



**International Buckskin Horse Association, Inc**  
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The requirements and qualifications for becoming an IBHA approved judge are set forth below. The requirements and qualifications are current for applicants applying for 2019 judge's status.

#### **JUDGE APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**

1. An applicant must be 23 years of age in the year applying.
2. An applicant must have a background in equine experience and knowledge as ascertained on the application submitted. The applicant's equine experience is one of the determining factors for invitation to attend the International Equine Judges Seminar as an IBHA Judge applicant.
3. An applicant must be willing to attend the International Equine Judges Seminar and Applicant School should he/she be accepted for invitation.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING**

1. An applicant is responsible to submit a completed IBHA Judges Application, the required 5 letters of reference and application fee by October 15 (postmarked). Applications postmarked Oct 15 - Dec 31 are subject to a late fee. The letters of reference are to be included with the application. Any letter not signed will not be acknowledged.
2. Of the five (5) letters of reference a minimum of two and maximum of three are to be from a show manager or secretary. The remaining two or three are to be from judges of any of the following associations: APHA, ApHC, AQHA, IBHA, PHBA, POA, PTHA or USEF. Reference letters must clearly state the writer's qualification. Applicant relatives and IBHA Executive Committee members are not eligible to submit letters. Separate letters from a husband and wife will be considered as one letter.
3. A full length current photo of applicant must accompany the application. Applicant is to be dressed in attire as judging a show. Photo will become property of IBHA.
4. The application fee of \$100.00 (by Oct 15) or \$150.00 (postmarked Oct 16 - Dec. 31) must be included with the application. If application is accepted the applicant will be invited to attend the International Equine Judges Seminar and Applicant School. Failure to attend the seminar upon invitation will be cause to forfeit the application fee.
5. Upon invitation to the Judges Seminar, applicant will be required to submit a separate seminar fee to the Color Breed Council complete with reservation form. The seminar will consist of a written closed book test,

interview by the IBHA Judges Committee, video testing, judged classroom sessions and a breed break-out session for IBHA.

6. Applicants accepted as IBHA judges after attending the seminar will be notified by mail and included on the approved IBHA judges list. The judges list is sent to all IBHA state charters for show committee use and is also published on the IBHA website.
7. Applicants that are not accepted as IBHA judges, after attending the seminar, and applicants that were not accepted for invitation to the seminar may re-apply as new applicants in any following year. Such new applications will require a second application fee and new letters of reference. Previous parties used for reference cannot be used a second time.
8. An applicant that does not receive IBHA judging status after applying and being tested 3 times must wait 5 years before applying again.

#### **AFTER ACCEPTANCE AS AN I.B.H.A. JUDGE**

1. Any rule violation or unethical manner will subject a judge to disciplinary action. Judges are to maintain honorable standing with, and represent, IBHA in a manner befitting the association at all times, in and out of the show arena. A judge's personal character and conduct as an IBHA member and judge must be exemplary. Designation as a judge is revocable pursuant to IBHA rules.
2. Judges are required to submit annual renewal applications with a renewal fee by November 30 for the following year. Renewals submitted after November 30 but no later than December 31 will require an additional late fee. NO RENEWALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 31 for the following year. Failure to renew by December 31 will terminate the judge's status as an IBHA judge. To be considered after termination, a person must apply as a new applicant.
3. IBHA is not required to accept renewals annually from judges. Judging is a privilege, not a right.
4. A judge must attend the International Equine Judges Seminar at least once every three years for recertification as an IBHA judge. Failure to attend a seminar within the 3 year period will require a judge to apply as a new applicant as spelled out under the "Judge Applicant Requirements". Exception to this requirement: AQHA Judges not required to attend the International Equine Judges Seminar (CBC Seminar) for any other association may submit written documentation indicating the attendance at an AQHA Seminar. However, if an AQHA judge does attend the CBC Seminar, for any other association, that judge must attend the IBHA break-out session. Failure to abide by this rule shall subject a judge to forfeiture the IBHA card.

#### **NOTE**

The above listed requirements, procedure for applying and rules for renewing IBHA Judge Status are subject to revision annually. Notice of any revisions affecting current judges will be sent directly to the judges.