



# Qualification and Upgrading of Show Hunter Judges

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Things to consider when you want to become an official or are an official wanting to upgrade.

- Be a current ESNZ member aged 18 years and over
- Be well presented and dress appropriately for the job they are doing
- Have good organisational skills
- Be personable and approachable to other officials, participants and volunteers
- Be able to delegate tasks
- Cope under pressure
- Be able to deal with conflict in a quiet and calm manner
- Be a team player and enthusiastic to learn
- Have a desire to further your knowledge of the sport
- Have an understanding of the ESNZ Show Hunter Rules, Jumping Rules and General Regulations and where to find them
- Have a copy of the ESNZ Code of Conduct
- Have a copy of the ESNZ Social Media policy

The system is in place for Show Hunter judges to progress through the various grades.

The progression pathway is:

- Pre-Candidate Judge
- Candidate Judge (National Level 1)
- National Judge (National Level 2)
- Senior National Judge (National Level 3)
- L3 judge on the Technical Committee

All judges must be a current member of ESNZ and must be 18 years of age or over.

## **Pre-Candidate Judge Requirements**

- Have their name put forward to the Judges Officer by a Level 3 judge and their area.
- They will receive a SH Judges Manual, SH Rule Book and a judges card.

- It is recommended that Pre-Candidate judges sit with Level 3 judges to develop a feel for judging before undertaking the assessment required to become a Candidate (L1) Judge.

## **Candidate Judge (National Level 1)**

### **Requirements**

- Have their name put forward to the Technical Committee by their area and a Level 3 judge.
- Must attend a Judges Clinic
- Be assessed by a L3 judge that is on the Technical Committee This assessment can take place on an individual basis at a show or during a clinic.
- They will be issued with a judge's card to record their judging and learning experiences.
- Have a good knowledge of the SH rules.
- Have studied the SH Judges Manual
- Basic knowledge of Jumping Rules and General Regulations
- They will show competency using symbols, scoring, determining placing order, and must be capable of recognising basic course design technicalities.
- They will begin to study the fundamentals of judging equitation.
- Attend an ESNZ Show Hunter judges clinic every 2 years, preferably every year.

### **Judging**

- A Candidate (L1) judge may judge Introductory classes on their own. It is recommended that Candidate (L1) judges take as many opportunities as possible to sit with more experienced National (L2 & 3) Judges.

## **National Judge (National Level 2)**

### **Requirements for Upgrading**

- Have their name put forward to the Technical Committee by their area and a Level 3 Show Hunter judge.
- They must have judged as a Level 1 Judge for a minimum of one season with enough classes containing sufficient entries to show competency.
- Have an in-depth knowledge of SH Rules and SH Judges Manual, and a good knowledge of Jumping rules and General Regs.
- They must submit their judge's card for assessment.
- They must be assessed by a L3 judge that is on the Technical Committee. This assessment can take place on an individual basis at a show or during a clinic.
- When an upgrade has been approved the Judge's Officer will notify the SH executive and ESNZ
- When an upgrade has been approved they will be issued with a new Judges card
- Attend an ESNZ Show Hunter judges clinic every 2 years, preferably every year.

## **Judging**

- A National L2 & L3 Judge may judge both Recognised classes including Series classes and Introductory classes on their own. They may be invited to judge at Nationals and HOY.
- They will be required to judge equitation classes.
- National (L2) judges are expected to seek opportunities to judge alongside other more experienced National (L2) & Senior National (L3) judges to ensure they gain a high level of competency

## **Senior National Judge (National Level 3)**

### **Requirements for Upgrading**

- These judges have achieved Senior National (L3) status by way of appointment by the L3 Judges on the Technical Committee. They may also be recommended by their area and a L3 judge to be considered for Senior National (L3) judge status.
- A copy of their Judges card must be submitted with the application.
- A Senior National (L3) judge will have a high level of competency and considerable experience in both hunter jumping and equitation.
- They will have an in-depth knowledge of the SH rules, SH Series conditions, Jumping Rules and General Regs.
- A Senior National (L3) judge may facilitate a Pre-Candidate judge's clinic.
- They will support Clinic Facilitators where possible.
- They may be asked to judge at HOY or Nationals.

## **Technical Committee**

Will be responsible for the following:

- Policy making for Show Hunter judges
- Organising and facilitating judge's clinics
- Educating all levels of judges
- Developing resources for clinics.
- Supporting all levels of Show Hunter judges
- Assessment of all judges seeking advancement in their judging career.

## **Judges card**

The Judges card is to be used as a means of recording the work done by a judge. It is their resume of all their Show Hunter related experiences. It will be used as a reference when being considered for an upgrade. The cards will be held and administered by the Judges Officer.

## **Removal from Judges List**

- If a judge wishes to be removed from the judge's list they should contact their local delegate, who in turn will notify the Judge's Officer, who will notify ESNZ to have the name removed from the officials list.

A judge can be removed from the list in the following circumstances.

- If he/she displays inappropriate or unprofessional behaviour/attitude at any time.
- If he/she fails to attend a judge's clinic within a two-year period.
- If he/she has not judged any Show Hunter competitions during a two-year period.

### **Re-instatement of judges**

Judges wishing to be reinstated to the list after a period of time off the list will require an assessment by a L3 Judge on the Technical Committee They must also attend a clinic that year. Reinstatement will be at the level the assessor deems appropriate. Further progression advice will also be provided.