

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE ASSOCIATION
SHOW JUDGING COMMITTEE PENALTIES FOR RULE VIOLATIONS
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It is the Judge's responsibility to know and comply with the Show Judging Committee (SJC) Rules and Regulations. The Show Judging Committee's primary concern is the preservation of the Rocky Mountain Horse through the implementation of the RMHA licensed Judges' program that accomplishes such preservation through the show ring while promoting the breed. Please refer to your SJC Rules and Regulations by Roman numeral and section letter to connect the penalty that applies to the rule.

I. General Requirements: Senior, Junior and Apprentice Judge

Section 1. A

Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action that may include removal from the RMHA Judges' program.

Section I. C

1st offense: Failure to comply will result in a written warning.

2nd offense: Judge's name will be removed from the list of eligible Judges for a minimum of 30 days and will remain as such until notifications have been received by the SJC Chair.

3rd offense: Judge's name will be removed from the list of eligible Judges for a minimum of 60 days and will remain as such until notifications have been received by the SJC Chair.

Section I. D

If any license has been allowed to expire, the individual must then successfully complete the next available RMHA certified Judges' Clinic to be accepted back into the Judges' Program. If the former judge is accepted, former status will not guarantee same status upon return.

II. Apprentice Requirements:

Section II. B

Failure to comply within the allotted time frame will result in the loss of the Apprenticeship status. The individual must then re-apply to the SJC to attend the next available RMHA certified Judges' Clinic, and must successfully complete the clinic based on criteria set at such Clinic in order to regain Apprentice status.

Sections II. C, D, & E

Failure to comply will result in the Apprentice receiving no credit for the show apprenticed.

Section II. D

In the event more than one (1) Apprentice is given approval to apprentice at any one show due to an oversight of the show manager, the Show Manager and the Apprentices will discuss and determine which of the two (2) Apprentices first gained approval. At that

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time, the Apprentice who first gained permission will be the only one allowed to apprentice at that show unless more than one Senior Judge is available and willing to allow the Apprentice to work under him/her.

Section II. F

1. If interference with the Judging process occurs through conversation, the Apprentice may be removed from the show ring.
2. If this rule violation occurs through SJC observation, SJC will ask show management to remove the Apprentice from the ring.

III. Junior Judge Requirements:

Section III. A

Failure to comply within the allotted time frame will result in the loss of judging status. The SJC will notify the individual of non-compliance.

IV. Senior Judge Requirements:

Section IV. A

Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action that may include removal from the Judges' Program.

V. Judges Rules and Regulations

Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action that may include removal from the Judges' Program.

VI. Judges Ethical Conduct

Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action that may include removal from the Judges' Program.

Please note:

1. If any rule violations occur during ANY probation period, the Judge is subject to license revocation.
2. If a Judge is placed on suspension after he or she has been contracted to judge a show, it is the responsibility of that contracted individual to inform the Show Manager and terminate the contract. The SJC will assist the Show Manager in finding a new Judge for their show if necessary.
3. Any Senior Judge on probation is not eligible to Judge the Annual International Rocky Mountain Horse Show.
4. In the event a Judge's License is revoked, he/she will be notified via confirmation delivery mail and is effective immediately.