



Ride Only Judges' Panel

As of 2011, the BSHA Board put in place guidelines for a Ride Only Judges Panel, with the aim of providing support and education and to create a structured pathway for progression; these have been reviewed and updated for 2018.

Following the Judges Review of 2018, the Board would like to draw your attention to changes in policy. If you are regularly competing, a full or part time employee in a professional showing yard or a Producer, then the Board would prefer that you did not apply at this time. It would be deemed more appropriate to apply when your commitments have reduced.

Ride Only Panel Criteria and Guidelines:

- a) Applicants must be 24 years of age, or over.
- b) Time limit for being on the Ride Only Panel to be 3 years.
- c) In the 3-year period, all Ride Only Judges must attend at least one of the Annual Conformation Training Workshops.
- d) At the end of any 3-year period, a Ride Only Judge will be required to return and successfully complete a full Assessment Day; this may also include the Ride. If unsuccessful, Candidates may be asked to stand down from the Ride Only Panel but would be eligible to re-apply after 2 years; this would be at the discretion of the Board. A failure to attend an Assessment in line with the above, could result in also being asked to stand down from the Panel.
- e) All Ride Only Judges must spend a minimum of 2 years on the Ride Only Panel before they can apply for the Full Panel.
- f) Once successful at an Assessment Day, a Ride Only Judge may then only progress to becoming a Probationer and must take the full 2-year Probationary period.
- g) At the discretion of the Judges Committee, the Probationary Judges, a Ride Only Judge, progressing to the Probationary Panel, may be asked to do Ride, Conformation or both, when in their Probationary period.
- h) If progressing to the Probationary Panel, a Ride Only Judge may remain on the Ride Only Panel. However, they will not be able to Probation and Ride Judge at the same Show.
- i) Senior Conformation Judges, judging with Ride Only Judges, may be asked to complete a Report Form on the Ride Only Judge. This will be used to aid in assessing and continually improving the Ride Only Judges.
- j) Ride Only Judges will be actively promoted through the office and used at BSHA Shows, wherever possible.