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Please submit to:

Judge's Accreditation Committee

c/o NAPHA - 155 Fixler Rd.

Wadsworth, OH 44281

(440) 785-1179 Email boley04@yahoo.com

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Country, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

It is required that a an applicant to be a Judge be a current paid member NAPHA Member (Owner/Breeder or Aficionado) prior to the application, throughout the entire accreditation process and continuously thereafter in order to maintain their judge status.

I am a current member NAPHA # _____. Memberships may be renewed online at NAPHA.net and paid by: cheque # _____or Credit Card or Zelle Transfer.

I am submitting this original signed copy of this NAPHA Judging Program Application Form by a mailed hard copy or electronically.

I understand that I will be required to complete the Judge Renewal form annually, which is submitted online.

I have attached reference sheets from 4 persons, at least one of whom is a NAPHA carded judge (and not a member of the Judge's Accreditation Committee).

I have read and understand the NAPHA Rules Book, and the information regarding the Judge Accreditation Program as laid out in this entire document, pages 1 – 5.

Signature of Applicant _____

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References for Prospective Judge

Judge Applicants – Please have four (4) persons fill provide a reference for you and submit with your application. At least one person must be a currently carded NAPHA judge on the Active Judge 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 have a high degree of knowledge of the Peruvian Horse breed, and of Peruvian Horse Show rules and procedures for NAPHA shows. I understand that judges and student judges must adhere to a high standard of conduct and integrity. **I hereby personally attest that applicant HAS a high degree of knowledge of the Peruvian Horse Breed and of Peruvian Horse Show rules and procedures for NAPHA shows. I recommend this person to be admitted into the program because (please give in-depth examples – attach another sheet if necessary:**

I write this reference knowing that I may be contacted by the NAPHA JAC to discuss the recommendation I am giving.

Signature _____

Printed Name of Reference: _____

Address: _____

Town, State, Country, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

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Procedure for Obtaining a NAPHA Judge's Card

1. Must be at least 25 years of age.
2. 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 reviewed and taken under consideration for admission to the judge program.
3. Return a completed Judge Application along with payment of the application fee or proof of NAPHA membership. The application will be valid for three years, and all requirements of the Student Judge Program, including student judging and being a NAPHA member) in good standing (or paying the annual fee), must be maintained throughout the three years. All student judging should be planned to occur within the 3 years. There is an option to ask for an extension which if recommended by the JAC and approved by the NAPHA BOD, can be granted for an additional year.
4. Upon receipt of the application to be a judge the JAC will check the eligibility requirements of the prospective student judge and check the references provided.
5. Pass the written test based on the NAPHA rules, which is open book and self-proctored. The purpose of the test is to make sure the student understands the rules and, knowing that no one can memorize all of them, knows where to find a rule when the need arises. A passing score is 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.
6. The Student Judging program is not designed to teach breed knowledge, therefore that is expected to be extensive prior to entering the program. The main focus of the program is to allow the student to learn judging techniques, hone judging decision-making skills, and practice show ring procedures. The program also allows the student to practice and demonstrate appropriate judge deportment.
7. After the applicant passes the test, the NAPHA JAC will convene a conference call with the prospective student judge and conduct an interview. At this interview, the program will be explained, general knowledge of the breed assessed, knowledge of NAPHA show procedures and judge deportment and responsibilities. If the committee recommends that the applicant enter the program, then a mentor from the JAC will be assigned to guide the student through the process.
8. The Student will 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.) As an option, the JAC will count one Ring Steward experience against the four student judging experiences, but the student should be aware that more student judging may be required, depending on the evaluations of judges and officials. The Student is allowed to voluntarily student judge at more than 4 shows if they wish, under mentor guidance. Additional volunteer Ring Steward experience is also encouraged.

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9. The Applicant should discuss the student judging opportunities with their mentor and then must formally request to student judge, using the form “Request to Student Judge” through: Judge’s Accreditation Committee c/o NAPHA - - 155 Fixler Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281 (440) 785-1179 Email boley04@yahoo.com

The Student judge is NOT to contact show management directly, and must submit the request form. The JAC mentor will be the liaison to each Show Committee. The National Show will not have student judges participating. Student judging assignments will be made on a first-come first-served basis.

10. Applicants must student judge under at least four (4) different judges.

11. At least three (3) of the shows student-judged must have at least 30 horses entered.

12. A “double show” (two shows held simultaneously, each with their own judge) can be used for the student judge experience, but the student will apply to one of the shows and that judge will be the person who evaluates the student judge. The student judge may have the opportunity to work with both judges at the show management discretion, but only one the official show arranged will be counted toward student judging, since the amount of time in instruction and observation is not doubled.

13. All conflict of interest rules that apply to the judge will apply to the student judge.

14. The student judge may not hold any other position at the show while student judging unless it is approved by the JAC for the student to be the ring steward in lieu of student judging)

15. A student judge may not ride a horse in any show they are judging.

16. After completing the 4 student judging experiences, the student will request the live judging test and interview by the JAC. The student must actually judge classes, which is done at an approved show, and pass the test. Pass = need not match the judge but must demonstrate breed knowledge, ability to judge quickly in the same amount of time as the actual show judge, and to articulate concise, clear reasoning to justify the placings. They must correctly identify lame or “off” horses, and any horses out of gait. (This section may be done live at a show or incorporated by video with the JAC interview.) Applicants must make an appointment through NAPHA Judges Accreditation Committee, 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.

17. Following the live judging and interview, at the discretion of the JAC, an applicant may be required to student judge more shows to gain additional experience and/or knowledge. NAPHA and the JAC reserve the right to take any and all reasonable measures in determining the qualifications of an applicant.

18. When the JAC has assessed the student as ready to graduate from the program, the committee will make the recommendation that the student judge be approved as a NAPHA judge. The NAPHA Board of the Directors then makes the final decision and the student shall be notified.

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19. An applicant who has been denied approval for a card through decision of the JAC or the NAPHA BOD may not reapply until three years have passed from the time of the decision.

20. Special consideration may be given to judges carded and experienced in other breeds, taking into account their demonstration of overall knowledge of judging procedures.

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, therefore, avoid pointing at horses, or calling the judge's attention to a horse. Keep a distance while the judge marks their card.

This is a learning experience – not a test. The student may ask short questions. Questions are encouraged in-between classes.

The judge may instruct the student.

The student should not monopolize, distract or interfere with the judge.

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