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REQUIREMENTS for APPROVAL
of AHA/USEF/EC RECORDED (r) ARABIAN DIVISION JUDGES

The AHA Accredited Judges List (the "recognized list") of USEF Recorded (r) and Registered (R) will be maintained and published in accordance with the standards and procedures listed below.

- **For complete USEF licensing information, use the following link:**
<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/licensed-officials/become-licensed>
- **For complete EC licensing information, use the following link.**
<https://equestrian.ca/coaches-officials/officials/become-official/>

USEF and/or EC LICENSING and AHA ACCREDITED JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) for three consecutive years prior to participating in the Evaluation and testing.
2. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age.
3. Potential USEF Applicants must attend all sessions of the AHA Exhibitors/Judges' School AND create a checklist through the Licensed Officials Dashboard on the USEF website BEFORE any apprenticing.
 - a. The USEF checklist must be created within six months after attending the School. The following items must be completed before USEF will allow you to start the 'r' application process/checklist to begin apprentice judging.
 - i. USEF Safe Sport training must be current.
 - ii. Background check must be completed; there is a fee charged. It can take up to two weeks so plan accordingly.
 - iii. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training must be completed.
 - b. After the checklist is started with USEF, AHA will verify the requirement of attending the School and AHA membership.
 - c. Applicants have three (3) years after initiating the checklist to complete the apprentice work and the in-person Evaluation.
4. Please read the pertinent information in the USEF Policies and Procedures document.
<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/OYhdrG9wIEM/2/licensed-officials-policies-and>
5. Potential USEF applicants must apprentice Judge at a minimum of three Federation licensed competitions (Regular or Lite competitions) in the Arabian division, under a minimum of three different Federation/AHA Registered (R)Arabian judges within a three-year period preceding application.
 - a. An Apprentice Judge must obtain permission first from the Licensed Competition, followed by approval by the licensed official with whom they will be apprenticing.
 - b. The 'R' judge is required to discuss the evaluation with the apprentice and provide the apprentice with a copy of the entire evaluation form.
 - c. Completed apprentice evaluation forms will be uploaded by the applicant. AHA is notified of the evaluation form being available and will then download the completed form.
 - d. Applicants can apprentice with no more than one current member of the EEC.
 - e. Apprentice Evaluation form is on the AHA website:
https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/judges-stewards/js-docs/JS_Arabian_Judge_Apprentice_Form.pdf

6. Evaluations are held in person, scheduled annually, and are limited to approximately 20 people.
7. Complete the online application and fee for Evaluation by the deadline posted on the AHA website: <https://www.arabianhorses.org/judges-stewards/seminar-schools>
 - a. As part of the application, provide names and contact information for at least eight (8) current AHA members for references, giving their complete name and working email address.
 - b. Of the eight (8) references, a minimum of five (5) must be currently licensed Arabian judges and/or Category 2 Stewards.
 - c. Reference forms will be emailed by the Commissioner's Office to the listed references.
8. All applicants must pass each of the following components of the AHA Evaluation, some of which may be offered as online testing.
 - a. AHA-administered written examinations;
 - i. Passing scores vary from 80-85% depending on the exam.
 - b. Video testing
 - i. Video testing is scored using the same method as the majority of horse/livestock judging contests.
 - c. Live Judging of in-hand and performance classes;
 - i. Live judging is scored using the same method as the majority of horse/livestock judging contests.
 - d. AHA administered interviews conducted by EEC members and others as appointed by the Commissioner.
 - i. A standard evaluation form with scoring rubric is utilized. Passing score is overall 4 out of 5 possible points
9. Complete the USEF application process to obtain a valid and current judge's card in the Arabian Division from the US Equestrian Federation.
10. EC Requirements: Canadian residents must complete the Equestrian Canada requirements and be granted and maintain an EC 'r' license.
 - a. Requirements include attending the AHA Exhibitors/Judges School and successfully passing the AHA Evaluation in order to be on the AHA List of Judges.
 - b. The first step is to complete the EC Official Program Status Application.
11. Other equestrian federation or association judge's cards may be recognized subject to the written approval of the AHA Judges & Stewards Commissioner.
12. After final approval from USEF or EC as a recorded (r) judge, the individual will be included on the list of AHA accredited judges.

NOTE: Maintenance Requirements, once the 'r' license is granted

- Judges must attend the Federation/AHA Judges' Seminar every three years, including completing any online portions that may be required.
- USEF and EC licensed judges must maintain AHA membership in good standing.
- USEF Licensed Judges must pass a USEF administered written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years and maintain all USEF requirements, including Safe Sport and the Background check.
- EC Licensed Judges who are not also USEF judges must maintain EC requirements.