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## Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Judges List Requirements & Information

✓ **Requirements for all persons on the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Judges List:**

1. 21 years of age or older
2. Experience judging shows
3. Acceptable recommendations or references
4. Acceptable horse show judging evaluations
5. Complete enclosed application form or renewal form (*except* as noted below \*)
6. Be aware of and abide by rules in current Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and any available supplement.
7. **Attend at least one recognized judges school, seminar, or clinic every two years**
8. **Submit proof of attendance at the school with renewal information or application**

Recognized schools include, but are not limited to:

Schools sponsored by breed or horse show associations (AQHA, APHA, US Equestrian Federation, POA, Color Breed Council, etc.) extension or 4-H organizations (Penn State, Ohio, North Carolina, Multi-State Judges School, etc.). Information on schools or clinics can be obtained from the respective sponsor organizations. A judges school will be held in Pennsylvania (approximately every other year) that will meet this requirement.

✓ **Persons currently on the list who have changes in contact or other information must send updated information by January 15 of each calendar year.**

- \* **It is not necessary for judges currently on the list to submit a renewal form each year, unless you have new or updated information.**

This information will help us update our files and maintain an accurate list of persons available to judge 4-H shows. The judges list is updated periodically on the website at: [www.das.psu.edu](http://www.das.psu.edu) – go to 4-H programs, horses, and information for judges.

✓ **Requirements for new applicants:**

1. Meet above requirements, complete enclosed Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Judges List Application/Renewal and return completed form and required information to the address included on the application form.
2. If applicant has limited or no judging experience, see page 2 for additional information.
3. Submit at least two acceptable reference letters from an experienced equine professional, show manager or judge
4. Provide proof of judging experience, including at least *one* of the following:
  - a. Judges cards held in recognized organizations (AQHA, APHA, USEF, Color Breeds Council, etc.)
  - b. Resume including judging experience and dates, locations, and show contact information for at least 5 shows within the last three years
  - c. 5 acceptable horse show evaluations or evaluations from judges

✓ ***Requirements for applicants with limited or no judging experience:***

1. Return completed application, resume, and references
2. If application acceptable will be listed as a **Learner Judge**

In order to advance to the “regular” list, learner judges must submit 5-10 acceptable horse show judging evaluations *and* meet other criteria as listed. Evaluations must be signed by the horse show chair/manager or the local extension educator working with the show. Applicants who apprentice judge may submit up to half of the evaluations from cooperating judges, with the remaining evaluations from show management.

✓ ***Judges should request that the show manager submit evaluations of their judging for each 4-H show.*** Evaluation forms are available on the 4-H Horse Program website, or from county extension educators or show managers. Completed evaluations should be submitted to Andrea Graeff as noted below. A list of names of judges with evaluations on file is included with the judges list. A summary of judges’ evaluations will be made to show managers upon request.

✓ **Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rules** are reviewed and revised annually. You are expected to be knowledgeable of current Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show rules when judging county or district 4-H shows. The rulebook and any available supplement are on the web at: [www.das.psu.edu](http://www.das.psu.edu) – go to 4-H programs, then horses, rules.

✓ A **Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show rulebook test** will be given at the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Judges School, held every other year. It is suggested that all persons on the Pennsylvania 4-H judges list take the rulebook test every two years. The last date that the rulebook test was passed will be noted for each judge on the list.

***For additional information or questions regarding the judges list contact:***

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*Thank you for your interest in judging Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Shows!*

## Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Judges List

**Circle one:                      New Application      or      Renewal**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE\* \_\_\_\_\_  
*\* Must be at least 21 years of age.*

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK)

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Check the classes you are qualified to judge:

- Western
- Hunter
- Saddle Seat
- Driving (pleasure, draft, miniature)
- Showmanship
- Limited or no judging experience, check here; you will be included on list of **Learner Judges**

2. Check the type of show(s) you wish to judge:

- County
- District

3. Please list any judges cards held in other organizations. NOTE: Proof is required. Photocopies of cards are acceptable.

4. List shows judged in the last year, location, size & type of show, contact person and phone number.

5. List any judges training or seminars attended in the past three years and submit proof of completion.

6. **If not currently on PA 4-H Horse Show Judges List**, provide other documentation as outlined on attached requirements.

**RETURN TO:**

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