

# *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 for one full 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 \$50.00 application fee. This is non-refundable.
- 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 2008 approved judge, all applications must be received by January 15, 2008.

## JUDGES COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

- Once the application has been received by ARHA, a judges file will be created and provided to the ARHA Judges Committee at the Judge's Seminar for review.
- Applicants are required to attend the two-day seminar to be held February 14th & 15th, 2008 at the Executive Inn Rosemont in Owensboro, Kentucky 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 on a one-year, three year, apprentice status, or denied approval based on the knowledge, testing and interview of 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 their 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.



**American Ranch Horse Association**

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# ARHA Judge Application Form

## WHEN APPLYING TO BECOME AN ARHA JUDGE:

- You must be a member-in-good-standing for one 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 complete this application completely 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 \$50 application fee.
- A recent photo, in attire that you would wear to judge a shores show. (Photo becomes the property of ARHA)
- Your ARHA membership fees, if not a current member.
- Application and fees must be submitted by 1/3/2008.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Occupations & Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

## 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

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 references send a reference letter to ARHA PO Box 186, Nancy, KY 42544. Letters must be received by 1/15/2008.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 1/15/2008.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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