

AQHA Specialized Judges Applicant Fact Sheet

The following criteria must be met before becoming an AQHA-approved specialized judge:

1. Have individual, current-year AQHA membership, in good standing
2. Be at least 25 years of age.
3. Each applicant's name must be listed on the AQHA Website or appear in at least one issue of *The Quarter Horse Journal* prior to review by the Judges Committee.
4. Receive approval from AQHA State Selection Committee for judges.
5. Receive approval from AQHA Judges Committee.
6. Receive approval from AQHA Executive Committee.
7. If favorable approval is received, the applicant will be notified by AQHA that applicant must:
 - a. attend the next new judge orientation
 - b. complete mandatory testing (if applicable)
 - c. complete and return Judges Code of Ethics and Social Media Guidelines
8. Required to complete recertification as determined by the Judges and Executive Committee.
9. The Judges Committee will review specialized applications three times per year:
 - a. March – **Deadline for application is December 1.**
 - b. June – **Deadline for application is March 1**
 - c. September – **Deadline for application is June 1.**
10. An individual may not re-apply for AQHA Specialized judges credentials after being denied 2 times for any of the following:
 - a. Denial of permission to attend a qualifying examination by the Judges Committee;
 - b. Failure to pass the qualifying examination; or
 - c. Failure to obtain approval from the Judges Committee or AQHA Executive Committee, for any reason.

****\$150 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with application****

AQHA Level 1 Judges Applicant Fact Sheet

The following criteria must be met before becoming an AQHA-approved judge:

1. Have individual, current-year AQHA membership, in good standing
2. Be at least 21 years of age.
3. Submit application by designated deadline.
4. Receive approval from AQHA Judges Committee.
5. Receive approval from AQHA Executive Committee.
6. If favorable approval is received, must complete the required testing.
 - a. Rule Book Test (90% minimum score required).
 - b. Required to judge approximately 6-10 video classes (70% minimum score required).
 - c. Will be interviewed by Judges Committee Members, and evaluated for expertise in various classes as well as particular judging situations.
 - d. Only top scoring applicants will be approved.
7. Receive final review and approval by Judges Committee and Executive Committee. The Judges Committee will review Level 1 Testing Scores during their June Conference Call.
8. Required to complete recertification and/or a rulebook test each year via online testing.
9. An individual may not re-apply for a period of five years for AQHA judges credentials after being denied 2 times for any of the following:
 - a. Denial of permission to attend a qualifying examination by the Judges Committee;
 - b. Failure to pass the qualifying examination; or
 - c. Failure to obtain approval from the Judges Committee or AQHA Executive Committee, for any reason.

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