

RULES for the CONDUCT of JUDGES

Correct Attire: Where show circumstances are best served by alternative attire. English, Gaited, Driving and Dressage judges may, at their discretion, dress in attire appropriate for the classes they are judging. Western attire, including long sleeves, pants, Western hat and boots.

When officiating at a show, a Judge shall not arrive on the show grounds more than 30 minutes prior to show time.

A Judge, by accepting an invitation to officiate a show, assumes a responsibility to protect Show Committee by excusing from the ring all mules suspected of being in violation of the A.G.M.A. and H.P.A. Rules.

A Judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in conformity with the Rules and specifications of that class as they appear in the A.G.M.A. Rule Book. The Judge is expected to be proficient and to possess a thorough knowledge of the Rules of the A.G.M.A.

No Judge selected to officiate at a show shall be contacted relative to this show by any person having an interest in any mule expected to be shown at such show. Telephone calls from Trainers, Exhibitors, etc., are to be reported to the Judges Committee and the Judges Committee may make a charge and refer the person to the Grievance Committee and Board of Directors for discipline.

Judge will be announced at the show when the show starts.

A Judge shall not inspect or discuss any mule entered in the show prior to the beginning of the show, unless so requested by the Show Committee.

Said Judge shall report all contacts made in violation hereof immediately to the A.G.M.A. Judges Committee.

It is the responsibility of a Judge to report any violation to the A.G.M.A.

Failure of a Judge to attend a show to which he/she is committed, to perform his/ her duties and to officiate in the classes to which he/she is assigned shall constitute cause for disciplinary action, except in cases of extreme emergencies.

All Judges are required to attend a yearly Judges Clinic to keep abreast of new rules, procedures, etc.

All Judges will be advised by mail of any rule changes. It is the individual judge's responsibility to keep his/her rulebook updated.

At an A.G.M.A. show, a judge cannot judge a show in which mules are owned or exhibited by member(s) of his or her immediate family.

Judges Committee will decide on Judges Conduct and Reprimand. It will then have to be approved by the Board of Directors.