



# GENERAL PERFORMANCE JUDGE

General Performance Judge status allows the Judge to officiate at EC-sanctioned General Performance and EC-sanctioned Western competitions. This status does not qualify General Performance Judges to officiate in any other divisions unless carded by that Breed or Discipline.

## 1 Promotion

All applications for General Performance Judge status must be made on the application form available from EC and must be submitted to Equestrian Canada - Officials Programs, with all required documents by October 1st of the current year for review and consideration by Equestrian Canada for the coming year.

All complete applications will be reviewed by EC before November 30th of each year. The applicant will be advised in writing by EC as to the results.

## 2 Recorded

An applicant for Recorded General Performance judge status must:

1. be a minimum of 21 years old at the time of application;
2. hold an EC individual Silver Sport License;
3. be a member in good standing of EC, i.e. hold a provincial/territorial membership in the province or territory where s/he resides;
4. submit a personal resume detailing the applicant's equine experience as owner, breeder, trainer, competitor, competition manager;
5. have judged a minimum of four (4) competitions (i.e. Pony Club, 4H, schooling and other shows). When applying for Recorded Status, two of the four shows judged may must be in the capacity as a learner judge under the supervision of two different EC Senior General Performance, EC Senior or USEF Recognized Breed Judges;
6. attend an EC General Performance Judges' clinic within two years preceding application and must have scored 80% or higher on the required EC General Performance exam;
7. provide the names and addresses of three or more individual references, all of whom must hold an EC individual Gold Sport License. Additionally, two letters of sponsorship must be sent directly to EC from current EC Senior General Performance judges, EC Senior or USEF Recognized Breed judges; and
8. it is the Recorded Judge's responsibility to contact the competition committee and Senior Judge officiating to request permission to act as a Recorded Judge at any competition. A Recorded Judge may wish to gain additional knowledge working with a Senior Judge and may use a competition as a credit requirement for upgrading. A Recorded Judge should obtain a letter of verification from a Senior Judge under whom s/he has shadow judged.



### 3 Senior

Applicants for Senior General Performance judge status must:

1. hold an EC individual Silver Sport License and be a member in good standing, e.g. hold a provincial/territorial membership in the province or territory where s/he resides.
2. be an EC Recorded General Performance Judge, an EC Senior Judge in at least one breed or a USEF Breed Judge prior to being approved for Senior General Performance Judge status.
3. have judged a minimum of seven (7) competitions as a Recorded General Performance or Senior Breed Judge within a three-year period. Positive reviews from the Competition Committees and Senior Judge and letters verifying attendance at each competition, signed by the Senior Judge(s) and Steward, must be submitted to EC with application when upgrading.
4. have shadow judged at two of the seven competitions under two different EC Senior General Performance, EC Senior or USEF Recognized Breed judges. It is the recorded judge's responsibility to contact the competition management and the senior official directly to request permission to shadow judge. Upon completion of the competition, the recorded judge must have a Shadow Judge Evaluation Form completed and signed by the Senior judge with whom they shadow judge.
5. provide the names and addresses of three or more individual references, all of whom must hold EC individual Gold Sport Licenses. Additionally, two letters of sponsorship must be sent directly to EC from current EC Senior General Performance judges, EC Senior or USEF Recognized Breed judges.
6. have attended an EC General Performance judges' seminar within two years preceding application and scored the required passing mark of 80% on the required EC General Performance exam.

### 4 Maintaining Status

Recorded General Performance Judges must attend an EC General Performance judges' seminar every three years, and score 80% or higher on the required EC General Performance exam, in order to maintain their General Performance Judge status. Senior General Performance Judges must attend a General Performance judges' seminar every five years, and score 80% or higher on the required EC General Performance exam, in order to maintain their General Performance Judge status. Failure to attend a seminar, pass the required tests and/or pay officials' fees will result in the removal of EC General Performance Judge status.