



Qualification and Upgrading of Show Hunter Judges

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Things to consider when you wanting to become an official and 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)
- Judges Advisor

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

Pre-Candidate Judge Requirements

- Have a basic knowledge of the SH rules and SH Judges Manual.
- Co-judge with a National or Senior National judge to demonstrate their ability to judge.
- Have their name put forward by this judge to the Judges Officer.

Judging

- Can judge Introductory classes at an unregistered event where the classes are not part of a points series or points prize i.e. a pony club event, a training event.
- It is recommended that Pre-Candidate judges sit with National judges to develop a feel for judging before undertaking the assessment required to become a Candidate Judge.

Candidate Judge (National Level 1)

Requirements

- Must attend a Judge's Clinic
- Be assessed by a Judges Advisor. This assessment can take place on an individual basis at a show or during a clinic.
- They will be issued with a judges card to record their judging and learning experiences.
- Have a good knowledge of 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.

Judging

- A Candidate judge may judge Introductory classes on their own, and co-judge any Recognised class with a National or Senior National judge.
- It is recommended that Candidate judges take as many opportunities as possible to sit with more experienced National Judges.

National Judge (National Level 2)

Requirements for Upgrading

- They must have judged for a minimum of one season with enough classes containing sufficient entries to show competency.
- Have an indepth knowledge of SH Rules and SH Judges Manual, and a good knowledge of Jumping rules and General Regs.
- Applicant to be put forward to the Judges Advisors by their ESNZ area or National or Senior National Show Hunter judge.
- They must submit their judge's card for assessment.
- Candidate judges must be assessed by a Judges Advisor. 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

Judging

- A National Judge may judge both Recognised classes including Series classes and Introductory classes on their own .Maybe invited to judge at Nationals and HOY.
- They will be required to judge equitation classes.

- National judges are expected to seek opportunities to judge alongside other more experienced National/Senior National judges to ensure they gain a high level of competency

Senior National Judge (National Level 3)

- These judges have achieved Senior National status by way of appointment by the Judges Advisors. They may also be recommended by their area or a National or Senior National judge to be considered for Senior National judge status.
- A copy of their Judges card must be submitted with the application.
- A Senior National 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 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.

Judges Advisors

Will be responsible for the following:

- Policy making for Show Hunter judges in New Zealand.
- Organising and facilitating judge's clinics
- Educating all levels of judges
- Developing resources for clinics.
- Supporting all levels of Show Hunter judges starting with Senior National judges, filtering downwards whenever required.
- Assessment of all judges seeking advancement in their judging career.

To become a Judges Advisor a Senior National judge will be invited by existing Judges Advisors in conjunction with Show Hunter NZ executive.

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 three year period.
- If he/she has not judged any Show Hunter competitions during a three 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 Advisor's assessment. They must also attend a clinic that year. Reinstatement will be at the level the Advisor deems appropriate. Further progression advice will also be provided.