

AMHA
Judge Application
Packet

The Horse for Everyone



Any questions please contact Val Shingledecker 817 783-5600 ext 316
or email val@amha.org

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What is included in Judges Packets:

- Becoming an AMHA Judge Letter
- Application
- Information for Reference Forms
- Early Apprentice Note
- Reference Forms
- Clinic Info – if available
- Must return at least 6 reference forms
- Must pay \$50.00 judges application fee and be a current AMHA member
- Must send in a photo of themselves

Once a completed application is received, an AMHA Rule Book will be mailed out. The current Rule Book in pdf form is available online on the AMHA website.



AMHA Judge Applicant Information

The following is information involved in applying to become an **AMHA Approved Judge**. **Apprentice Applicants** are those individuals who do not currently hold a National Equine Card. **Carded Applicants** are those individuals who do currently hold a National Equine Card. If you have any questions about judge requirements or about completing these forms, please call the AMHA Show/LOC Department at 817.783.5600. Reference LO-020 in the AMHA Rulebook for Carded (Approved) & Apprentice Status Rules.

- Applicants must submit a complete application with appropriate non-refundable fees (see application for fee schedule) and references.
- Applicants must be 19 years of age in order to apply.
- Provide a recent photo of yourself in the attire you would wear to judge a horse show. (The photo will remain with AMHA)
- Applicants' names will be published on the AMHA website upon completion of their judge's application.
- All completed references must be received by the AMHA before your application can be submitted to the Licensed Official Committee.
- Applicants are required to complete an Approved AMHA Seminar within twelve (12) months of the application being received in the AMHA Office. Please check the AMHA website at www.amha.org for the complete list of AMHA Judge Seminars. Anyone submitting an application to AMHA will receive seminar information.
- During the seminar, applicants are required to complete a Closed AMHA Rulebook Test, Interviews conducted by the Licensed Official Committee, and the AMHA Seminar Session. At that time, the committee determines:
 1. If an **Apprentice Applicant** is approved he/she must apprentice three (3) AMHA approved shows, of which two (2) must be outside the applicants home state.
 2. If a **Carded Applicant** is approved he/she must apprentice a minimum of one (1) and up to three (3) AMHA shows, of which two (2) must be outside the applicants home state. The number of shows to apprentice will be determined by the Licensed Official Committee.
- 3. Or if the application will be denied approval.
- Applicants must complete apprenticing requirements within twelve (12) months from the date of notification. Failure to complete the application process will result in the file being declared void and require that the application process including repayment of the application fee, be started over.
- Applicants will be notified by mail with all appropriate information required to apprentice the required number of AMHA Approved Shows. Refer to LO-020-D in the AMHA Rulebook for all rules regarding Apprentice Judging Requirements.
- Once the apprentice applicants references have been received from the AMHA Judges he or she apprenticed with, the file will be reviewed at the next scheduled Licensed Official Committee meeting to determine if the applicant is accepted as an **AMHA Approved Judge**, or if the application will be denied approval.
- If you are accepted for **AMHA Approved Judging Status**, your name will appear on the AMHA website as an Approved Judge. All Approved Judges must maintain their membership in the AMHA. Your name will be added to the list provided to Show Managers/Secretaries seeking the names and addresses of Approved Judges. The list of Approved Judges is posted on the AMHA web site.
- How to Reapply: See LO-010-C



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AMHA JUDGE APPLICATION

Reference LO-020 in the current AMHA Official Rulebook

AMHA Apprentice Applicants: This application is to be used to apply for status as an Apprentice Judge as defined in the AMHA Official Rule Book. To be approved, Apprentice Applicants must meet the Apprentice Judge criteria. Apprentice Applicants may apprentice an AMHA Show after this application is received in the AMHA office. **Apprentice Applicants must Apprentice Judge a minimum of three (3) AMHA Approved Shows (1 with an AMHA Senior Judge). Two (2) of the three (3) shows must be outside your home state.**

AMHA Carded Applicants: This application is to be used to apply for status as an approved, carded, AMHA judge, as defined in the AMHA Official Rule Book. To be approved, AMHA Carded Applicants must have previous judging experience and must be approved as a judge in good standing by another recognized national equine breed organization. **Each applicant must apprentice a minimum of one (1) AMHA Approved Show and up to three (3) before they are awarded an AMHA Judge's Card. The number of apprenticed shows will be determined by the Licensed Official Committee during the testing and interview session.**

All Applicants

No application will be considered by the LOC until all criteria are fulfilled. All AMHA Apprentice Judge and AMHA Carded Applicants must attend an AMHA Seminar, (seminar fees are not included in the application fee) where they are required to attend closed book AMHA Rulebook Testing, Interviews conducted by the Licensed Official Committee, Video judging and an AMHA Session. The Licensed Official Committee will review your file at this time.

AMHA judge cards, valid for one (1) year, will be issued to applicants upon approval by the AMHA Licensed Officials Committee (LOC). This card must be renewed annually.

Return this completed application along with the fee schedule below and a recent full-length photograph of yourself in **judging attire** to the American Miniature Horse Association to the above address.

Thank you for your interest in the American Miniature Horse.

Checklist:

1. Completed Approved Judge Application
2. \$50.00 Application Fee. (fee is nonrefundable)
(checks should be payable to AMHA)
3. \$70.00 Associate US membership fee
4. Recent Full-Length Color Photograph

This application becomes a permanent record on file with the American Miniature Horse Association.

AMHA JUDGE APPLICATION

(PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ENTIRELY - TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY WITH A PEN)

Date: _____

Name: _____ Nickname _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Business #: _____ Cell # _____

E-mail address : _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

List the AMHA approved Judges Clinic you plan to attend:

Name of clinic	Location	Date
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Indicate the number of horse shows you have judged in the past three (3) years.

	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
AMHA Approved Shows	_____	_____	_____
Recognized Breed Shows	_____	_____	_____
Open Shows	_____	_____	_____
4-H Shows	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

List major shows you have judged for other associations or organizations:

Carded Applicants Only: Check recognized Equine Breed or Horse Show Associations in which you are currently approved **AS A JUDGE** and the approval dates:

	Date Current	Status		Date Current	Status
	Approved			Approved	
___ ABRA	_____	_____	___ NRHA	_____	_____
___ APHA	_____	_____	___ NSBA	_____	_____
___ ApHC	_____	_____	___ PHBA	_____	_____
___ AQHA	_____	_____	___ POAC	_____	_____
___ IBHA	_____	_____	___ PtHA	_____	_____
___ NCHA	_____	_____	___ AMHR	_____	_____
___ USEF	_____	_____	___ Other	_____	_____

Have you ever had your judge's privileges suspended or revoked? _____ Yes _____ No
 If yes, please provide details. (you may attach a separate sheet with details)

List Equine Associations in which you are a member, and offices or committee appointments which you have held: _____

List your accomplishments in the horse industry: _____

List any accomplishments with Miniature Horses: _____

Why do you want to become an AMHA judge? _____

References: Applicants are responsible for mailing their own reference forms. The LOC Committee requires six (6) completed reference forms. You may want to mail eight (8) to ensure receipt of the required six.

Apprentice Applicants: If you have no judging experience, please provide six (6) knowledgeable equine professionals who you personally have worked with or know.

Carded Applicants: Three judges & three show management personnel who have seen you judge.

Members Of The Licensed Officials Committee May Not Be Used As References

Name _____ Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
C/S/Z _____ C/S/Z _____
Judge: ___ Show Mgmt: ___ Other: ___ Judge: ___ Show Mgmt: ___ Other: ___

Name _____ Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
C/S/Z _____ C/S/Z _____
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Judge: ___ Show Mgmt: ___ Other: ___ Judge: ___ Show Mgmt: ___ Other: ___

Applicants are responsible for mailing their own reference forms. Enclosed, please find an AMHA Judges Reference Form, this form may be copied and mailed to the above references. Please advise your references to return the completed form to the AMHA Office, Attn: Val Shingledecker

I hereby affirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I understand that I may not be approved as an AMHA Judge if it is determined that there are any inaccuracies or discrepancies in this application. I further understand that the position of AMHA Judge is a privilege, not a right, and that my selection as an approved AMHA Judge is at the sole discretion of the AMHA Licensed Officials Committee. If approved as an AMHA Judge, I agree to abide by the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the AMHA.

Amateur status will be temporarily suspended when an applicant Judge begins the Judge apprenticeship program or successfully completes the testing process with the Judges Seminar, which ever comes first. Amateur status will be suspended indefinitely once a Judges Card is applied for and issued.

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date: _____

Approved as: Approved Judge _____ Apprentice Judge _____ Rejected: _____

Remarks: _____



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AMHA JUDGE APPLICANTS PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

The person listed above has applied for a Judges Card with the American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. and has requested that we contact you as a reference with regard to his/her judging qualifications. We would appreciate your taking the time to complete and return this form, the applicants status will remain pending until you have done so.

In addition to answering the following questions, your own comments would be appreciated. Please be assured that your reply will be kept confidential and placed in the applicants file and reviewed by the AMHA Licensed Officials Committee. Thank you for your time and consideration in supplying the information herein.

Note: If the applicant has no judging experience, please check any that apply and use the comment section on the second page for a personal reference.

Circle One Number to Indicate Your Rating:

- | | |
|------------------|---------|
| #0-I do not know | #3-Good |
| #1-Excellent | #4-Fair |
| #2-Very Good | #5-Poor |

A. Dependability upon accepting

A judging commitment	0	1	2	3	4	5
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B. Professionalism in:

Appearance	0	1	2	3	4
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Conduct	0	1	2	3	4
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Dealing with Exhibitor	0	1	2	3	4
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Understanding Rules & Regulations	0	1	2	3	4
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Ability to render a fair and Impartial decision	0	1	2	3	4
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C. Expertise in judging conformation classes:

Miniature	0	1	2	3	4
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D. Performance Horses:

Hunter/Jumper/Dressage	0	1	2	3	4
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5	Driving:	Pleasure Classes	0	1	2	3	4
5		Fine Harness	0	1	2	3	4
5		Draft	0	1	2	3	4
5		Roadster	0	1	2	3	
4	5	Trail/Obstacle		0	1	2	3
4	5	Showmanship	0	1	2	3	4
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- OVER - PRINTED NAME OF SUBMITTER:

How well do you know the applicant?

___Not at all ___Name only ___Slightly ___Very well

I am an:

AMHA Member: ___Yes ___No

AMHA Judge: ___Yes ___No

Other Breed Judge: ABRA _____ PHBA _____ USA Eq _____
 APHA _____ PTHA _____ Other _____
 ApHA _____ IBHA _____ _____
 AQHA _____ POAC _____ _____

Show Manager: ___Yes ___No

Show Steward: ___Yes ___No

Please let us know why you think this applicant should be granted an AMHA Judging Card

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name

Address

State

Zip

Phone #

Cell #

email address

This is a confidential report which must be completed and sent directly to the American Miniature Horse Association by the person signing this report. Unsigned references will not be considered.

Thank you for your assistance.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS TO THE
ADDRESS ON THE FRONT OF THIS FORM, Attn: LOC Department
Fax to 817.783.6403, email to val@amha.org



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AMHA Apprentice Applicants

The Licensed Official Committee has authorized Apprentice Applicants to start apprenticing shows prior to attending an AMHA Clinic.

If you would like to start this process before attending an AMHA Clinic, please call **Val Shingledecker** at the AMHA Office, 817.783.5600, ext **316**. **Proper forms will need to be forwarded to you to start apprenticing.**

If proper forms are not completed, the show will not count towards your apprenticing.

