



Guest Judge Card Standard Operating Procedures

In order to ensure high quality judging, consistency in judging, and compliance to judging rules, the Judges Committee of the National Walking Horse Association sets forth specific procedures for regulating Guest Judges Cards.

I. Circumstances whereby a Guest Judge is Approved

- a) The horse show is located where no NWHHA judge resides within a 500 mile radius and transportation of an NWHHA judge is cost prohibitive for the show
- b) No NWHHA judge is available for the date/time of the event (show manager must produce a list of NWHHA judges who have turned down the opportunity to judge show)
- c) The Judges Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee to approve a guest judge based on individual circumstances that are unique to a particular event

II. Guest Judges Criteria

- a) Must hold a horse show judges license from another horse organization
- b) Must have at least three (3) years of experience judging horse shows
- c) Must have experience and/or knowledge of Walking Horses
- d) Must have three (3) references from NWHHA sources including, but not limited to, trainers, officers, board members, exhibitors, judges
- e) Must exhibit integrity, honesty, and high ethical standards
- f) Must exhibit a true commitment to sound horses and be able to present evidence of such. Applicants having a USDA, HPA or NWHHA violation including but not limited to the involvement of sensitivity, scarring, lameness or bad image will be considered ineligible for Guest Judge Cards

III. Procedures

- a) Show manager must complete the request form and send it in to the NWHHA Office
- b) NWHHA Office forwards the form to Judges Committee
- c) Judges Committee reviews the information, checks references, discusses the request and makes a recommendation to the NWHHA Executive Committee

- d) NWA Executive Committee gives approval or disapproval
- e) If approved, the show manager must remit the \$100 Guest Judge Card fee to the office prior to completion of Guest Judge's contract

IV. Special Notes

- a) The NWA National Championship Show and all NWA Regional Shows must use NWA licensed judges.
- b) All NWA affiliated multi-day shows must use NWA licensed judges unless approved by the Executive Committee based on recommendation from the Judges Committee
- c) Double point and/or multi-judged shows must use at least one NWA licensed judge

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