

Becoming an Approved ARHA Judge

The following information on becoming an ARHA approved judge, as well as the forms you will need for application and references. If you have any questions about requirements on these forms, please call ARHA.

All applicants must have had previous equine judging experience. By applying for an American Ranch Horse Association Judges card, the applicant is indicating they are capable of judging every class in the ARHA rulebook. All judge applicants must attend the ARHA Judges seminar to become an approved ARHA judge. The seminars are designed to establish standards for judging the performance of the ARHA ranch horses and classes.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicant's must have been an ARHA member-in-good-standing the year prior to applying to become a judge.
- Applicant's must be 21 years of age as of January 1 of the application year in order to apply.
- **There is a \$100.00 application fee. This is non-refundable and non-transferable. You must also complete the Judges Seminar Form and have it mailed to the American Ranch Horse Association Office.**
- New Judge applicants are required to submit a completed application and provide a minimum of six (6) references. Reference must include one (1) judge (western/ranch type) that have witnessed you judge, two (2) references must be from show management personnel who have hired you to judge, and three (3) character references.
- Urge your references to send in their reference letter as quickly as possible. All references must be received before your application can be submitted to the judges committee.
- Provide a recent photo, suitable for publication, of yourself in the attire you would wear to judge a horse show. (Photo will remain property of ARHA).
- Incomplete applications cannot be presented to the Judge's Committee for consideration and will be declared void, and require that the application process including repayment of application fee to start over.
- Periodically, a judge may receive letter requiring updated information and references.
- To be considered as a 2012 approved judge, all applications must be received by November 30, 2011.

JUDGES COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

- Once the application has been received by ARHA, a judges file will be created and provided to the ARHA Judges Committee and Board of Directors at the Judge's Seminar for review.
- Applicants are required to attend the seminar to be held December 16th-18th at the Western Kentucky Ag & Expo Center in Bowling Green, KY in order to become an approved ARHA judge. Seminar may include, but are not limited to: video testing, rulebook testing, personal interview and culture fit with ARHA evaluations. Applicant's should keep in mind that they are under continual review throughout the entire process.
- Scores and application will be reviewed by Judges Committee and BOD at the Judges Seminar. At that time, the committee determines if an applicant is approved for judging based on the knowledge, testing, and interview of the judge.
- ARHA will send a letter within two weeks of the seminar to notify judges applicants of the decision.
- If you are approved for judging status, your name will be provided to those seeking names and addresses of ARHA approved judges.
- All Approved judges must maintain current membership in ARHA.
- If your application is denied, you may resubmit an application one year from the date of application. A second filing fee must be paid at that time.



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ARHA Judge Application Form

WHEN APPLYING TO BECOME AN ARHA JUDGE:

- You must be a member-in-good-standing the year prior to your application.
- You must be 21 years of age as of 1/1 of application year.
- The application is good for the year you submit it.
- You must complete this application and must attend the Judges Seminar, testing, & interview to be considered for approved judge status.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Your completed application form.
- The \$100.00 application fee.
- A recent photo, in attire that you would wear to judge a show. (Photo becomes the property of ARHA)
- Your ARHA membership fees, if not a current member.
- Application and fees must be submitted by 11/30/2011.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date: _____

CK #: _____

REC'V: _____

Please type or print

ARHA Membership Number: _____ Exp Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Employment Information

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Secondary Occupations & Addresses: _____

Judging History

I have judged approximately _____ shows.

List any major shows you have judged: _____

Judging History continued

List the largest events you have judged, including date, location and show name

| DATE | LOCATION | NAME OF SHOW |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1.) | | |
| 2.) | | |
| 3.) | | |
| 4.) | | |
| 5.) | | |

Are you a member of an ARHA Charter? Yes No If yes, which club? _____

Have you previously applied for an ARHA Judges Card? Yes No If yes, what year? _____

Have you previously been an ARHA Approved judge? Yes No If yes, what year? _____

Have you ever been, or are you now, suspended from or on probation with any equine association? Yes No If yes, please explain:

Why do you want to become and ARHA judge? _____

List all recognized equine and horse show associations with which you are currently approved, and the date of approval.

| Association Name | Approval Date | Current Status | Clinic Seminar | Date & Location Of Clinic/Seminar |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
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List your accomplishments with Ranch Horses: _____

List all clubs or associations of which you are member, and the offices you have held: _____

List your accomplishments in the horse industry: _____

Personal/Judges References

Judge applicants are required to submit a minimum of six references. One of these references must be a judge that has seen you judge a horse show, and three (3) personal/character references. Please have these reference letters to ARHA PO Box 186, Nancy, KY 42544. Letters must be received by 11/30/2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Show Management References

A minimum of two (2) references must have hired you to Judge a Horse Show. Please have these references send a reference letter to ARHA PO Box 186 Nancy, KY 42544. Letters must be received by 11/30/2011.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Please read and Sign the Following Statement

The information contained on this application is true & correct. I understand that I may be removed as an ARHA judge or applicant if it is determined that there are any inaccuracies or discrepancies in this application. I further understand that the position of an ARHA judge is a privilege and not a right, and that my selection as an approved ARHA judge is the sole discretion of the ARHA Judges Committee and Board of Directors.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH APPLICATION FEES & PICTURE TO:
ARHA PO BOX 186, NANCY, KENTUCKY 42544