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### **World Championship Horse Show Judges Selection Committee Timeframes And Criteria**

The following timeframes and criteria for determination of judges for the World Championship Horse Show (“WCHS”) shall be adhered to each year when the World Championship Horse Show Judges Selection Committee (“WCHSJSC”) proposes judges to the ASHA Board of Directors (“ASHA BOD”).

The timeframes shall be as follows:

- 1) **On or before August 1:** the ASHA BOD shall send out an email to the general membership giving them until August 31 to make suggestions for judges for the following year. The ASHA BOD will include in the email the criteria for judges set forth below to explain how to be selective in making their suggestions. On the same timeframes, the ASHA BOD will send an email to the Presidents of the American Hackney Horse Society (“AHHS”) and American Road Horse and Pony Association (“ARHPA”) requesting that the board of directors of each suggest their top 5 candidates suitable to judge all divisions at the WCHS;
- 2) **On or before September 1:** the results of the voting of the general membership of the ASHA and the boards of directors of the AHHS and ARHPA shall be given to the WCHSJSC to then start its vetting process, taking into careful consideration the suggestions of the AHHS and the ARHPA. Suggested names that do not meet the criteria set forth below will not be considered;
- 3) **Between September 1 and October 1:** the WCHSJSC will create a list of top 10 candidates;
- 4) **On or before October 1:** the WCHSJSC will send the list to the United Professional Horsemen’s Association Board of Directors (“UPHA BOD”) along with a request that the UPHA BOD rate each candidate on a 1-5 scale (with 1 being the worst and 5 being the best) and provide any comments, whether they be positive or negative, regarding the criteria set forth below and previous judging experiences with each candidate;
- 5) **On or before October 15:** the UPHA will forward its results to the WCHSJSC;
- 6) **Not fewer than 7 days prior to the October ASHA BOD meeting:** the WCHSJSC will have:
  - a. confirmed and/or re-evaluated the results;
  - b. created from its final top 10 list 3 alternative judges’ panels consisting of 5 judges and 1 alternate; and
  - c. submitted the 3 alternative judges’ panels to the ASHA BOD;
- 7) **At the October meeting of the ASHA BOD:** the ASHA BOD will vote on the alternative judges’ panels. The top vote getter will be selected as the panel. In the event of a tie, the judges’ panels which tied will be voted on and the winner will be selected as the judges’ panel
- 8) **After the judges’ panel has been selected:** the Secretary of the ASHA shall notify the candidates of the results and forward the results to the Presidents of the UPHA, AHHS and ARHPA and to the applicable representative of the WCHS





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The WCHSJSC shall consider the following items in evaluating candidates:

- 1) Each candidate must hold a "Large R" designation in every division in which he or she will officiate;
- 2) Each candidate must not have judged the WCHS within the last 5 years;
- 3) Each candidate must be available to judge the WCHS the following year;
- 4) Each candidate must have the physical ability to judge the WCHS (stamina, ability to walk lineups, ability to stand for significant periods of time);
- 5) Judging experience:
  - a. does the candidate have experience judging "Large USEF Rated Shows" (300+ horses such as Midwest Charity, Lexington Junior League, Blue Ridge Classic, WCHS, American Royal)?;
  - b. how many "USEF A Rated Shows" has the candidate judged?;
  - c. how many shows has each candidate judged that had 3 judge judges' panels?; and
  - d. how recent is each candidate's judging experience?;
- 6) In an effort to create a judges' panel representing honesty, integrity and competence, the WCHSJSC will evaluate:
  - a. the personal reputation of each candidate;
  - b. each candidate's reputation regarding his or her quality in judging; and
  - c. whether any candidate has any conflict(s) of interest (including, but not limited to, family members who likely would show in front of the candidate at the WCHS, relationships known in the industry that may create the appearance of conflicts of interest that may reflect negatively on the industry, family members being clients of other trainers who are likely to show or have clients who are likely to show in front of the candidate at the WCHS)
- 7) In an effort to create a judges' panel that has geographic diversity, the WCHSJSC will consider the city and home state of each candidate

