

## JUDGES

### A. JUDGING PRIVILEGES

(1) Designation as an NRHA approved judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the NRHA Board of Directors, according to procedures formulated by the Judges Committee. This privilege shall be open to individuals whose equine experience and expertise, as well as personal character, merits the honor. An individual's conduct as a member, exhibitor, and judge, and his or her ability must be exemplary. An individual's conduct will be subjected to continuous committee review.

#### (2) Approval and Testing:

(a) A prospective judge must attend an NRHA Applicant Seminar and upon passing the testing requirements as set forth by the Judges Committee will be eligible to attend an NRHA Judges School. Upon passing the testing requirements of an NRHA Judges School as set forth by the Judges Committee, those persons will then have their names submitted for consideration for judging privileges as provided for in the NRHA Judges Policy as listed in the Members Only section of nrha.com.

(b) The applicant must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and must have been an NRHA General, Non Pro, or Professionals members in good standing for 24 months prior to the date of application before he or she can be considered for approval as an NRHA judge.

(c) Approved judges and prospective judges must be current NRHA members.

(d) All approved NRHA judges must submit to re-testing every two (2) years.

(e) The NRHA Judges Committee may, on reasonable notice, require any current judge to submit to a Judges School and re-test. Failure to comply or failure to pass the test will result in the immediate suspension of judging privileges.

### B. JUDGES COMMITTEE

(1) The NRHA Board of Directors may establish a Judges Committee and its purposes as provided for in the NRHA Bylaws and committee charter.

(2) The Judges Committee, upon receipt of information which adversely affects a person's ability to be a judge, may temporarily suspend a judge's privileges pending a hearing before the NRHA Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall have the authority, with or without the recommendation of the Judges Committee, to discipline, penalize, and/or remove a judge's name from the approved judges list.

(3) Performance reviews may be requested through the Judges Evaluation and Education Program (JEEP). All reviews performed through the JEEP system are non punitive in nature and will be used for the education and improvement of NRHA judges. Reviews will be contingent upon the availability of official show video. Non approved classes or events will not be

evaluated and the Judges Committee has the right to deny a request for review. Parties requesting the review do not receive the results of the review unless it is a review of one's own judging performance.

### **C. JUDGES MONITOR**

**(1)** Judges Monitors are approved judges who have been selected by the Judges Committee to aid with the success of judging at A and AA Events. Events wishing to hire a Judges Monitor must apply in writing to the NRHA office not less than ninety (90) days prior to the entry closing date of the event. The Judges Committee may approve events to utilize a Judges Monitor who will be selected by the Judges Committee Chair. A Judges Monitor must:

- (a)** Be able to work with all judges of different personalities, judging styles and techniques.
- (b)** Use video and other tools to prepare the judging team prior to the event.
- (c)** Assist with penalty application and applicable reviews during the event.
- (d)** Consistently monitor and evaluate the judging throughout the event.
- (e)** Anticipate and help avoid any potential problem areas or discrepancies with scoring.
- (f)** Work with judging team each morning to maintain maneuver evaluation consistently throughout event.
- (g)** Anticipate and alleviate any and all types of judging problems before they happen.
- (h)** Manage requests for reviews and any questions or issues that arise from show management, show stewards or exhibitors.
- (i)** Plan and have material and information available for daily preparation and review sessions.

*See NRHA Policies & Procedures Manual on [nrha.com](http://nrha.com) for more details.*