



Becoming an Approved APHA Judge

Following is information on becoming an APHA-approved judge, as well as the forms you need for application and references. If you have any questions about judge requirements or about completing these forms, please call the APHA.

How to Apply

- Applicants must have been an APHA member-in-good-standing for one full year prior to applying to become a judge.
- Applicants must be 21 years of age in order to apply.
- There is a \$100 application fee. This fee is nonrefundable.
- As soon as your application is received at the APHA office, you will be sent an open-book APHA rule book test. This test must be completed and returned before your application can be processed.
- Judge applicants are required to submit a completed application and provide a minimum of 10 references. Six of the 10 references must be from currently carded APHA or AQHA judges who have witnessed you judging. The remaining four references must be from show management personnel who have hired you to judge. (Note: A reference may be used only once on an application, meaning that the same name cannot be used both as a judge and a management reference. Also, a husband and wife count as only one reference.)
Applicants who are approved AQHA judges are required to submit a minimum of five references—three references from APHA or AQHA judges who have witnessed you judging and two references from show management personnel who have hired you to judge.
- Urge your references to complete and return their evaluations as quickly as possible. All references must be received by APHA before your application can be submitted to the Judges Committee.
- Applicants who are applying through the Apprentice Judging Program will have their file automatically forwarded to the Judges Committee once they have completed apprenticing under a minimum of four judges, attended the APHA Educational Judges Academy, completed an application and paid the \$100 application fee. No other references are required. Additional references are optional.
- Provide a recent photo, suitable for publication, of yourself in the attire you would wear to judge a horse show. (The photo will remain with APHA.)
- All applicants' names will be published in the *Paint Horse Journal* a minimum of 30 days prior to the Judges Committee review.
- Periodically, the judge applicant will receive a letter stating the number and type of references still needed to complete the reference requirement. It is up to the applicant to either send in new references—indicating the type of reference being submitted—or to ask that reference letters be re-sent to names on the original list.
- An incomplete file cannot be presented to the Judges Committee for consideration. However, you may submit additional references at any time prior to submission of the file to the committee.

- A statute of limitations applies to applications. A file must be complete and ready for review no later than two years from the date the applicant's name appears in the *Journal*. Failure to complete the application process within this time will result in the file being declared void, and require that the application process, including repayment of the application fee, be started over.

Judges Committee Consideration

- Once the references have been received by APHA, the judge's file will be held until the next scheduled meeting of the Judges Committee. To be eligible for consideration, a judge applicant's file must be ready for review one month prior to the committee's meeting. The Judges Committee meets three times a year—at the APHA Applicant School in April, at the APHA Workshop in June and at the APHA Convention in October.
- The Judges Committee reviews the completed files and selects applicants to be invited to the applicant school. **Applicants should keep in mind that they are under continual review throughout the entire process. An invitation to the applicant school can be rescinded if additional unsatisfactory information is received.**
- Successful applicants will be notified of the date and location of the applicant school. The applicant must attend this school in order to become an approved APHA judge.
- The scores earned at the applicant school will be presented to the Judges Committee at their next scheduled meeting. At that time, the committee determines if an applicant is approved for judging on a temporary status, or if the application will be denied approval.
- If you are approved for judging status, your name will appear in the *Paint Horse Journal* as an approved judge. All approved judges must maintain their membership in APHA. Your name is also added to the list provided to those who are seeking the names and addresses of approved judges. The list of approved judges is also printed in the *Journal* each January.

How to Reapply

- If your application is denied, you may resubmit an application one year from the date of denial. A second filing fee must be paid at that time. If you are invited to the applicant school and fail to make a passing grade, you may re-apply immediately. Re-applying will require an apprentice applicant to apprentice with four additional judges and a regular applicant to submit new references. If you fail to pass the second time, you must wait one year to reapply.



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Judge Application Form

When applying to become an APHA judge, please remember: 1) You must have been a member-in-good-standing for one year prior to your application; 2) You must be 21 years of age; 3) As soon as your application is received at the APHA office, you will receive an open-book APHA rule book test; 4) There is a statute of limitations of two years, during which time you must complete the application process; 5) If invited to do so by the APHA Judges Committee, you must attend the applicant school.

Be sure to mail in the following with your application:

1. Your completed application form.
2. The \$100 application fee (U.S. funds only).
3. A recent photograph, suitable for publication, in the attire you would wear to judge a horse show (photo becomes the property of APHA).
4. Your APHA membership fees (if not current). APHA membership is \$25 per year.

Office Use Only

Applicant School: _____

Approved Denied

Date: _____

Please type or print

APHA ID Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Employment Information

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Business Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Secondary Occupations and Addresses: _____

Judging History

I am participating in the Apprentice Judging Program: Yes No

I have attended, or plan to attend, the APHA Educational Judges Academy: Yes No

Date of APHA Educational Judges Academy attendance: _____

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 APHA regional club? Yes No. Which club? _____

Have you applied for approval as an APHA judge previously? Yes No. What year? _____

Have you previously been approved as an APHA judge? Yes No. 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 be a Paint Horse judge? _____

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

Association Name	Approval Date	Current Status	Clinic/Seminar	Date and Location of Clinic/Seminar
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

List any seminars you have attended, if not mentioned above: _____

List your accomplishments with Paint Horses: _____

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

List your accomplishments in the horse industry: _____

Judge References (AQHA or APHA Judges Only—These References Must Have Seen You Judge a Horse Show)

Standard Applicant—a minimum of 6 references is required.

AQHA Judge Applicant—a minimum of 3 references is required.

Apprentice Judge Applicant—List the 4 judges you apprenticed with.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Show Management References (These References Must Have Hired You to Judge a Horse Show)

Standard Applicant—a minimum of 4 references is required.

AQHA Judge Applicant—a minimum of 2 references is required.

Apprentice Judge Applicant—these references are optional.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Please Read and Sign the Following Statement

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____