

**JUDGES ADVISORY and TEACHING PANEL COMMITTEE MEETING  
ZOOM**

**May 18, 2026, 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. (CST)**

*Pending Approval*

**Members Present:** Doug Allen – Committee Chair, Mike McEntire – Vice Chair, Bob Kail, Eugenio Latorre, Maik Bartmann, Manuela Maiocchi, Margaret Fuchs, Matt Lantz, Ollie Griffith, Patrick Wickenheiser, Mark Turner, Sebastian Petroll, Pete Kyle, Joe Schmidt, Van Luse, Ed “Hoot” Bricker, Andrea Stillo – Ex-Officio Member, Sandy Jirkovsky

**Members Not Present:** Steve Ross, Reid Fady

**Staff Present:** Billy Smith, NRHA Commissioner; Christa Morris-Stone, NRHA Asst. Commissioner; Sr. Director of Education & Officials – Patti Carter; Coordinator of Education & Officials – Dena Nason

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair, Doug Allen, at 1:00 P.M. (CST).

**Consent Agenda: March JAC & Teaching Pool Meeting Minutes Approval**

Motion made and seconded to approve March JAC & Teaching Pool meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda: March JAC & Teaching Pool Meeting Executive Session Minutes Approval**

Motion made and seconded to approve March JAC & Teaching Pool meeting Executive Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action: Oceania Request to Host Judge School/Seminar Followed by a Show**

Motion made and seconded to deny the Oceania request to host an NRHA Judge Applicant Seminar/Judge School immediately prior to an NRHA event with the clinician serving as the official judge for the event. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action: Praise at the End of the Pattern – Rule Change Proposal**

Committee discussed the proposed rule change clarifying that praise at the completion of a pattern should not be subject to the five-point penalty. After discussion, the committee voted to maintain the current rule as written and focus on improving consistency in teaching and applying it rather than submitting a formal rule change at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action: Re-Ride – Rule Change Proposal**

Motion made and seconded to approve submission of a proposed rule change to the NRHA Handbook Re-Ride Rule adding the language: “It is the Judge’s decision when the re-ride shall occur,” with the understanding that the proposal must proceed through the established NRHA rule change process prior to implementation. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action: “6th Chair” during the Futurity Proposal**

Motion made and seconded to approve the pilot “6<sup>th</sup> Chair” immersive judging experience at the NRHA Futurity, limited to 10 carded judges with a participation fee of \$250 per two-day session. Patti Carter to develop JotForm and logistics. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action: Entered and Exited Executive Session**

**Informational:** 2026 NRHA Judges Survey Summary Report

**Informational:** Judge Rating Process Updated Draft to Consider

**Informational:** Hooded Sweatshirts when Judging

**Informational:** Update on Judge Recognition Program

**Informational: Next JAC Meeting**

