

Becoming an Approved ARHA Judge

Thank– you for your interest in the American Ranch Horse Association. All applicants must have had previous equine judging experience. By applying for an American Ranch Horse Association Judges card, the applicant is indicating they are capable of judging every class in the ARHA rulebook. All judge applicants must attend the ARHA Judges seminar to become an approved ARHA judge. The seminars are designed to establish standards for judging the performance of the ARHA ranch horses and classes.

Please complete this application and return it with complete fees to the ARHA Office by November 30 for the January Seminar or for August Seminar by July 1 . If approved, your name will be added to the ARHA Approved Judges List. In order to remain current, you must renew your membership annually by November 30th. You may be required to apply as a new judge and re-complete the application process if you fail to renew by expiration deadline.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicant's must have been an ARHA member-in-good-standing the year prior to applying to become a judge.
- Applicant's must be 21 years of age as of January 1 of the application year in order to apply.
- There is a \$175.00 application fee this includes the seminar, your Judges Membership, and Liability Insurance . This is non-refundable and non-transferable. You must also complete the Judges Seminar Form and have it mailed to the American Ranch Horse Association Office.
- New Judge applicants are required to submit a completed application and provide a minimum of six (6) references. Reference must include one (1) judge (western/ranch type) that have witnessed you judge, two (2) references must be from show management personnel who have hired you to judge, and three (3) character references.
- Urge your references to send in their reference letter as quickly as possible. All references must be received before your application can be submitted to the judges committee.
- Provide a recent photo, suitable for publication, of yourself in the attire you would wear to judge a horse show. (Photo will remain property of ARHA).
- Incomplete applications cannot be presented to the Judge's Committee for consideration and will be declared void, and require that the application process including repayment of application fee to start over.
- Periodically, a judge may receive letter requiring updated information and references.
- To be considered as an applicant for January Seminar your application must be received by November 30 or for August Seminar application must be received by July 1.

JUDGES COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

- Once the application has been received by ARHA, a judges file will be created and provided to the ARHA Judges Committee and Board of Directors at the Judge's Seminar for review.
- Applicants are required to attend the seminar one of the two seminars that held in January and August to become an approved ARHA judge. Seminar may include, but are not limited to: video testing, rulebook testing, personal interview and culture fit with ARHA evaluations. Applicant's should keep in mind that they are under continual review throughout the entire process.
- Scores and application will be reviewed by Judges Committee and BOD at the Judges Seminar. At that time, the committee determines if an applicant is approved for judging based on the knowledge, testing, and interview of the judge.
- ARHA will send a letter within two weeks of the seminar to notify judges applicants of the decision.
- If you are approved for judging status, your name will be provided to those seeking names and addresses of ARHA approved judges.
- All Approved judges must maintain current Judges membership in ARHA.
- If your application is denied, you may resubmit an application. A second application fee must be paid at that time.



ARHA Judge Application Form

WHEN APPLYING TO BECOME AN ARHA JUDGE:

- You must be a member-in-good-standing.
- You must be 21 years of age as of 1/1 of application year.
- The application is good for the year you submit it. There are no transferring or refund of fees.
- You must complete this application and must attend the Judges Seminar, testing, & interview to be considered for approved judge status.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE.

- Your application form must be completed in full.
- The \$175.00 application fee. This includes your Seminar, membership, and liability insurance for any ARHA Shows judged. A current Rule Book will be mailed to you upon receiving your application.
- See letter for application fees and deadlines.
- Attach a recent photo (5 x 7), in attire that you would wear to judge a ARHA show. (Photo becomes the property of ARHA) NO PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL
- All reference letters must be in the ARHA Office no later than 11/30 for January Seminar and July 1 for August Seminar or your application will be considered incomplete.
- Please do not bring spouse or guest unless they wish to pay auditor fee.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date: _____

CK #: _____

REC'V: _____

Please type or print

ARHA Membership Number: _____ Exp Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Employment Information

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Secondary Occupations & Addresses: _____

Judging History

I have judged approximately _____ shows.

List any major shows you have judged: _____

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 ARHA Charter? Yes No If yes, which club? _____

Have you previously applied for an ARHA Judges Card? Yes No If yes, what year? _____

Have you previously been an ARHA Approved judge? Yes No If yes, 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 become and ARHA judge? _____

List all recognized equine and horse show associations with which you are currently hold cards with, and the date of approval.

Association Name	Approval Date	Current Status	Clinic Seminar	Date & Location Of Clinic/Seminar

List your accomplishments with Ranch Horses: _____

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

List your accomplishments in the horse industry: _____

Personal/Judges References

Judge applicants are required to submit a minimum of six references. One of these references must be a judge that has seen you judge a horse show, and three (3) personal/character references. Please have these reference letters to ARHA PO Box 186, Nancy, KY 42544. Letters must be received by 11/30/2015
NO EMAILS PLEASE!

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Show Management References

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The designation of being an ARHA Approved Judge is a privilege. Qualifications that the ARHA is searching for include equine expertise, personal character and an interest in the ranch-type horse that ARHA is promoting. All applicants will be appraised on these qualifications. Professional conduct is expected at all time. Status as an ARHA approved judge may be revoked by the ARHA at any time without formal hearing. As a courtesy, the ARHA may grant a 60-day notice if possible. No privilege of appeal shall be available. A rejected applicant may re-apply one year after the date of rejection.

Please read and Sign the Following Statement

The information on this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that inaccuracies or discrepancies will be considered unfavorable in my application. Furthermore, I understand that the designated authorities of ARHA have the right to accept or deny this application, as well as the right to withdraw my name from the list of approved ARHA judges list at any time. I will not challenge ARHA acceptance or rejection of my application or its removal of me as a ARHA judge. I agree to abide by all the above rules in consideration for the addition of my name to the ARHA Approved Judges List and hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Ranch Horse Association, Inc. as a member of this organization.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH APPLICATION FEE & PICTURE TO:
ARHA P.O. BOX 186, NANCY, KENTUCKY 42544**

If you have any questions, call or email the ARHA Office: (606) 271-2963 EMAIL: arhacontact@aol.com