

**Judges Committee Agenda
San Francisco, California
2008**

Committee Guidelines

1. Examine credentials of those applying for designation as an AQHA-approved judge and determine such standards of qualification.
2. Review the character and qualifications of approved judges, investigate complaints against judges filed with the Association, and, if so determined, conduct hearings regarding meritorious complaints that could result in subsequent drop in rating or removal from the approved judges list.
3. Review the rules related to approved judges and, if necessary, make recommendation for amendment of such rules.
4. Review the educational process for judges and determine what format and events need to be covered.
5. Attend and actively participate at the annual AQHA Convention and Fall Meeting in September.
6. Keep confidential the information reviewed about applicants, judges and hearings.
7. When called upon, respond in a timely manner to letters, faxes and emails regarding judges committee rulings

Agenda

1. Remarks by Chairman
2. Review Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
5. Review letters from Judges who did not judge 4 shows in 2007
6. Review files of Judges who did not Judge 4 shows in 2007
7. Review letters from judges requesting retirement
8. Hearing
9. Review request to require that show management post all results for scored classes – Member recommendation (Being reviewed by the Judges Committee, recommendation to go to the Show Committee as primary)
10. Review requests to allow AQHA judges to show in amateur classes – Member Recommendations (Being reviewed by the Judges Committee, recommendation to go to the Amateur Committee as primary)
11. Review correspondence regarding versatility ranch horse competition
 - a. Need for penalty points regarding the ground tie – i.e., horse movement and varying degrees of movement
 - b. That bridles be dropped during the ranch riding class and picking up the hooves be handled during the ranch conformation class
 - c. Score sheets more user friendly for exhibitors
Member recommendations (Being reviewed by the Judges Committee, recommendations to go to the Show Committee as primary)
12. Review recommendation to change “lope with forward motion” to “lope” in the western pleasure class - Western Pleasure Meeting recommendation (Being reviewed by the Judges Committee & Professional Horsemen Committee, recommendations to go to the Show Committee as primary)
13. Review recommendation to implement a lameness evaluation at the shows for all horses – Member recommendation (Being reviewed by the Judges Committee & Professional Horsemen Committee, recommendations to go to the Show Committee as primary)

14. Review request to develop a set scoring system, with score sheets, for all pattern Events(showmanship, horsemanship, & equitation) – Member recommendation (Being reviewed by the Show Committee, Youth Committee and Amateur Committee, recommendations to go to the Judges Committee as primary)
15. Review request to change conflict of interest rule from six months to three months – Member recommendation
16. Review request to waive conflict of interest rule for the world shows – Western Pleasure Meeting recommendation
17. Review recommendation to clarify that balance is the key in Hunt Seat Equitation- Member recommendation (Being reviewed by the Show Committee, recommendation to go to the Judges Committee as primary)
18. Review request to change scoring system for western horsemanship and equitation from 0-20 to 0-100 – Member recommendation (Being reviewed by the Show Committee, recommendation to go to the Judges Committee as primary)
19. Review request to give credit on the Judges Rating System for holding a USEF judges card – Member recommendation
20. Review request to give credit on the Judges Rating System for judging affiliate world shows or major events – Member recommendation
21. Discuss advancing two levels a year on the Judges Rating System – Staff recommendation
22. Review requests regarding the Progressive Judges
 - a. That progressive judges be automatically elevated to a regular card at the first level after one year of service with no major negative reports on their record
 - b. That the projected time frame and method by which a judge will be granted promotion from the progressive ranks to a regular judge be published
Member recommendations
23. Review request to monitor additional AQHA-approved shows – Member recommendation
24. Discuss procedure change for time frame of approving new judges – Staff recommendation
25. Review applicants for:
 - a. 2008 Judges Qualifying Exam
 - b. Specialized Judges Cutting Card
 - c. Specialized Over Fence Card

- d. Specialized Reining Card
- e. Specialized Roping Card
- f. Specialized Team Penning Card
- g. Specialized Timed Event Card
- h. Specialized Working Cow Horse Card
- i. Specialized Versatility Ranch Horse Card
- j. Specialized Novice Card

- 26. Review correspondence regarding judge applicant
- 27. Review applicant scores from the Specialized Novice Judge test
- 28. Consideration of Other Business
- 29. Adjourn