



Colorado Rangerbred Horse Association Judge Application

Thank you for your interest in the CRHA. Please complete this application and return it with complete fees. Once received, we will set up a file and contact your references that you have listed below. Upon receipt of this application you will receive an open book test regarding the history and standards of the Colorado Rangerbred Horse. Please complete this test and return to the CRHA as soon as possible. When all requirements have been met, your name will be submitted to the President, and CRHA Board for evaluation. If approved, you will receive your CRHA Judge's Card and your name will be added to the list of CRHA Approved Judges that is maintained in the CRHA Office, annually published in CRHA newsletters, and on the CRHA National Website <http://www.coloradoranger.com/>. In order to remain current, you must renew your membership annually by December 31st. You may be required to apply as a new Judge and re-complete the application process if you fail to renew by the expiration deadline.

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Complete Address: _____
Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____
Phone (Work): _____ E-Mail: _____
Occupation: Employer: _____

Check Associations that you currently hold an Approved Judges Card:

AQHA APHA CRHA AMHA IBHA PHBA PtHA POAC AHA
NSBA USEF NRHA NCHA ARHA Other: _____

Check All of the Following Classes That You Have Judging Experience:

Stock Breed Halter Hunter in Hand Showmanship at Halter Longe Line
Reining Western Riding Stock Seat Equitation
Western Pleasure Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
Trail Speed Events Indian/Open Costume
Hunt Seat Equitation Hunter Hack Equitation Over Fences
Hunter Under Saddle Hunter Over Fences Jumping
Saddleseat Saddleseat Equitation
Other: _____

What experiences have you had with judging: _____

Number of shows judged over the past three years: _____

List all Equine Associations you have been a member/officer/committee representative/ member of: _____

Personal References: (Please give complete names and addresses)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Day Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Day Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Show Management References:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Day Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Day Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Attendance at a CRHA approved judges' clinic is required before finalizing your approval as a CRHA carded judge. Our current approval clinic is sponsored by NCSU in North Carolina. Please include proof of attendance and certification with your application.

The designation of being a CRHA Approved Judge is a privilege. Qualifications that the CRHA is searching for include equine expertise, personal character and an interest in the CRHA breed. All applicants will be appraised on these qualifications. Professional conduct is expected at all times. Status as an approved CRHA Judge may be revoked by the CRHA at any time without a formal hearing. As a courtesy, the CRHA may grant a 60-day notice if possible. No privilege of appeal shall be available. A rejected applicant may re-apply one year after date of rejection. An additional fee is required for this application.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a crime involving minors? Yes No

If the answer to the above question is yes please explain in detail _____

The information on this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand any inaccuracies or discrepancies will be considered unfavorable in my application. Furthermore, I understand that the designated authorities of CRHA have the right to accept or deny this application, as well as the right to withdraw my name from the list of approved CRHA judges at any time. I will not challenge CRHA acceptance or rejection of my application or its removal of me as a CRHA judge. I agree to abide by the above rules in consideration for the addition of my name to the CRHA Approved Judges List and I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the CRHA as a member of this organization.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Current membership is required to be an approved CRHA Judge

Please mark one and enclose fee with this application:

- Yearly Membership \$25 Renewal \$20.00
- Yearly Judge Application and Card fee \$25.00

Membership and judge card fees are required every year by Jan 30th in order to remain and active CRHA judge. If your membership lapses for more than 30 days you must reapply for your card.

Return Application and Direct Questions To: CRHA – 1510 Greenhouse Road, Wampum, PA 16157 or email kozyk_farm@hotmail.com CRHA has a PayPal account.

GENERAL RULES FOR CRHA JUDGES

1) Designation as a CRHA-Approved judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the CHRA Board of Directors according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. A judge shall judge an CRHA-approved and/or sponsored event in accordance with applicable rules, regulations, directives and guidelines of the CRHA. An individual's conduct as a member, exhibitor, and judge and his/her ability must be exemplary; is subject to continual CRHA Board Review; and such designation is revocable for cause by the CRHA Board of Directors following notice and a formal hearing before the CRHA Board to determine whether the judge's designation as an CRHA-approved judge should be revoked. A judge whose CRHA-approved judge's card has been revoked by determination of the CRHA Board of Directors shall have the right only for thirty (30) days following any such determination to request, by written notice of appeal filed with the CRHA President that includes the basis for such appeal, that the CRHA Board of Directors review such determination. The CRHA President shall determine whether the CRHA Board of Directors will review the matter and, if it is decided to review the matter, the appeal will be reviewed based on the record of the proceedings before the CRHA Board, at which the judge may appear and present and refute testimony and evidence. The CRHA Board will issue its determination in regard to any such appeal and such determination shall be final and binding on all parties.

A) A CRHA judge's approved status will remain valid and in effect for a period of three (3) years, per clinic testing cycle, provided all membership and judge card fees are paid on time. At the end of that period, each CRHA judge's approved status is subject to automatic review and disposition by the CRHA Board in conjunction with renewed certification and appropriate test scores. Upon such review a judge's approved status may:

1. be renewed as is for a successive period of three (3) years; or
2. be renewed for a shorter period with and/or without restrictions or provisions; or
3. not be renewed.

B) The CRHA Board, in addition to any other valid ground or reason, may refuse to issue a card or may revoke the judge's card of any person:

1. Who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in state or federal prison, or who has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;
2. Who has made a material misrepresentation or false statement to the CRHA Board or its agents in his or her application for a judge's card or otherwise, or who fails to answer any material question on the judge's application or in the judge's card process;
3. Who is suspended from or has been denied judging privileges in USEF, AQHA, ApHC, NCHA, NRHA, APHA, CRHA, or any other recognized breed registry;
4. Who has committed any acts in connection with the horse industry which were fraudulent or in violation of a trust or duty or has been suspended for any drug related violation in any equine association.
5. Who has unlawfully engaged in or has been convicted of possession, use or sale of any narcotic, dangerous drug or marijuana;
6. Who has violated or who aids, abets or conspires with any person to violate any provision of the rules of the CRHA;
7. Who, after accepting a judging commitment, has not made all reasonable effort to judge such show or has not timely communicated to show management any inability to complete such commitment;
8. Who does not, at all times, conduct himself/herself in an exemplary and professional manner, such as not showing courtesy and respect towards show management, exhibitors and spectators and not wearing appropriate attire while judging an CRHA-approved or sponsored show.
9. Who is not physically able to move normally about the arena without aid in order to perform prescribed duties; or who must judge from a sitting position; or who does not have normal vision, corrected by eyeglasses or contact lenses, if necessary. Provided, however, that any person who is otherwise qualified to be an CRHA judge but for a disability recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") shall not be denied status as an CRHA-approved judge.

C) Any person suspended by the CRHA for cause, except for temporary suspension without hearing, will be automatically removed from the list of approved judges and must reapply for approval in the usual manner. Removal of an individual from the CRHA's list of approved judges for any reason, including, but not limited to, suspension from membership, denial of CRHA privileges, or failure to comply with CRHA rules, shall be absolute, with no provision for automatic reinstatement. Upon regaining active membership status, the individual may apply for reinstatement of previously held judging status under the current procedures for admission of new applicants.

D) If a judge is removed from the CRHA judge's list due to temporary suspension without hearing, the judge may, after temporary suspension has been lifted, apply for reinstatement in the following manner:

1. Payment of a non-refundable fifty dollar (\$50.00) reinstatement fee;
2. Written statement declaring the reason or reasons that the judge failed to make said payments before the same became delinquent;
3. The CRHA President may, after payment of the requisite fee and submission of the written statement, reinstate judges' status or the same may be submitted to the Judges' Committee at their next regular meeting for review and consideration.

E) However, anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding persons who have been subject to disciplinary action of record for two violations of CRHA Rules and Regulations shall be ineligible for the judge's designation, and it shall be incumbent upon the CRHA Board to revoke a person's CRHA-approved judge's designation upon notification that the individual has been found to be in violation of the rules and regulations governing the CRHA and that such violation is of record.

F) In order to retain active judges' status, judges must:

1. Hold current membership in the CRHA. Dues for such membership are payable on January 1st of each year and must be renewed no later than January 30th of each year. Membership is required in order to appear on the approved judge's list.
2. Pay an annual judges' card renewal fee.
3. Attend a CRHA-approved judges' seminar once every three years.
4. Receive a passing grade (90%) on the CRHA written test.

G) After acceptance of a judging commitment, a judge shall endeavor, with all reasonable effort, to judge the show.

1. Inability to judge: A judge shall timely communicate to show management any inability to complete commitment, so as to allow the show management adequate time in which to seek a suitable replacement.
 - a. Written explanation: Additionally, the judge shall immediately file with the CRHA written explanation of such inability to meet his/her commitment, specifying the date and manner in which he/she communicated to the show and with whom he/she communicated.
2. Arriving within the prescribed time: A judge upon arrival at the destination where he/she is to officiate, should contact an official of the show and advise him of his/her presence and location. A judge not arriving within the prescribed time frame without reasonable explanation may be subject to review and disciplinary action.
3. Judge unable to complete judging assignment at show: Any judge who is unable to complete his/her judging assignment at the show after arriving on the show grounds shall submit a written statement to the CRHA within 30 days. The show management shall select a suitable replacement and notify the CRHA in writing.

H) A judge shall not commit the following acts:

1. A judge shall not discuss with an exhibitor the purchase, sale or lease of any horse during a show or multi-judge show at which he/she is officiating.
2. A judge shall not have physical contact with horses or equipment while that judge is judging any classes, except in the case of emergency.

3. A judge shall not personally exhibit a horse, nor can a horse owned in whole or in part by the judge be exhibited at an approved or sponsored show in which a judge is officiating
 4. Any judge who has been contracted to judge at any CRHA-sponsored event shall not be allowed to judge any CRHA-approved event in North America within 21 days prior to the CRHA-sponsored event (i.e. National Show vs Regional Show).
 - a. Judges who have been adjudicated guilty of violation(s) of CRHA rules will not be eligible to judge the National Show. Administrative action by the CRHA is not to be considered to be disciplinary action.
 5. A judge shall not be an exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, steward, ring steward or manager at any show or multi-judge show in which he/she is judging, whether or not classes in which he/she judges are conducted under CRHA rules. A judge also shall not be an exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, steward, ring steward, or manager of any back-to-back or multi-judge shows in which he/she is judging one of the shows.
 6. A judge may not officiate two consecutive years at the same show or National Show.
 7. Judges are prohibited from using tobacco and/or alcohol products, cellular phones, pagers or electronic communication devices for personal use in the arena during an approved show.
- I) Judges are required to provide written notice to the Executive Secretary by certified mail or other guaranteed delivery service, of any address or telephone number changes within thirty (30) days of such changes. In the event that any notice is not given, the judge shall bear all consequences of such failure.
- J) A judge (or judges) shall present in writing any grievance that he/she may have against contestants or shows to the secretary or appointed representative of the sponsoring association at the time of the grievance, and forward a copy to the CRHA, and his/her case will be reviewed by the CRHA Board.
- K) The judge must comply with rules governing individual CRHA classes.
- L) Judges must place the top six entries in each class except in classes of fewer than six entries or in instances of lack of merit; and if without merit, the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. No class is complete until all ties through point-earning placings are broken. If a tied contestant is disqualified in the run-off, (s)he is not to be placed any lower than the lowest position for which (s)he was tied. Contestants disqualified during the first run are not considered to be tied for a place even if there were fewer than eight entries in the class.
- M) The judge at his/her discretion may refuse entry into the arena for improper attire or equipment. Further, a judge may eliminate any horse or exhibitor as an entry which he/she does not feel has legitimately attempted to comply with the class rules and procedures. In such case, this entry would not be counted as an entry for the purpose of determining the number of entries in the class for national points.
- N) Judging begins when the entrant enters the arena and ends when all judging is complete. After a judge has placed a class and signed the judge's card, a class will not be re-judged and the judge's record shall not be changed. If clerical corrections, initiated by show official(s) (typically announcer, but could also be show secretary, manager or ring steward) are made to a judge's card, they must be approved and initialed by the judge. Once a judge's placings have been announced, no clerical corrections shall be made.
- O) No judge shall determine the eligibility for registration of any entry in the ring and shall at all times refrain from making comments regarding such.
- P) CRHA Judges should be sensitive to any conflict of interest between the CRHA's objective and their own personal business. Each judge should refrain from using his or her official status to further one's own personal or financial purpose.
1. Neither the judge nor members of his/her family nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate or member of a judge's household nor any of the judge's clients, employers or employees or employers of a member of the judge's family shall exhibit or act as agents, representatives in any capacity, or handlers of a horse in any approved class at a show or multi-judge show at which he/she is officiating. Members of the judge's family shall not be present in the arena during judging except as a hired ring steward or in the handing out of awards.
 2. No judge may judge a horse, and no horse may be shown under a judge, if that judge has been owner, trainer, agent in any capacity, or conditioner of that horse within the previous 90 days.

3. A judge shall not judge a horse which is owned by anyone from whom the judge has received a salary, commission, or any kind of remuneration for selling or buying any horse for that individual; or, whether or not a horse is concerned in the transaction, has been in the employ, or has represented such individual in any capacity for remuneration, within 90 days from the date of the subject. An individual who assists an exhibitor as helper in Grand and Reserve Champion, Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, Hunter in Hand or driving classes is excluded from this rule. The official exhibitor is the individual who handled, rode or drove the horse in the main classes.

4. No judge may judge a horse belonging to, or being exhibited by, any member of the judge's family.

5. These specified areas of disqualifying conflict of interest are not exclusive and CRHA Judges are ineligible to judge another's horse in other situations not designated by the rule. If a judge cannot exercise his/her objective opinion, free from possible prejudice, bias, or outside influence, because of his/her connection with an owner, exhibitor or anyone else connected with the horse, or, for that matter, if such connection would appear to others of possible bias, whether or not the judge feels he/she would be affected, a judge must disqualify himself.

6. In a multi-judge show, if a judge is confronted during a class with an entry that poses a conflict of interest, the judge shall not judge that entry. The remaining judge(s) shall judge that entry and that entry will be counted towards the total number of horses in the class. The judge with the conflict shall mark his/her card, note the total number of entries (including the entry that posed a conflict) and must make a notation on his/her card that the entry is a conflict.

Q) A judge's decision will be considered final. A judge's decision, representing his or her individual preference is not protestable unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules.

R) Each judge shall be responsible for independently tallying the correct number of entries actually exhibited in each class he/she judges and marking the correct totals on a form provided by the CRHA. It is the judge's responsibility to complete, sign and return this form to the CRHA show staff immediately upon the end of the class at all sponsored CRHA shows and to the CRHA point keeper within ten days of all CRHA approved shows.

S) A judge shall not appear on the show or contest grounds prior to 30 minutes before judging. A judge shall not visit in the horse barns, nor with the owners, nor inspect or discuss any horse entered in the show or contest before judging.

T) The sponsor and/or management of any CRHA-approved and -sponsored shows or events shall make reasonable accommodation, as determined by the CRHA, for any CRHA judge having a disability recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). Any judge having a disability recognized under the ADA must (i) inform show management of such disability prior to accepting an offer to judge any such show or event and (ii) contact the CRHA Executive Secretary Coordinator prior to judging any such show or event to discuss what reasonable accommodation, if any, can be made and will so notify show management. In the case of any judge whose disability under the ADA prevents him or her from walking without aid or requires him or her to sit while judging, the reasonable accommodation shall require the judge to judge from outside the show ring so as not to constitute a significant risk to the safety of himself/herself, other persons and/or horses in the show arena.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGE

1). To make a formal complaint against an CRHA-approved judge, such complaint must be in writing, signed by the complainant, contain alleged rule violations, date and location of such violation and be submitted to the CRHA office within thirty days of the show or contest. By filing this complaint, the complainant agrees to attend a hearing conducted by the CRHA in regard to the matter either at the CRHA offices or as directed by the CRHA Board.

2) If a formal complaint is made against a CRHA-approved judge, the CRHA Board is the forum within the CRHA which shall hear and review complaints alleging rule violations by CRHA-approved judges acting in their capacity as CRHA approved judges. Proceedings before the CRHA Board shall be conducted, after proper notice, in like manner as disciplinary proceedings before the CRHA Board. In addition to having a right to revoke designation as a CRHA-approved judge or to refuse to issue a CRHA judge's card, the CRHA Board may impose on any person found to be guilty of any such violation hereunder such penalties as the CRHA Board may determine, including but not limited to, those set forth in Disciplinary Procedure and General Violations. The decision of the CRHA Board shall be binding and final on all parties.

3) In the event that any judge at or during any show is guilty of gross misconduct or engages in belligerent or extremely disruptive behavior or is in such a physical, mental or emotional condition so as to substantially affect such judge's ability to judge properly, show management, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to prohibit such judge from judging the show and to remove such judge from the show grounds. The show manager shall, on the next business day, file a written report of any such incident to the CRHA Executive Secretary.