



## NAPHA JUDGE'S CARD APPLICATION

Please Remit to:  
 NAPHA  
 c/o Jo Ward, JAC Administrator  
 1330 Castle Rock Road  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94598

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to take the written test at:

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

In the month of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Fee: \$50 enclosed. Paid by cheque # \_\_\_\_\_**

I have enclosed an original signed copy of the NAPHA Judging Program Application / Annual Renewal Form. I understand that I will be required to complete this form and return annually.

I have attached reference sheets from 4 persons, at least one of whom is a NAPHA carded judge.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Jo Ward, JAC Administrator 1330 Castle Rock Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 925-939-0795 / fax 925-939-6343



**References for Prospective Judge**

Judge Applicants – Please have four (4) persons fill out a reference for you and attach to your application. At least one person must be a currently carded NAPHA judge on the Active list and none of the references can be family, members of the NAPHA Board of Directors or the Judges’ Accreditation Committee.

I understand that \_\_\_\_\_(print name of applicant judge) is applying to enter the NAPHA student judging program.

I have known this person for \_\_\_\_\_years.

It is a personal friendship / professional relationship (please circle one)

I understand that a NAPHA carded judge must adhere to a high standard of conduct and integrity. I recommend this person to be admitted into the program because:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Procedure for Obtaining a NAPHA Judge's Card

- A. Must be at least 25 years of age.
- B. No applicant will be considered if that person has been convicted of a felony offense or if she/he has any conviction for cruelty and/or inhumane treatment of animals. If the candidate has had a grievance upheld against him/her by NAPHA or NAPHA-recognized registry, the circumstances may be considered upon review.
- C. Return a completed application, and annual Application/Renewal for Judging Program form, along with payment of the application fee. Application will be valid for no more than three years, and all requirements must be completed within three years.
- D. Pass the written test (closed book) with a score of 80% or higher. If the test is taken and not passed, the applicant must take the test again within 6 months of receiving notification of the results. If a longer time passes the application must be started again from the beginning.
- E. Student Judge a minimum of four (4) NAPHA approved shows run under NAPHA rules (or Canadian Shows under PHAC rules with a NAPHA-carded Judge.)

Applicant must formally request to student judge, using the form "*Request to Student Judge*" through:  
 Jo Ward, NAPHA Judges Accreditation Committee Administrator (JAC)  
 1330 Castle Rock Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
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- ◆ Student judge is NOT to contact show management directly, must submit request on the form and JAC administrator will be the liason to the Show Committee. The National Show will not have student judges participating.
- ◆ Student judging assignments will be made on a first come first served basis.
- ◆ Applicants must student judge under at least four (4) different judges.
- ◆ At least three (3) of the shows student-judged must have at least 50 horses entered.
- ◆ All conflict of interest rules applied to the judge will apply to the student judge.
- ◆ A student judge may not ride a horse in any show he is judging.

### **Guidelines for judges and student judges:**

- The judge should do the VAST majority of the talking. The student can't learn if she/he is always talking.
- Both the judge and student judge need to be aware of possible misunderstandings by exhibitors, and sensitive to the fact that exhibitors want the official judge to make the decisions without the influence of the student.
- This is a learning experience – not a test. The student may ask short questions.
- The judge may instruct the student.
- The student should not monopolize or interfere with the judge.

## Procedure for Obtaining a NAPHA Judge's Card (continued)

- ◆ After the Interview portion of the carding procedure and, at the discretion of the JAC, an applicant may be required to student judge more shows to gain additional experience and/or knowledge.
  
- F. Actually judge a mock show and pass. Pass = need not match the judge but must demonstrate concise, clear reasoning to justify the placings. Must correctly identify and excuse all lame or "off" horses. (This section may be incorporated by video with the JAC interview.)
  
- G. Pass a personal interview with the JAC and/or Board of Directors. The interviews will be held in conjunction with the National Show each year. Applicants must make an appointment through Jo Ward, NAPHA Judges Accreditation Committee Administrator, for an interview at least two months in advance. The number of applicants who can be interviewed is limited. They will be taken on a first come first served basis.
  
- H. NAPHA and the JAC reserve the right to take any and all reasonable measures in determining the qualifications of an applicant.
  
- I. An applicant who has been denied approval for a card through decision of the JAC may not reapply until three years have passed from the time of the decision.
  
- J. Special consideration will be given to judges carded and experienced in other breeds.

\*\*\*\*An application must be submitted to the NAPHA JAC Administrator with the non-refundable fee. Upon receipt, a listing of testing sites will be forwarded to the applicant. The applicant may select the most convenient testing site and date or request the NAPHA JAC Administrator to arrange for an individual test proctor. The JAC Administrator will make the site arrangements and confirm the selection with the applicant.

On the date of the test, the applicant should be prepared to take a closed book written test covering all aspects of judging a Peruvian Horse show. Questions will be taken from the Breed Standards and the Rule Book, including questions regarding the application of rules. At some sites, an instructional video on the breed may be available for review prior to the testing, but any questions on the rules should be submitted to the JAC Administrator prior to the testing date. No one at a testing site is authorized to answer questions on rules or standards. The tests will be administered by authorized personnel, sealed and returned to the JAC Administrator. Applicants will be notified of their grade.

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