

# New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc



## Judge Approval Policy

Effective September 1 2005

### Purpose

To define a policy for the utilisation of judges for NZMHA and NZMHA Affiliated Club shows in order to:

- minimise the risk of judges being over utilised
- ensure that judging standards are maintained at an acceptable standard across all NZMHA and Affiliated Club Shows

### Procedure

- Judges for all NZMHA Shows including the National Show and Regional Shows and all Affiliated Club Premier and Club shows (for which HP/GI approval is sought) must be approved by the NZMHA Licenced Officials Committee (LOC) before being appointed
- Judges for all other events including club fun/ribbon days must be notified to NZMHA for purposes of NZMHA being able to track their utilisation only - ie. no approval is required and this policy does not apply in these circumstances

### Method

- Applications must be in writing and must be sent to the contact person for the NZMHA LOC. Where the Judge is not on the NZMHA Judges List a brief resume must be submitted with the application so as to allow the NZMHA LOC to evaluate the Judges experience
- A simple majority of LOC member approval is required for the application to be approved.
- Neither NZMHA or the NZMHA LOC is required to justify any application that is declined. No correspondence on the matter will be entered in to.
- The LOC will advise the applicant as to whether the use of the proposed Judge is accepted within fourteen (14) days of the application and all relevant information being received.

### NZMHA Show Rules

- Section **G06 - Judges** states:

*(a) Where possible, all Miniature Horse events will be judged by a recognised or accredited horse judge. Accreditation of Miniature Horse Judges is under the jurisdiction of the NZMHA Licenced Officials Committee.*

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*(f) No horse may be shown before a judge that has been sold by the said judge, or by his/her employer, within a period of one year prior to the show. No horse may be shown before a judge that has been trained by the said judge within 90 days prior to the show. No horse owned by the family members of the judge may be shown, and family members of the judge are ineligible to be exhibitors at that show. For the purpose of this rule "training" shall be deemed to include any form of continuous, repeated or regular activity designed to bring the animal to a desired condition.*

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*(h) No judge may judge two Regional Shows within 150 kilometres within 30 days of each other.*

*(i) The Judge or Judges for the National Show may not judge any Regional Show in the same island in the same season.*

**Additional Guidelines**

Generally Judges will not be approved for use by an Affiliated Club or in a Region where:

In the last six (6) months the Judge:

- Has trained horses or exhibitors within 200kms of the show venue
- Has instructed at an open training day or seminar in the Region
- Has exhibited at an NZMHA or NZMHA Affiliated Club show in the Region

In the last twelve (12) months the Judge, member of their family or close associate (eg. business partner, client):

- Has sold or leased a horse to a potential exhibitor in the Region where it is likely that the said horse will be shown.

In the last twenty four (24) months the Judge:

- Has judged an NZMHA Hi-Point or Gelding Incentive show in the Region for NZMHA or any show or event for the Affiliated Club

Note:- The NZMHA Licenced Officials Committee has authority to use its discretion where circumstances warrant.