



THE STAGES OF THE AHS JUDGES TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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

Stage one. 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 a simple written paper based on the days' discussions.

Candidates showing promise at Stage one 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.

A dedicated writer is available to assist with the written paper if required

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

Successful candidates showing clear ability as potential judges, will be invited to **PROBATION** with up to 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 forwarded for consideration by AHS Council with a view to being added to the AHS Judges list.

Candidates will be notified of Council's decision

Trainees will only be recommended once they reach their 25th birthday. They may take part in the training prior to this point

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

Recommended reading:-

The Classic Arabian, Peter Upton

AHS Rules for Showing

AHS Guidelines and Rules of Conduct for Judges

Senior judges from other panels, who are already listed to officiate at HOYS and Royal International Qualifiers, may, at the Shows & Events Committee's discretion, be invited on to the Arab Horse Society In hand Anglo and Part Bred panel as a Ride Judge subject to acceptance by Council. These candidates must however attend an Annual Seminar and an Assessment course **before** being able to judge Pure Bred classes in hand and Pure Bred Conformation within Ridden Classes.