



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

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

### RIDDEN

Attend a PJI (Prospective Judge Identifier)

Open to members and non-members. Sometimes run by Regional Groups. Dates and venues will be advertised.

Participants bring their own horse and ride in a class where they will be awarded marks out of ten for each of the following:- style, turnout, seat, leg position and use, hands, posture and balance, mounting and dismounting, knowledge of ring procedure, rules.

Advice and guidance given by a senior AHS Judge

Candidates achieving 70% or more at two PJI's will be invited to attend up to three Intermediate Courses. These courses include instruction, written questions and assessment of a class of horses testing knowledge of type, conformation, procedures, rules and the ability to ride and place Arabs, Part Bred and Anglo Arabs correctly.

Failure at three Invitational Courses or failure to respond to two invitations results 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 at least two senior judges from the approved list.  
These appointments must be arranged by the Training Co-ordinator.

If all probation reports are satisfactory candidates will be invited to attend a Final. This will test the candidate's performance on the day, judging mock classes and undertaking a written test.

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**  
**The Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship, BHS**  
**AHS Rules for Showing**  
**AHS Guidelines and Rules of Conduct for Judges**