



“R” HUNTER AND HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION FAST TRACK PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Effective 12/1/07

The purpose of the “R” Fast Track Program is to provide an additional avenue of approach for current recorded (r) Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation judges who are also exceptionally qualified horsemen to pursue Registered (R) status as Hunter and/or Hunter Seat Equitation judges.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION INTO THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM:

- Must be a current Senior or Life member in good standing of USEF and USHJA.
- Applicant must be an active professional horseman and have held this status for at least the past five (5) years prior to applying for the Fast Track Program. This experience must be listed in the “General Experience” portion of the application form.
- An applicant must not have been suspended by USEF within five (5) years preceding application to the Fast Track Program.
- Applicant must be in good standing as a USEF “r” Hunter and/or Hunter Seat Equitation judge; current on all requirements for maintaining recorded status.
- To be eligible for the “R” Fast Track Program, the “r” HUNTER judge must have ridden or trained Champions in one or more of the following divisions: Green Working, Green Conformation, Regular Conformation, Regular Working, Junior Hunter, Amateur Hunter, or Pony Hunter. Applicant must list specific horses trained or ridden to Champion or Reserve Champion honors at "AA" shows and list major winnings. Please use the "Hunter" portion of the application form, including competition name and date.
- To be eligible for the “R” Fast Track Program, the “r” HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION judge must have trained equitation riders who have competed successfully at "AA" shows as well as regional and national level finals. Please use the "Hunter Seat Equitation" portion of the application form to list names and awards of top equitation riders trained by the applicant that have successfully competed at these levels, along with the names and dates of the competitions.

After the completed application form is received by the USEF Licensed Officials Department, staff will forward a copy of the application and any accompanying personal information to members of the USEF National Hunter Committee, the USHJA Officials Committee and USHJA Equitation Task Force.

The Federation Licensed Officials Department will also mail Confidential Evaluations to the individual references supplied by the applicant. In addition, the applicant’s name will be included on the “List of Applicants” web page that is located with the Licensed Officials Department page at www.usef.org

After the required minimum number of 15 references, with 8 from the roster of licensed officials in the Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation divisions, Category 1 and/or Combined Category steward, are on file, and the replies from the relevant committees, the file will be considered complete and will be evaluated at the next available LOC meeting.

Results of the Licensed Officials Committee meeting will be mailed within two weeks following the conclusion of the meeting.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE COMPLETED AFTER APPROVAL INTO THE PROGRAM

- ❑ After being accepted into the Fast Track Program, the applicant must apprentice judge a minimum of three five day “A” or “AA” Hunter competitions with three different “R” Hunter/Hunter Seat Equitation judges.
- ❑ The apprentice will work with the “R” judges in all the normal classes assigned to the evaluating judge by competition management. There would be no set number of required confirmation or equitation classes. *The apprentice must work with the judge each of the five days at each of the three competitions, following the same schedule as the judge.*
- ❑ Each evaluating judge will complete a comprehensive evaluation form and send it to the USEF LOC Department.
- You do not need to contact the Federation and there is no fee required for the apprentice experiences, but prior permission must be obtained from both the evaluating judges and competition management. Please make sure to introduce yourself to the Steward so they can add you to their report to the Federation.
- ❑ The apprentice has a two-year time frame in which to complete the requirements. This time limit begins with the month LOC approval is granted. A written extension of this time frame may be requested if there are extenuating circumstances.

FINAL REVIEW BY THE LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE:

- 1 After completing apprentice judging of three five-day competitions with three “R” judges as described in the overview above, the applicant will complete and submit a **Confirmation of Completion** form to the USEF Licensed Officials Department.
 - a LOC staff will verify that all requirements have been met and that evaluation forms have been received from each of the evaluation judges.
 - b If all forms were received and the requirements met, the “r” judge’s file, along with input from the USHJA Officials Committee, will be taken back to the LOC at the next available meeting. The LOC would then either grant or deny the “R” status.
- 2 Additional apprentice judging could be recommended, with the file being held open for an additional year, if the LOC felt the applicant has potential but is not yet quite ready for the responsibilities of “R” status.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Licensed Officials Committee will review a Fast Track application only ONE time per 12 month period.

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2. STATE REASONS: *Why you feel you are eligible to participate in the "R" Fast Track Program.*

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3. CLINIC ATTENDANCE: *List the date(s) and location(s) of Federation clinic(s) attended within 2 years prior to submission of application.*

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4. HUNTER: *list horses you have ridden and/or trained to champion level at USEF competitions in any of the following divisions - Green Working, Green Conformation, Regular Conformation, Regular Working, Junior Hunter, Amateur Hunter, and/or Pony Hunter. Include name and date of competitions along with championships each horse has won while ridden or trained by you.*

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5. HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION: *list riders you have trained who have been successful at "AA" USEF competitions as well as regional and national level finals. Include honors won by these riders while under your training, including name and date of competitions.*

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Return the completed form, including list of references



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