

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED & FINE HARNESS JUDGES

1 PROMOTION

All applications for American Saddlebred and Fine Harness judge status must be made on the application form available from EC and must be submitted to EC, with all required documents. All applications will be reviewed by EC and the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Canada. The applicant will be advised in writing by EC as to the results.

2 LEARNER

1. Learner judge a minimum of four days at two EC-sanctioned competitions, under a minimum of two different EC- licensed American Saddlebred Horse judges (Senior or Recorded status), within a three-year period preceding application. If you are currently a licensed EC judge in the Hackney, Saddle Seat Equitation and/or Roadster divisions, you may satisfy the Learner Judge Requirements for the American Saddlebred by learner judging a minimum of 10 classes for American Saddlebred under an EC-sanctioned American Saddlebred Horse judge (Senior or Recorded status).
2. Application for Learner Judge needs to be filed with EC with notification occurring at least 14 days prior to the first day of the competition with the current required fee. If the application is not received in the EC office at least 14 days prior to the first day of the competition, learner status will not be granted. You must contact the competition manager and the senior official with whom you will be learner judging and get permission to learner judge at the competition. Be prepared to send a resume of your experience within the division if requested.
3. The day of the competition the appropriate EC Learner Judge form should be given to the official with whom you learner with an envelope marked 'Confidential: Licensed Officials'. The official completes this form and submits it directly to the EC office. Evaluation forms must be received from every official with whom you learner judge.
4. General Guidelines:
 - a. When selecting competitions where you will be serving as a Learner Judge, it is suggested that you select at least one competition outside of your immediate area. Hopefully, this will give you an opportunity to see different horses and riders.
 - b. While it is not specifically prohibited by the rules, the Licensed Officials Committee recommends that you do not learner judge with a family member.
 - c. Do not Learner Judge at a competition where you are already working in another capacity (announcer, gate person, manager, member of competition management), unless you are serving as a judge in another division.
 - d. Do not plan on competing in the same competition at which you are a learner judge. Do not Learner Judge at a competition where clients or family members are competing.
 - e. Dress appropriately and professionally, keeping in mind ring and possible weather conditions (sunscreen, raincoat, etc.). By dressing appropriately, you show respect for the officials, competitors and management who have afforded you an opportunity to be at their competition.
 - f. The judge is sharing his/her expertise with you. Comments he/she shares with you about the competition, entries or competitors are confidential and should not be repeated to anyone, either at or outside the competition.

- g. Although you are not listed in the prize list, be prepared to assume the same responsibilities as a Licensed Official. Attend the competition for the entire day and demonstrate good judgement in your association with competitors at the competitions.
 - h. Don't ask the judge questions during the class unless he/she initiates the conversation. Remember, the judge's primary responsibility is to select the ribbon winners. An appropriate time to discuss the details of the class would be after the judge has turned in his/her card.
 - i. Using the prize list as a guide, prepare judging cards prior to the competition; including class specifications. It is not the duty of the competition secretary or the competition management to provide an extra set of cards for you.
 - j. Bring the following supplies with you to the competition: Current EC Rule Book, including any published rule changes (check EC website) ; The Learner Judge Evaluation form (as provided by EC with confirmation that the Learner Judge Card is approved); Clipboard, pens, pencils ; Judge's cards ;Any Affiliate handbook that may assist you.
 - k. Following the competition, send a written thank you to show management and to the judge.
5. Learner Judge Applicants must attend a corresponding EC Judge's clinic within two years preceding application. Information regarding the dates and locations of clinics is published by EC.
 6. Once you have completed the above requirements, your application for 'r' (recorded) status may be submitted to the EC office. In addition to the Evaluation forms from the officials with whom you learner judge, recommendations from current ASHA of Canada members and EC Breed Sport Committee members are to be included with the application. When your application, fee and required information is received, it will be processed to determine if all requirements have been met.

3 RECORDED

Applicants for Recorded American Saddlebred/Fine Harness judge status must:

1. Hold an EC individual Gold sport license and be in good standing.
2. Submit a personal resume detailing the applicant's equine experience as owner, breeder, trainer, competitor, competition manager.
3. Act as a learner judge with a senior EC or USEF American Saddlebred/Fine Harness judge listed on their current Officials' Roster, at a minimum of two EC national competitions in the American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Horse Division; and must obtain letters of recommendation from these two senior EC or USEF American Saddlebred/Fine Harness judges which must accompany the application.
4. Provide the names and addresses of three or more individual references, all of whom must be EC individual senior sport licence holders.
5. Write the EC American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Judge's Test which is available from the EC National Office and obtain the required passing score.
Note: Test will be given to the applicant when all other requirements are met.
6. Recorded Saddlebred Horse and Saddle Seat Equitation judges must attend an Equestrian Canada recognized judges' clinic at least once every five years. No written exam is required.

4 SENIOR

Applicant for promotion must have adjudicated in at least two EC-sanctioned competitions in the past five years. All officiating must have been completed as an active 'r' Recorded Status American Saddlebred EC Judge.



All applicants for promotion must be up to date on all EC clinic requirements. Once you have completed the above requirements, your application for 'R' status may be submitted to the EC office. Include within the application for promotion to Senior Status Judge, at least 15 references, eight of which must be from the current roster of judges, members of the EC Breed Sport Committee and Directors of the ASHA of Canada. When your application, fee and required information is received, it will be processed to determine if all requirements have been met.

Applicants for Senior American Saddlebred/Fine Harness judge status must:

1. Be an EC Gold sport license holder in good standing.
2. Hold an EC recorded judge's card in the American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Horse Division prior to being approved for senior judge's status in the American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Horse Division.
3. Have acted as a recorded judge for the complete American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Horse Division at a minimum of five EC competitions. Of the seven EC competitions worked (two competitions as a learner judge and five competitions as a recorded judge in the American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Horse Division), one competition must be EC 1A-7 and one competition must be an EC All-Saddlebred competition. Recorded judging in foreign countries will be accepted provided a letter signed by the senior judge or show steward verifying attendance accompanies the application. Only one EC competition will count if the recorded judge acted as a senior judge (on a Guest card basis) in the American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Horse Division.
4. Submit a list of competitions at which she/he worked as a recorded judge in the American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Horse Division; a list of the classes worked in each competition; if possible the number of horses in each class; and the names and addresses of the senior judge(s).
5. Submit two letters of recommendation from EC or USEF senior American Saddlebred/Fine Harness judges listed on their current Officials' Roster with whom the applicant acted as a recorded judge (not learner judge experiences) in the American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Horse Division in the above noted five EC competitions.
6. Write the EC American Saddlebred/Fine Harness Judge's Test which is available from EC National Office and obtain the required passing score. NOTE: Test will be given to the applicant when all other requirements are met.

5 APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT

Should an EC-licensed Learner, Recorded or Senior Status judge for American Saddlebred loose EC-license status due to loss of "Good Standing" within EC, an individual may apply for reinstatement of last current license level once "Good Standing" status with EC has been regained. A letter must be submitted outlining a request for reinstatement to the Breed Sport Committee Chair and the current President of the ASHA of Canada. The letter of request should also include a number of references prepared to support why the reinstatement should occur.