



BRITISH SHOW HORSE ASSOCIATION



GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

(Applicants must be 24 years old or over)

The Committee of the British Show Horse Association would like to welcome you to the Assessment Day. Maintaining and growing the Panel is one of the current prime considerations.

The integrity and competence of Judges, forms the core value in the structure of the Association. Therefore the process of choosing Judges is necessarily thorough and searching.

To avoid any possible disappointment, the following notes have been prepared to enable you to assess, realistically, your suitability as a Candidate and to explain how the Assessment is conducted.

Assessment of Candidates is grouped into three sections. Sections will be timetabled in no particular order.

Interview

A panel of Assessors will interview Candidates, who will be expected to demonstrate good knowledge of the BSHA Rule Book and understand the management and running of classes in accordance with the Association's Rules.

Candidates are expected to have a good appreciation of the qualities required to be a Judge and be able to articulate these clearly.

Other categories covered involve the ability to adapt to changing circumstances and the requirements of a tight Show schedule; the ability to liaise and work with Show officials; the ability to control classes and cope with difficult situations that may arise; appreciate the responsibilities and duties involved and awareness that judging the Association's classes carries the responsibility of representing the Association to the Members.

Candidates must also be able to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Panel, that they have a fully committed attitude when accepting Judging appointments.

Riding

Candidates will be required to ride several different horses and to assess and analyse the ride, accurately and succinctly, with valid reasons and explanations for their opinions.

The riding ability of the Candidate will be assessed in this phase, together with the ability to interpret and assess the way of going of the horse.

Conformation, Movement and Type

Candidates will be presented with several different types of horse. They will be expected to assess type and place each horse in its correct category, giving a short, concise but comprehensive analysis of the points of conformation and movement of each horse; both the positive and negative aspects.

Candidates are expected to be able to demonstrate their understanding of the importance of structure and movement in relationship to performance and the significant characteristics especially relating to horses in BSHA classes, e.g. particular awareness of the difference in category for Cobs, differences in type between Hacks and Riding Horses.

Summary

It is suggested to enable the day to be successful, prospective Candidates should:

- 1 Wear clothing appropriate for judging (remember this is an adult Association).
- 2 Have a working knowledge of the current BSHA Rule Book.
- 3 Ensure they have a good working knowledge of conformation and have the ability to verbalise the conformational structure of any particular horse with accuracy, fluency and brevity.
- 4 Ensure they are physically fit to ride a selection of horses (for those coming forward for the riding Assessment).

The result of the Assessment Day will be posted to you within 14 days of the Assessment.

Fee = £50

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