



## THE STAGES OF THE AHS JUDGES TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Committee reserves the right to vary this procedure in exceptional circumstances

### Prospective Judge Identifier (PJI)

Attend any number of Arab Horse Society Annual Seminars for existing and trainee judges.

These are educational events and are open to members of the AHS only.

Dates and venues will be advertised.

Lectures and discussions on Type, Conformation, Rules and Judges' Etiquette- led by senior AHS judges, followed by simple written paper based on the days' discussions.

Candidates showing promise at PJI's will be invited to attend an Assessment Course. These courses include written questions and assessment of 2 classes of horses - testing knowledge of type, conformation, procedures, rules and the ability to place Arabs, Part Bred and Anglo Arabs correctly. There will be a short interview with an AHS Panel. Ridden Judge Candidates will be expected to Ride and Assess a class of Ridden Horses.

Failure at 2 Assessment Courses, or failure to respond to 2 invitations will result in the candidates name being removed from the trainee list.

Successful candidates showing clear ability as potential judges, will be invited to probation with at least three senior judges from the approved list for which they are applying. These appointments must be arranged by the Training Co-ordinator.

If all probation reports are satisfactory candidates will be invited to have their names added to the AHS Judges' subject to their ratification by The AHS Council. Senior judges from other panels, who are already listed to officiate at HOYS and Royal International Qualifiers, may, at the Shows & Events Committees' discretion, be invited on to the Arab Horse Society In hand Anglo and Part Bred panel and as a Ride Judge subject to acceptance by Council. These candidates must however attend an Annual Seminar and a Final Examination **before** being able to judge Pure Bred classes in hand and Pure Bred Conformation within Ridden Classes.

Character references will be taken into consideration.  
Information about character references will not be disclosed.

Successful finalists are recommended to Council for approval as judges.  
AHS Council agrees (or disagrees) to appoint the candidate to the AHS List of Judges.

**Recommended reading:-**    **The Classic Arabian, Peter Upton**  
   **AHS Rules for Showing**  
   **AHS Guidelines and Rules of Conduct for Judges**