The fuel is complete; the delivery is steadier than grain starch.

Will it help my lean thoroughbred hold condition?

Crude fat at 9.0% provides concentrated calories in every scoop, and carrots at 0.5% support palatability for the picky eater. Condition depends on the whole ration, so keep the full hay ration of 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight in place and check weekly.

My thoroughbred gets hot on regular feed. What about this one?

Starch is held at 15% and sugar at 4.6%, with energy from fiber and oil in place of heavy grain — a profile designed to support a rideable way of going. Introduce gradually and judge your own horse.

Is it competition-safe?

Original Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant — verify rules with your event organizer. The 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee protects the trial period.