

Show Horse







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HOW DO I BECOME A SHOW HORSE JUDGE?

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the steps involved in becoming a Show Horse Judge.

The rules that govern the EA National Officials are incorporated into the current Equestrian Australia (EA) polices and Sport Rules.

EA Discipline Rules are updated 1 January and 1 July each year. The rulebook may be obtained by the following methods:

Electronic (free of charge):

Downloaded from the EA website at www.equestrian.org.au.

Printed and bound (from EA National Office):

- **Request from National Office**
- Call the National office on (02) 8762 7777 •

There are three levels of Show Horse Judges:

- Provisional Judges trainee judges. They are not eligible to judge at any State or EA Horse and Rider of the Year Shows.
- State Judges eligible to judge at any State EA Horse and Rider of the Year Shows
- National Judges eligible to judge at any EA Horse and Rider of the Year Shows, National Show Horse and Rider Championships.

The detailed pathway to becoming a National Show Horse Judge is outlined in the EA Show Horse Rules



EA Provisional

EA State

EA National

To become a Provisional Judge you must:

- Be a member of EA
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Attend an EA approved Show Horse Judge seminar in the past year prior to upgrading.
- Complete the appropriate application form (pages 9-11)
- Complete the current Provisional Show Horse Judge open rule book test with a pass mark of at least 80% - Online <u>https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/showhorse-officials</u>
- Nominated by 2 EA State Level or higher Judges using written nomination form.
- Meet all practical requirements outlined in Table on page 4

To become a State Judge you must:

- Be a member of EA
- Be an accredited Provisional Judge for previous 2 years.
- or
- Be an accredited State Judge with a recognised Show Horse society.
- Complete the appropriate application form (pages 8-11)
- Attend an official EA Show Horse Judges' seminar in the past year prior to upgrading.
- Complete the current State Show Horse State Judge open rule book test with a pass mark of at least 80% - Online <u>https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/showhorse-officials</u>
- Nominated by 2 EA National Show Horse Judges using written nomination form.
- Meet all practical experience requirements outlined in Table on page 4

To become a National Judge you must:

- Be a member of EA
- Be an accredited EA State Level Judge previous 2 years.
- Complete the appropriate application form (pages 9-11)
- Attend an official EA Show Horse Judges' seminar in the past year prior to upgrading.
- Complete the current National Show Horse National Judge open rule book test with a pass mark of at least 80% - Online https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/show-horse-officials
- Nominated by 2 EA National Show Horse Judges using written nomination form.
- Meet all practical experience requirements outlined in Table on page 4

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION

The following information has been copied from the EA National Show Horse Rules. EA members applying for accreditation as a Show Horse Judge must direct their application to their State Show Horse Committee. Please see contact details on the last page of this booklet.

Financial members of EA, who are interested in becoming an Official Show Horse Judge, must complete and submit an application form detailing their experience and referees according to the criteria for promotion and maintenance listed on the following pages.

Applications received by the relevant State Show Horse Committee are then assessed and a decision made as to whether the applicant is accepted at Provisional Level. This is at the sole discretion of the committee.

The State Show Horse Committee will forward a copy of successful applications to the EA National Office. For National upgrade once the paperwork has been received by the EA National Office it is submitted to the National EASHC for appointment. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of each level you will be accredited as a Show Horse Judge. The EA National Office will record all new Judges on the EA Show Horse Judges List.

Each judge will receive a letter, certificate and badge from Equestrian Australia verifying their accreditation.

In order to remain accredited on the National judges list you must be a member of EA and meet compulsory Judging activity and professional development requirements every three years. Further information on this can be found on the EA website and will be sent when accredited as a Judge.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD JUDGE?

As a Judge you have to be highly organised and professional. You have to be able to focus, make decisions quickly, firmly and be confident of the training you have received plus the knowledge and experience you have acquired as a Judge. You must possess diplomacy, tact and common sense.

You are part of a team and if you are the Chief Judge, you lead that team. You must be approachable and be able to liaise well with the Organising Committee, other officials and riders.

As a judge you must **be consistent and fair and have a thorough knowledge of Show Horse rules and their application.**

It is important for officials to be:

- Physically fit
- Be able to be consistent and fair from the beginning to the end of the competition
- Mentally alert and able to concentrate for long periods of time

The official must have a thorough knowledge of show horse competition as well as practical show horse training.

Judge Level	Initial Requirements	Theory Requirements	Practical Requirements	To Maintain Accreditation
National Judge	 Be a current member of EA Be an accredited and currently registered EA State level Show Horse Judge. For previous 2 years 	 Attend an EA approved Show Horse Judge seminar in the previous year Complete the National Judges Open Rule Book Test with a pass mark of 80% Nominated by two EA National Judges with written nomination 	Acted as an EA State Judge in the open classes at any EA State Show Horse and Rider Championships plus have judged at a minimum of 3 other Show Horse events including EA,SHC or Royal Shows over a wide range of classes including show horse and rider classes preceding 5 years	 Attend an EA Show Horse Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA
State Judge	 Be a current member of EA Be an accredited and currently registered EA Provisional level Show Horse judge for previous 2 years or Be an accredited State or National Judge with a recognised Show Horse Society 	 Attend an EA approved Show Horse Judge seminar in the previous year Complete the State Judge Open Rule Book Test with a pass mark of 80% Nominated by two EA National level Judges with written nomination 	Acted as an EA Provisional Judge at EA Show Horse events in the previous 5 years or Be an accredited State or National Judge with a recognised Show Horse Society	Attend an EA Show Horse Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA
Provisional Judge	 Be a current member of EA Be at least 18 years of age 	 Attend an EA approved Show Horse Judge seminar in the previous year Complete the Provisional Judge Open Rule Book Test with a pass mark of 80% Nominated by 2 EA State level or higher Judges with written nomination 	Minimum of four attendances at Show Horse events as a Judge, Steward, or competitor previous two years	• Attend an EA Show Horse Clinic/Course every 3 years and other stipulated reaccreditation requirements set by EA

Record of Show Horse Experiences for Equestrian Australia Accreditation

Name:	Address:	
Current EA Judges Level:	Email:	
Phone BH:	АН:	Mobile:

Date	Name Of Show/Event (EA, SHC, Royal etc)	Section (Hacks, Ponies etc)	Position (Competitor, Judge, Steward etc)	Name & contact details of the Organising Committee
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Use additional forms as needed. These forms are to be forwarded to your State EA Show Horse Committee, with a form requesting EA accreditation upgrade. Refer to the EA National Show Horse Rules for more information.

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	-	of the correct level as indicated in g forms to your State Show Horse C		
CANDIDATE PERSONAL D	ETAILS:			
Name:		EA Member Number:		
State:				
Current Level	□ New	Provisional	□ State	
You have bee	You have been asked to Nominate the candidate to accompany their upgrade as an EA Show Horse Judge			
General - To include but not limite	ed to - How Long have you know	n the candidate and in what capacity?		
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De veu feel the condidate has		it takes to be a FA Chevy Heres 1	ude o D	
Do you reel the candidate has	a good understanding of what	it takes to be a EA Show Horse J	uage:	

Judging - Have you seen the candidate Judge? What type of classes and when? If nominating a Provisional Judge have you seen the candidate compete or participate in competitions? If so please comment on this area.

Why do you believe the candidate will make a suitable EA Show Horse Judge?

Overall Recommendation	
Nominator	
	upplied is correct and I am a currently registered EA Show Horse Judge
Judge Name:	EA Member No:
E-mail address:	Phone Number:
Signature:	Date:



EA SHOW HORSE APPLICATION FORM FOR PROVISIONAL JUDGE ACCREDITATION



This form is to be sent directly to the State Show Horse Committee for verification with your attached certificates/summary sheet/s of practical Record of Experience Judging and Nomination Forms. Successful applications are forwarded by the State to the National Office to be added to the National database.

Name:		EA Member	r Number:	
Verification Slip				
Attend EA approved EA Show Horse Judges Seminar previous year	Date: Location:		Attach Certif	icate
Complete EA Provisional Show	Date:			
Horse Judge ORBT 80% pass	Result:		Attach Certificate	
Nominated by 2 EA State or higher Judges	Judge 1:		EA Number:	Attach Nomination Form
	Judge 2:		EA Number:	Attach Nomination Form
Endorsement form EA State Show Horse Committee	Name:		Signatur	e
Practical Experience				
Minimum of 4 x Attendance at Show Horse events as an unofficial Judge, Steward or Competitor previous two years	Date: Location: Position:		Date: Location: Position:	
Submit Practical Assessment Record	Date: Location: Position:		Date: Location: Position:	

NOTE: Shaded boxes are for Committee/ Office Use Only

Please provide the following details so Equestrian Australia can provide your accreditation:

Name:		Date of B	irth:	
Address:				
Suburb:		State:	Post Code:	
Mobile:	E-Mail:			

Don't forget Application form on page 11

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EA SHOW HORSE APPLICATION FORM FOR STATE JUDGE ACCREDITATION



This form is to be sent directly to the State Show Horse Committee for verification with your attached summary sheet/s of practical Record of Experience Judging and Nomination Forms Successful applications are forwarded by the State to the National Office to be added to the national database.

Name:		EA Member N	umber:	
Verification Slip Be a Currently registered EA Provisional Show Horse Judge for previous 2 years Or Be an accredited State or National Judge with a recognised society	Date Obtained:		Attach Certi	ficate
Attend EA approved Show Horse Judges Seminar in the previous year	Date: Location:		Attach Certi	ficate
Complete EA Show Horse State	Date:		Attach Certificate	
Judge ORBT 80% pass	Result:	Attach Certin		ncale
Nominated by 2 National Judges	Judge 1:		EA Number:	Attach Nomination Form
Judges	Judge 2:		EA Number:	Attach Nomination Form
Endorsement form EA State Show Horse Committee	Name:		Signatur	е
Practical Experience				
Acted as an EA Provisional Judge at EA Show Horse events previous 5 years	Date: Location: Position:		Date: Location: Position:	
Be an accredited State or National Judge with a recognised society Submit Practical Assessment Record	Date: Location: Position:		Date: Location: Position:	

NOTE: Shaded boxes are for Committee/ Office Use Only

Please provide the following details so Equestrian Australia can provide your accreditation:

Name:	Date of Bir	Date of Birth:	
Address:			
Suburb:	State:	Post Code:	

Mobile:

E-Mail:

Don't forget Application form on page 11 & 12



EA SHOW HORSE APPLICATION FORM FOR NATIONAL JUDGE ACCREDITATION



This form is to be sent directly to t summary sheet/s of practical R Successful applications are forwa before being added to the national	ecord of Experier rded by the State t	oce judging o the Natior	r and nal Of	Nomination fice for appr	n Forms	
Name:		EA Membe	er Nur	mber:		
Verification Slip Be a Currently registered EA State Show Horse Judge for previous 2 years	Date Obtained:			Attac	h Certific	ate
Attend EA approved Show Horse Judges Seminar in the previous year	Date: Location:			Attac	h Certific	ate
Complete EA Show Horse National Judge ORBT 80% pass	Date: Result:			Attac	h Certific	ate
Nominated by 2 National level Judges	Judge 1:		EAN	Number:		Attach Nomination Form
	Judge 2:		EA Number:			Attach Nomination Form
Endorsement form EA State Show Horse Committee	Name:				Signatu	ıre
Practical Experience	Ve	nue and Dat	te of I	Event		
Acted as a State level judge over 5 years In the open classs at any EA State Show Horse and Rider Championships plus have judged at a minimum of 3 other	Date: Location:			Date: Location:		
Show Horse events including EA, SHC or Royal Shows over a wide range of classes including show horse and rider classes Submit Practical Assessment Record	Date: Location:			Date: Location:		
NOTE: Shaded boxes are for Cor	nmittee/ Office U	se Only				
Please provide the following details	s so Equestrian Au	stralia can p		•	editation:	
Name:			Date	e of Birth:		
Address:						
Suburb:			State	e: F	Post Co	de:
Mobile:						
E-Mail:						
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Application form (to go with application forms for all levels)

	Horse Committee before your EA Official registration can be processed.
	Equestrian Australia Limited (EA) is the Australian national sports organisation for the sport of equestrianism, in each of its specific disciplines and variations (together, the Sport).
our Declaration	EA, its Branches (as defined in EA's Constitution), and its affiliated organisations each have a duty of care that is owed to their respective members, people associated with the Sport, and to the people and organisations that participate in the Sport conducted under the encouragement, promotion, organisation, administration and control of EA and its Branches and affiliated organisations.
	In accordance with the procedures set out in the Constitution, EA has adopted various rules, regulations, by-laws and policies (together the EA Policies) for the purpose of EA pursuing its objectives stated in the Constitution.
	One of the EA Policies is EA's Child Safeguarding Policy , which commenced into force on 17 December 2021 and which is adopted by EA as part of EA's National Integrity Framework . Any reference in this declaration to the Child Safeguarding Policy is a reference to that document which came into force on 17 December 2023, as amended from time to time thereafter.
	In accordance with its duty of care, and as required by its Child Safeguarding Policy, EA must investigate and collect information, in relation to any person who makes application for registration as an EA Official . EA requires the submission of this declaration as part of its investigation and information-gathering process.
	A person cannot be, and will not be registered as an EA Official, unless the person is a current Member of EA.
	Any person who is a current EA Member, and who wishes to be registered by EA as an EA Official <u>must</u> make and complete the following declaration, in addition to the other requirements set out in the EA Policies governing the registration of EA Officials.
	NOTE: Any declaration submitted by any person, which is purported to be made by a person with any mark, deletion, addition to, obliteration of, or amendment to any of the below paragraphs [1] to [13] <u>shall be deemed by EA to be a declaration which is void ab initio for all purposes</u> . In any event or circumstances where a person cannot truthfully make the declaration in the format required by this document, the person must contact EA's Integrity Unit to further discuss the matter.
	I solemnly and sincerely declare that each of the following statements is true and factual as at the date that this Officials Declaration is dated and made by me:
	 I meet all of the requirements in relation to state and territory-specific legislation regarding police checks and working with children checks, and I hold a valid working with children check or equivalent in the state/territory I reside. I have attached evidence as required.
	2. There are no criminal charges that have been laid against me in any jurisdiction in Australia or elsewhere, which are pending or which are yet to be determined and finalised.
	3. I have never, in any jurisdiction in Australia or elsewhere, been convicted of any criminal offence.
	4. Further to the generality of paragraph [3] above, I have never, in any jurisdiction in Australia or elsewhere, been <u>charged with or convicted of</u> any criminal offence involving illegal or illicit substances; violence; stalking; intimidation; dishonesty; sexual violence; any criminal offence involving sexual activity or actions of indecency; child abuse; child pornography; or mistreatment or neglect of a child.
	5. I have never had any disciplinary or similar proceedings brought against me by any employer, former employer, sporting organisation or similar body, involving child abuse; sexual misconduct; sexual harassment (which for the avoidance of doubt has the same meaning as given to the term by EA's Member Protection Policy , where the term sexual harassment is defined to mean and include conduct which is any unwanted or unwelcome sexual behaviour, where a reasonable person would anticipate the possibility that the person being harassed would feel offended, humiliated or intimidated); harassment; acts of violence; intimidation; bullying or other similar forms of harassment.
	6. I have never been sanctioned for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (within the meaning given to that term by the World Anti-Doping Code) within the Sport, or any other sport.
	7. I have never participated in, facilitated or encouraged any practice, behaviour or conduct prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Code or any other anti-doping policy or similar policy applicable to me, including the EA Anti-Doping Policy and the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules adopted by EA and amended from time to time.
	8. I have never been sanctioned for any breach of the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules or any other rules in force in any sport in Australia or elsewhere, relating to animal doping or the medication of and control of medication given to animals.

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- 9. I have never, in any jurisdiction in Australia or elsewhere, been charged with or convicted of any criminal, disciplinary, sporting or animal racing-related offence relating to animal cruelty, whether in relation to a horse or any other animal or creature.
- 10. To the best of my knowledge after due inquiry, there are no other facts, matters or circumstances relevant to me, that EA (if it were aware of those facts, matters and circumstances) may reasonably consider to constitute a risk to, its Branches' and its affiliated organisations' respective members, people associated with the Sport, and to the people and organisations that participate in the Sport under the encouragement, promotion, organisation, administration and control of EA and its Branches and affiliated organisations.
- 11. I will immediately notify the chief executive officer of EA and each Branch(es) and affiliated organisation(s) engaging me, upon me becoming aware of any facts, matters or circumstances meaning that any of the matters declared by me and set out in clauses [1] to [10] above (inclusive) have changed for whatever reason, so that the declaration made by me is no longer true and correct either wholly or to any extent.
- I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the EA Code of Conduct for Officials. I acknowledge I may be subject to disciplinary action if I breach the code. (Code of Conduct is available to view via <u>www.equestrian.org.au</u>).
- 13. I acknowledge and agree that by signing this declaration, I am providing true and accurate information. If it is subsequently demonstrated that the information which I have provided is untrue, false, incomplete, or misleading either wholly or to whatever extent, then I acknowledge and accept that I may be subject to sanction under the EA Policies.

WWCC/Blue Card Number:

Expiry Date:

Please attach copy of WWCC/Blue Card if not already provided.

SIGNED : Sian here DATE :

Candidate – please forward your application form pages 1 and 2 with your attached summary sheet/s of practical Record of Experience judging and Nomination Forms to your State Show Horse Committee for verification.

State Contact – Please return a copy of these forms to the Education Department for judge to be accredited and database updated.

Pathways Officials - Officer EA National Office PO Box 673, SYDNEY MARKETS, NSW 2129 Email (preferred) : <u>amy.mcgregor@equestrian.org.au</u>

NOTE: Applications that are incomplete will not be accepted and returned to the state.



Codes of Conduct as per Attachment A of the EA Member Protection Policy

The EA Code of Conduct for Officials

In addition to the EA General Code of Behaviour, the following requirements are imposed on EA Officials during any activity held or sanctioned by EA, or as an official appointed by the organisation or one of its affiliates:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others
- Be fair, equitable, considerate and honest in all dealing with others
- Use facilities and equipment for their proper purposes and care for and maintain such facilities and equipment correctly
- Refrain from anything which may abuse, intimidate or harass others
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition
- Place the safety and welfare of the riders/participants above all else
- Abide by the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse
- Maintain a 'duty of care' towards others and an accountability for matters relating to training and competition
- · Accept responsibility for all actions taken
- Be impartial
- Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest
- Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction
- · Value the individual in sport
- Preserve and protect the standing and reputation of the organisation
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of the EA Member Protection Policy.



Codes of Conduct as per Attachment A of the EA Member Protection Policy

The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

- The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.
- 2. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
- 3. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
- 4. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
- 5. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

CONTACT AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

These are available from the EA National Office, the EA websites.

Rules

- EA Show Horse Rules www.equestrian.org.au/showhorse
- EA General Regulations <u>www.equestrian.org.au/policies</u>
- EA Code of Conduct www.equestrian.org.au/policies
- EA Conflict Interest Policy <u>www.equestrian.org.au/policies</u>
- EA Horse Welfare <u>www.equestrian.org.au/horse-welfare</u>

General Information

- Equestrian Australia is the National Federation (NF) for National and International Competitions in Australia, the High Performance Management, funding, National Rules, Policies, Education/Training and Promotion of the Sport. See the website for more information.
- The (Government) Australian Sports Commission (ASC) authorises and funds Australian Sport.
- EA Branches are responsible for Registrations, Affiliated Clubs and Schools programmes.

Reference points

- EA National <u>www.equestrian.org.au</u>
- Official list: on EA website <u>www.equestrian.org.au/members/search/official</u> It can be further filtered by Level and State.
- Certificate- issued by National Office
- Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse
- Code of Conduct for Officials

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State		Role		
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