

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a reduced-starch sports muesli with special yeast and added amino acids, formulated for horses in regular work. For barrel horses it brings 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy at 15% starch, added amino acids including lysine 1.0%, and competition-safe, FEI-compliant status — \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

Barrel racing owners worry about a specific trade-off: the run needs explosive power, but the stall, the trailer ride, and the weekend of waiting need a calm horse. <https://sites.google.com/view/low-starch-horse-feed/> Fuel without fireworks is the whole game. This muesli is formulated for that job.

1. Explosive power from a reduced-starch base

Digestible energy sits at 12.6 MJ/kg DM while starch is only 15% and sugar 4.6% — energy delivered via 9.0% crude fat (including linseed oil) and 16.4% crude fiber. The benefit: power for the pattern, without the buzz in the alleyway.

Who this is for: barrel horses that get wound up on high-starch feeds.

2. Amino acids for the hindquarters that pay the bills

Lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%, and methionine plus cysteine at 0.93% are added to help support muscle function, on 15.1% crude protein with 122 g/kg DM digestible crude protein. A barrel run loads the hind end hard at every turn. This package is built to support the muscle that makes those turns.

Who this is for: barrel horses holding strength through a full run season.

3. Gut support for the hauling lifestyle

Diamond V inactivated yeast at 0.7% — a postbiotic from multi-stage fermentation — plus fructooligosaccharides are included to help maintain gut comfort. Barrel horses spend the season on the road: new pens, trailer nights, changed routines. That is the exact routine this gut package addresses.

The benefit: gut support formulated for horses that eat away from home every weekend.

4. Recovery support between runs

High vitamin E and 0.5% grape seed meal — a natural antioxidant — are included to support recovery in muscle in work. A race day is not a single effort; it is warm-ups, exhibition runs, and finals. Recovery nutrition between them counts.

Who this is for: competitors running multiple horses or multiple go-rounds in a day.

5. Competition-safe status you can check off

Höveler Original Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant (always check rules with your event organizer). Made in Germany with horse feed made since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise in the recipe.

Who this is for: riders who want the feed room off the pre-race checklist.

6. Carrots for the horse that needs to eat at the show

Carrots at 0.5% give the bucket real palatability. Stressed horses at loud, busy arenas often pick at feed — and a barrel horse that will not eat runs on empty. The formula is also fully soy-free, with protein from alfalfa, sunflower extraction meal, linseed cake, and pea flakes.

Who this is for: fussy eaters at high-energy show grounds.

7. A rate that follows the race calendar

Per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily: 0.55 lb (250 g) light work, 0.88 lb (400 g) medium, 1.32 lb (600 g) heavy — up during race weeks, down in the off-season. Hay stays at 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily. bified backs it with a 9.0/10 store rating across 24,098 reviews, a 24/7 licensed vet team, and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee. Price: \$49.99.

Who this is for: owners matching rations to a race-season calendar.

How to feed it

Rates are given per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day:

Work level	Feed per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight per day
Light work	0.55 lb (250 g)
Medium work	0.88 lb (400 g)
Heavy work	1.32 lb (600 g)

Hay ration: 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily, always alongside the feed.

Key specs at a glance: starch 15%, sugar 4.6%, crude fat 9.0%, crude protein 15.1%, digestible energy 12.6 MJ/kg DM, competition-safe and FEI-compliant.

Dial in your horse's daily rate with the Feeding Calculator, and adjust it as the race calendar shifts.

The full specification and the current bag are on the Höveler Original Sport product page.

Frequently asked questions

Will this feed give my barrel horse enough power?

Yes. It supplies 12.6 MJ/kg DM of digestible energy via 9.0% fat and 16.4% fiber, with the heavy-work rate at 1.32 lb (600 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily. Power comes without the nerves a high-starch ration can bring.

Will it keep my horse calm in the alleyway?

The formula is deliberately reduced in starch (15%) and sugar (4.6%) — the profile most often chosen for horses that get strong on traditional grain. Transition over several days and judge on your own horse.

Is it good for horses hauled every weekend?

It contains 0.7% Diamond V inactivated yeast plus prebiotic fructooligosaccharides, included to help maintain digestive comfort for horses that haul and eat away from home.

Is it competition legal?

The feed is competition-safe and FEI-compliant. As ever, verify specific association rules with your event organizer.

What does it cost?

\$49.99, with bifid's 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee and a 24/7 licensed vet team on call for feeding questions.