

AQHA International Only 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 25 years of age.
3. Submit application electronically via email to judges@aqha.org by designated deadline.
 - a. March – Deadline for application is **December 1**
 - b. June – Deadline for application is **March 1**
 - c. September – Deadline for application is **June 1**
4. Must complete the required testing online testing at AQH University, when offered.
 - 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.
5. The Judges Committee will review International Testing Scores during their next available Conference Call. (Judges Committee meets in March, June and September)
6. Receive approval from AQHA Executive Committee.
7. Required to complete recertification and/or a rulebook test each year via online testing.
8. An individual may not re-apply for a period of five years for AQHA judges credentials after being denied 3 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****

All International Approved Judges

1. SHW909. INTERNATIONAL AQHA-APPROVED JUDGES residing in an international country may make four trips or judge four shows in any one country in a calendar year.

Judge Re-Certification

2. For purposes of determining appropriate classes for International Judge's certification, recertification, and related testing, the slate of classes for these purposes will be determined by the classes that had been offered within the past 5 years by any country within the respective AQHA membership region. More specifically, if any country in an AQHA Membership Region has offered a particular class in the preceding 5 years, then that class would be considered within the scope of potential testing for any applicant or Judge within that AQHA Membership Region, regardless of whether the class has been offered in an applicant's country of origin. Correspondingly, the certification earned would qualify a judge to serve as an AQHA Judge for AQHA shows in any country within that particular AQHA Membership Region.

During the past five years, how have you been active in the management or training of American Quarter Horses?
Please include people for whom you have managed or trained in the past five years.

Judging Information

What do you perceive as the role and responsibilities of an AQHA-approved judge?

Have you ever been, or are you, an approved judge for any other equine association or group (NRHA, NCHA, NSBA, NRCHA, WCHA, etc.)?

No Yes *If so, list:*

Have you judged any type of horse show not requiring a judge's card? (i.e. Open shows, 4-H, etc.) No Yes

Explain and list (on a separate sheet, if needed) the names and locations of shows you have judged in the previous year and the names and locations of the shows you plan to judge during the current year.
