



Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Judges List Requirements & Information

The judges list is provided by the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program as a service to judges and show managers. The list is available on the 4-H Horse Show Judges website at: animalscience.psu.edu/horse-judges. The list provides a means for judges to make their availability known to show managers and includes information for show managers about judges who meet the requirements determined by the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program Development Committee.

The 4-H Horse Program Development committee reserves the right to prohibit or remove persons from the list that do not meet requirements, repeatedly receive poor evaluations or recommendations, and/or are otherwise determined by the committee to be unsuitable to be included on the list. Judges who receive three or more poor evaluations or recommendations from show management may be removed from the list upon review by the committee.

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

1. 21 years of age or older
2. Experience judging horse 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 the 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
(*See recognized schools noted on page 2*)
8. Submit proof of attendance at a school with renewal information or application
(*If attendance at a school other than Pennsylvania 4-H school*)
9. Update personal contact information as needed.

- **Persons who do not meet all requirements will be removed from the list.**

Changes in contact or other information should be provided as needed.

- ***See requirements for new applicants on page 2.***

Recognized schools include, but are not limited to:

Schools sponsored by breed or horse show associations (AQHA, APHA, USEF, 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 at Penn state (generally every other year) that meets this requirement.

Requirements for *new* applicants:

1. Meet all requirements on page 1, 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 below 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 etc.)
 - b. Resume including judging experience and dates, locations, and show contact information for at least five (5) shows within the last three years
 - c. Five (5) acceptable horse show evaluations or evaluations from judges or show management

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

1. Return completed application, resume, and references
2. Meet all requirements on page 1 *except* item 2
3. If the application is acceptable, you will be listed as a **Learner Judge**.

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 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 Bethany Bickel 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 available to show managers upon request.

PA 4-H Horse Program Judges List status

The 4-H Horse Program Development Committee reserves the right to remove judges from the list. A judge may be removed from the PA 4-H Horse Program list if several unacceptable evaluations are completed and turned in. The evaluations will be reviewed by the PA 4-H Horse Program Development Committee and a decision will be made regarding the status of the judge.

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rules are reviewed and revised every two years.

Judges are expected to be knowledgeable of current rules when judging county or district 4-H shows. The rulebook and any available supplement are on the web at: animalscience.psu.edu/horse-judges

Inclusion on the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show judges list indicates agreement to distribute and/or post personal contact information, rulebook test results, class placing scores and judging evaluations on the website.

Individuals may request removal of their name and related information by contacting Bethany Bickel as noted below.

For additional information or questions regarding the judges list contact:

Bethany Bickel
Penn State Equine Extension Associate
313 ASI Building
University Park, PA 16802-3503
blb218@psu.edu
814-863-3657

See application/renewal form on page 4.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in judging 4-H shows!

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Circle one: New Application or Contact Info Update for Listed Judge

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

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ (HOME) _____ (CELL)

E-MAIL: _____

1. Check the classes you are qualified to judge:

Western

Miniature (in-hand trail, jumping)

Hunter

Saddle Seat

Contest

Driving (pleasure, draft, miniature)

Ranch

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 two 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:

Bethany Bickel
313 ASI Building
University Park, PA 16802-3503

The Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rulebook and any available supplement are on our web site at: animalscience.psu.edu/horse-judges