

# Memo

**To:** CMSA – Range Masters  
**From:** Alex Ross  
**Re:** AQHA Specialized Cowboy Mounted Shooting Judges

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The AQHA Judges Committee and AQHA Executive Committee, along with CMSA, have agreed to approve CMSA Range Masters for AQHA approved events with the following stipulations.

1. The judge must have a current AQHA individual membership.
2. The judge must sign the AQHA Judge Code of Ethics.
3. The judge must complete the 10 question procedures test.
4. The judge must complete the CMSA Judge Biographical form.
5. Submit all items listed above, along with a \$100 application fee.
6. The judge must be a CMSA level 3 or higher.

The enclosed packet contains a membership form, the AQHA Code of Ethics, the procedure test and a CMSA Judge Biographical form. If you are interested in becoming an AQHA-Approved Specialized Judge, complete the required forms and submit to:

AQHA  
Attention: Carla Nelson  
P.O. Box 200  
Amarillo, Texas 79168

If you have any questions, please email Carla at [cnelson@aqha.org](mailto:cnelson@aqha.org) or call (806) 378-4708.





# AQHA

## JUDGE CODE OF ETHICS

Designation as an AQHA-approved Judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Judges Committee to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. It is important that you judge by and adhere to all the current rules and regulations as stated in the *AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations*. An individual's conduct as a member, exhibitor and judge, must be exemplary; is subject to continual Judge's Committee review; and such designation is revocable by the Judges Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Executive Committee.

By signing below, I agree to the following:

- To uphold all rules pertaining to Judges
- To adhere to the professional standards of the AQHA and at all times, act in a professional manner.
- To be courteous and judge with a positive attitude.
- To have the conviction to judge by the rules and disqualify entries that are in the violation of the rules.
- To not accept any sort of remuneration, consideration, or anything of value that constitutes a bribe in the furtherance of judging duties.
- To promptly report to the Director of Judges any attempt by third parties to bribe me or otherwise influence me in the furtherance of my judging services.
- To report any information regarding bribes or illegal persuasion of judges, whether directed toward myself or other judges.
- To ensure that the welfare of the American Quarter Horse is paramount and that every American Quarter Horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- To instill confidence among exhibitors and the public in the American Quarter Horse industry, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting it or membership in the American Quarter Horse Association.
- To judge honestly, fairly and impartially each horse exhibited to me strictly on the horse's conformation and/or its performance as the rules of the event dictate.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name



## CMSA JUDGES PROCEDURE TEST

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the blank and provide the rule and page number:

1. AQHA judges must hold current \_\_\_\_\_ failure to do so will result in \_\_\_\_\_. If removed for failure to maintain an individual membership, the judge must wait 12 months from the date their membership is activated to reapply for judging credentials. Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
2. A judge shall make every reasonable effort to judge a show after accepting a judging commitment. If unable to fulfill the commitment, the judge \_\_\_\_\_ show management in a timely manner to allow show management maximum time to secure a suitable replacement. The judge must also immediately notify AQHA \_\_\_\_\_ with a complete explanation of the failure to meet the commitment, including the time, date and manner that show management was notified.  
Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Judges may not \_\_\_\_\_ with any exhibitor the day prior to or during the show. Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
4. A judge must at all times, act in a \_\_\_\_\_ manner. Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
5. A judge must \_\_\_\_\_ to the Judges Code of Ethics. Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Judges must wear \_\_\_\_\_ attire, including hat and boots, while judging an AQHA approved show. Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
7. A judge may order any \_\_\_\_\_ from competition for poor conduct of either. Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
8. A judge shall eliminate any \_\_\_\_\_ as an entry which he/she feels is in violation of the intent of AQHA's prohibited conduct rules, or which he/she does not feel has legitimately attempted to exhibit the horse to the best of the horse's ability. Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
9. A judge \_\_\_\_\_ be involved in the management of a show and officiate as a judge at that show. Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_
10. No class is complete until all \_\_\_\_\_ through point-earning places are \_\_\_\_\_.  
Rule/Page: \_\_\_\_\_



## **CMSA Judge Biographical Information**

We need the following biographical information on you for your file. Please assist us by completing the following questions. Thank you.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AQHA ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

*There is room on the judges list for two numbers, but online there is only one listed. The number you list first will show up online.*

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_