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American Saddlebred Horse Association
Policy Regarding Judges Committee for the Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show

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WCHS Rule

The following was approved by the Kentucky State Fair Board on July 28, 2016:

A Judges' Committee, established by the American Saddlebred Horse Association and comprised of five (5) members, including four (4) members of the Board of Directors of the ASHA and one (1) member of the Board of Directors of the United Professional Horsemen's Association, will assist with the selection of judges for the World's Championship Horse Show.

On or before November 15 of each year, the Judges' Committee shall provide the Horse Show Manager with a list of five (5) potential judges for the WCHS to be held the following August. All potential judges included on such list shall:

- a) be current "Large R" certified judges;
- b) be in good standing with the ASHA and the USEF; and
- c) have indicated to the Judges' Committee that they are available and willing to serve as judges for the upcoming WCHS.

The Horse Show Manager shall hire judges for the upcoming WCHS only from the list provided by the Judges' Committee. In the event that any potential judges cannot or will not serve, after having indicated that they were available and willing to do so, the Judges' Committee expeditiously shall provide a list of additional potential judges to the Horse Show Manager until the requisite number of five (5) judges is hired.

Policy/Procedure for the WCHS Judges' Committee

- * The WCHS Judges' Committee shall be a Standing Committee of the ASHA. The President of the ASHA shall appoint four (4) members of the ASHA's current Board of Directors to serve on this Committee, and the President shall designate one of these members to serve as Chair of the Committee.
- * The President shall contact the UPHA to determine the name of the one (1) member of the Committee who will serve as the UPHA representative on the Committee, and the Chair of the Committee will include the UPHA Committee member in all Committee communications and meetings.
- * Commencing in February of each year the ASHA will solicit suggestions from the general ASHA membership regarding judges for the WCHS for the following calendar year. There will be a deadline for submitting names as set by the Chairman of the Committee. Each member will be asked to submit one (1) name that has the required large Rs. The ASHA will keep this information confidential and anonymous. The ASHA staff will provide the Chair of the





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Committee with a summary listing of the names with the Top 10 of all those who have been recommended. Those Top 10 names will be the starting point for the Committee's list, however, they are not bound to that list.

* In May or June of each year, the Committee will meet to review the names that have been suggested by the ASHA membership, and to discuss additional names that may have been brought to the attention of Committee members. The Committee will have whatever additional meetings it desires in order to formulate a proposed list of at least seven suggested judges for the WCHS by November 15th of each year. In formulating the proposed list, the Committee will take into account the names of the individuals who have judged the WCHS during the past 15 years.

* In accordance with the Rule, all names on the proposed list must be current "Large R" certified judges; must be members in good standing of the ASHA and the USEF; and shall have indicated to the Committee that they would be available and willing to serve as judges of the WCHS in the following calendar year if requested to do so.

* By October 15th of each year, the Committee shall present its proposed list of seven (7) to ten (10) suggested judges for the WCHS to be held in the following calendar year to the President of the ASHA.

* At the October Board Meeting of the ASHA, the proposed list of judges will be presented to the ASHA Board, and the entire ASHA Board will vote by written ballot to rank the suggested judges in order from most votes to least votes.

* The five names ranked the highest from the ASHA Board shall then be presented to the Committee, and the Committee will contact each of the five individuals to confirm that such individual is available and willing to judge the WCHS in the following calendar year.

- In the event that any of the five individuals receiving the highest ranking from the ASHA Board indicates that he or she is not able to judge the WCHS in the following calendar year, the Committee will contact the individual(s) who received the next highest ranking and proceed accordingly until the 5-judge panel is filled.

*** For the first two years I would like the committee to remain the same for consistency and working through and exposing any weak links in the process. On year 3 and thereafter I would like to see (2) members come off the committee each year and two new people added. That rotation will continue so members will serve two years.

Any and all communications and discussions of the Committee and the ASHA Board regarding the Committee shall remain completely confidential and shall not be shared with any other parties.

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