



## WESTERN JUDGE

Western Judge status allows the Judge to officiate only at EC-sanctioned Western division or GP Western division competitions. This status does not qualify a Western Judge to officiate in any other divisions unless carded by that Breed or Discipline.

### 1 PROMOTION

All applications for Western 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.

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 Western judge status must:

1. be a minimum of 21 years old at the time of application;
2. hold an EC individual Gold 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 or USEF Recognized Western or Breed Judge;
6. have attended an EC Western or EC General Performance Judges' clinic within two years preceding application and pass the required exam;
7. 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 or USEF Recognized Western or Breed judges;
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.

### 3 SENIOR

Applicants for Senior Western judge status must:

1. hold an EC individual Gold 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 Western Judge, an EC Senior Judge in at least one breed or a USEF Breed Judge.
3. have judged a minimum of seven (7) competitions as a Recorded Western 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 Western, 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 Western judges, EC Senior or USEF Recognized Breed judges.
6. have attended an EC Western judges' clinic within two years preceding application and scored the required passing mark of 80% on the required EC exam.

#### **4 MAINTAINING STATUS**

Both Recorded and Senior Western Judges must attend a Western Judges' clinic, which may be part of a General Performance Judges' clinic, every three years in order to maintain their Western Judge status. Senior Western Judges must attend a Western Judges' clinic, which may be part of a General Performance Judges' clinic, every five years in order to maintain their Western Judge status. A Western Judges' clinic in another breed division, with prior approval from EC, may qualify if it meets the requirements of the EC Western division. Failure to attend a clinic, pass the required exam and/or pay officials fees will result in removal of EC Western official's status.