

AUSTRALIAN PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH)

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES

The APSB Victorian Committee may from time to time and at any time prepare a list of judges (hereforth referred to as the Panel) and invite such persons to this Panel as it sees fit, to adjudicate events of all levels at events where the objects, intents and interests of the Society are promoted and encouraged.

All persons who accept the invitation to be included on the Panel agree, as a condition of taking up their appointment, to be bound by these Rules.

The Committee may from time to time and at any time:

- * Invite a person to join the the Panel: and
- * Remove a person from the Panel

Grounds for removal of any person from the Panel shall include, but not be limited by, the following

- a) under suspension from the Society, or denial of any privilege thereof, the individual will be removed automatically from the Panel.
- b) Failure to comply with the Society's Rules and Regulations
- c) Failure to comply with these Rules
- d) Conduct themselves in a manner that is in any respect not in the best interests of the Society.

Removal under the preceding paragraphs shall be absolute, with no provision for automatic reinstatement.

The Panel of judges shall be reviewed annually (date to de decided by the Committee) or other such date as the Committee may from time to time decide.

A member shall cease to be a Judge if the appointment is not reviewed at the annual review, or if the appointment is terminated as above.

A reviewed panel of Judges shall be published by the Committee annually.

Any Judge who shall fail in the observance of these Rules or whose conduct in any respect, shall be, in the opinion of the Committee, derogatory to the character, or prejudicial to the interests of the Society may be removed from the Panel of Judges at any time, by the Committee.

The Committee reserves the right to amend, add to or subtract from these Rules, provided that no such amendment, addition or subtraction from these Rules shall have a retrograde effect, nor shall be effective until published for the benefit of all members of the Society and members of the Judges Panel.

For the purpose of these rules, "Immediate Family", shall include the following: husband, wife, parent, step-parents, child, in laws of the same

relation as stated above, grandparents, defacto relations, brother and sister, business partners, employers and employees.

1. No one may show before a Judge if they are a member of that "immediate family".
2. No pony may be shown before a Judge if it has been owned or leased within the last six months, by said Judge.
3. No pony may be shown before a Judge if he or his "immediate family" has bred and sold the pony within the previous six months.
4. No pony may be shown before a Judge, which has been trained by that Judge within a period of six months prior to the Show.
5. No person may show before a Judge who has provided accommodation for that Judge immediately prior to or for the duration of the Show.
6. No exhibitor or their immediate family shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision, unless he first obtains permission from the Show Secretary or ring steward who may arrange an appointment with the Judge at a proper place and time. A member of the Society shall remain in attendance during this meeting. The Judge may refuse such a request.
7. Once a class has been judged, it shall not be re-judged. The Judges decision shall be considered final.
8. Judges may not refer to the Show catalogue, either prior to judging or during their own classes.
9. A Judge may not contact, or discuss the ponies with exhibitors, owners, handlers, or any of their associates, prior to or during the Show.
10. A Judge shall not be an exhibitor in any section in which they are officiating.
11. Judges will exercise discretion in accepting invitations to judge the same type of class, in the same area, in any one year.
12. When a Judge is unable to fulfil a judging commitment, he shall notify the appropriate show official as soon as possible.
13. A Judge shall not send a substitute Judge without permission of the Show Society.

Grounds for removal of an individual from the Society's list of approved Judges shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- 1) Under suspension from the APSB Society, the individual will be removed automatically from the list of approved Judges.
- 2) Failure to comply with the Society Rules and Regulations.
- 3) Removal under the two preceding paragraphs shall be absolute with no provision for automatic reinstatement.

The success of these rules hinges on the fact that COMPETITORS MUST KNOW WHO IS JUDGING.

Competitors are directed to make an effort to discover who is judging their events.