



Judges & Stewards Commissioner

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**REQUIREMENTS for APPROVAL
of AHA/USEF REGISTERED (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.

USEF LICENSING and AHA ACCREDITED JUDGE REQUIREMENTS for REGISTERED (R) JUDGE STATUS

1. Eligibility Requirements
 - a. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the AHA.
 - b. Applicant must be currently licensed as a recorded (r) Arabian division judge with USEF and be on the AHA list of accredited judges.
2. Promotion Application Requirements
 - a. Applicants must complete the application requirements defined below.
 - b. Applicants must attend a Federation/AHA Judges' Seminar prior to requesting promotion.
 - c. Officiate a minimum of five days (six hours minimum each day) at a minimum of two Federation licensed competitions with an Arabian division within the past four years.
 - 1) At least one of the Federation licensed competitions must be outside of the applicant's home AHA Region.
 - 2) Applicants must judge a minimum of 440 horses/entries during the past six years at Federation licensed and/or AHA recognized Arabian competitions/divisions in the classes/sections listed in the chart below. All officiating must be verifiable through USEF and/or AHA competition records.
 - 3) Classes judged at USEF as well as AHA One Day Shows and AHA Value Shows count equally in meeting these officiating requirements. (The number of horses shown as listed in official results for a class equal number of entries in that class.)

<i>Classes/Sections # of Entries</i>	
In hand (including Performance Halter & championship classes)	70
Western Pleasure	100
Hunter Pleasure	100
Country English Pleasure/English Pleasure/Park	90
Trail/Ranch Riding	30
Reining/Reining Seat Equitation	10
Hunter Seat Equitation	20
Saddle Seat Equitation	10
Western Seat Equitation/Western Horsemanship	10

3. If the applicant holds any of the following licenses, the individual may submit a request to AHA for certain requirements as listed within this document to count towards partial fulfillment of promotion requirements.
 - a. All officiating must be verified either through Federation competition records or the non-USEF affiliated breed/discipline records.
 - 1) Federation Recognized Affiliate breed or discipline license, other than Arabian
 - 2) NRHA license
 - 3) Non-USEF affiliated breed/discipline (example AQHA, Paint, Pinto)
- 4) Submit a Request for Recommendation for Promotion application to the AHA Judges & Stewards Commissioner.
 - a. Submit the application to AHA a minimum of six weeks prior to the USEF deadline for applications. Note: applications received fewer than six weeks prior to the USEF deadline will be accepted and processed for the next available USEF meeting.
 - b. Include the application fee of \$50, payable to AHA.
 - c. Include a copy of the Officiating Report Form
 - d. Provide the names and email address of at least 10 but no more than 12 current USEF Arabian judges, Equestrian Canada Arabian judges, and/or Category 2 stewards for references.
 - e. The Judges and Stewards Commissioner may solicit evaluations from competition managers regarding the applicant's officiating and conduct.
 - 1) After a minimum of eight (8) completed evaluations have been returned from the references, and after officiating requirements have been verified, the Education and Evaluation Commission (EEC) will make a recommendation to the Judges & Stewards Commissioner regarding the promotion request.
 - 2) The Judges & Stewards Commissioner will inform the 'r' judge and USEF, in writing, of the AHA decision.
 - 3) Applicants must receive a positive recommendation from AHA PRIOR to applying to USEF for promotion to registered (R) status.
5. Applicants must pass a final examination with a score of 85% or higher.
6. Forms/application on AHA website: <https://www.arabianhorses.org/additional/judges-stewards/resources/>

For complete USEF licensing information, use the following link:

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/licensed-officials/become-licensed>