



JUDGES MENTOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Hunter, Hunter Seat Equitation and Hunter Breeding

The purpose of the Judges Mentor Program is to assist qualified professional horsemen in pursuit of earning a judges license.

Requirements for “R” Judges to apply to serve as a Mentor:

- Must be a current Senior or Life member in good standing of USEF and USHJA.
- Must currently hold “R” Hunter and/or Hunter Seat Equitation licenses and have had the “R” status for a minimum of 5 years preceding application to become a mentor.
- Must have been a professional horseman for a minimum of 10 years and be at least 35 years of age. Individuals holding amateur status with USEF are not eligible.
- Must not have been suspended by USEF within five (5) years preceding application to become a mentor.
- Must have the knowledge, experience and temperament to determine whether applicants are qualified to be licensed.

Procedure to become a Mentor:

- Potential mentors will apply to the USEF Licensed Officials Committee using the appropriate application form. There is no fee required for the processing of this application.
- USHJA Officials Committee will provide input to the Licensed Officials Committee on all applicants.

Approved Mentors:

- Approved Mentors have the responsibility to select applicants that are current, active, professional horsemen they feel would be successful judges and to assist them through the application process and learner judging.
- Mentors are restricted to working with only one applicant per competition.
- Mentor status will be reviewed annually by the USEF Licensed Officials Committee, with input from the USHJA Officials Committee.

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Requirements for Applicants to Enroll in the Program:

- An Applicant must be a current Senior or Life member in good standing of USEF and USHJA.
- An Applicant must have been a professional horseman for a minimum of 5 years and be at least 25 years of age. Individuals holding amateur status with USEF are not eligible.
- An applicant must not have been suspended by USEF within five (5) years preceding application to be mentored.
- Applicants will apply to the USEF Licensed Officials Committee using the appropriate application. The Mentor as well as the applicant must sign the application form prior to the application being submitted.
- The USEF Licensed Officials Committee will review the application and the Mentor/Judge applicant pair will be approved or declined for the Mentor Program, with input from the USHJA Officials Committee considered. The Mentor application may be reviewed either by a sub-committee, composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials Committee, or at a full meeting of the Committee.

Requirements to be completed by the Applicant for recorded (r) status:

The following requirements of the Mentor Program must be completed within a three-year time period after the Licensed Officials Committee approves entrance into the Mentor Program:

□ Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation:

- 1. Attend a USEF Hunter/Hunter Seat Equitation clinic within the two years prior to application for “r” status.
- 2. Learner judge at two complete USEF “A” or “AA” licensed competitions held at two different locations.

Note: Application to Learner Judge must be submitted in accordance with GR1012.

- 3. Each of the competitions must be judged in its’ entirety; one must be learner judged with the approved Mentor; the other with one or more different “R” judge. Each ‘R’ judge will submit an evaluation of the apprentice. When judging with his mentor, the applicant must follow the judging schedule of the mentor exactly for the entire show.

□ Hunter Learner Judging:

- 1. Learner judge at least two complete “A” or “AA” competitions, one of which must include one “A” conformation section or one Hunter Breeding section.
- 2. If an “A” conformation section or Hunter Breeding section is not offered, attendance at a USEF Hunter Breeding Clinic can serve as a substitute.

□ Hunter Seat Equitation Learner Judging:

- 1. Learner judge a minimum of six classes of open equitation at two different “A” or “AA” USEF licensed competitions at two different locations.

- Once the Applicant has completed the requirements within a three-year period after acceptance into the Mentor Program he can apply for “r” status using the standard application form from USEF.
- Evaluations will be mailed to references and relevant committees and the Applicant’s file will be reviewed by the Licensed Officials Committee.
- The Mentor will provide a recommendation to the Licensed Officials Committee, stating his evaluation of the applicant and making a recommendation to approve or disapprove the applicant for “r” status.
- After USEF staff has verified the requirements for ‘r’ status have been completed; the Applicant may begin working to complete the requirements for ‘R’ status. However, the Applicant may not apply for ‘R’ status until the application for ‘r’ license has been granted by the LOC.
- The USHJA Officials Committee will provide input to the USEF Licensed Officials Committee.
- The final decision is the sole responsibility of the USEF Licensed Officials Committee.

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Requirements for Promotion to Registered (R) Status:

□ Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation:

- 1. Officiate as an apprentice at a minimum of two USEF licensed “A” or “AA” competitions within a three-year time span.
- 2. The apprentice must judge each of these competitions in their entirety.
- 3. 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.

4. The apprentice must judge at least one of these two “A” or “AA” competitions with his Mentor and at least one other “A” or “AA” competition with one or more “R” judge. When judging with his mentor, the applicant must follow the judging schedule of the mentor exactly for the entire show. Each “R” judge will submit an evaluation of the apprentice’ judge.
5. Officiating on your own at “B”, “C”, or Local rated competitions is encouraged but not required.
6. Attend a USEF Hunter/Hunter Seat Equitation clinic within the two years prior to application for “R” status.
7. The ‘r’ judge is expected to complete the promotion requirements within a three-year period after the Mentor Program application is approved by the Licensed Officials Committee.

□ **Hunter Additional Requirements**

1. At least one of the competitions must include an “A” rated conformation section or a Hunter Breeding section.
2. If an “A” rated conformation section or Hunter Breeding section is not offered, attendance at a USEF Hunter Breeding Clinic can serve as a substitute.

□ **Hunter Seat Equitation Additional Requirements:**

1. Officiate as an apprentice judge for at least six open equitation classes at two “A” or “AA” rated competitions.
2. Each “R” judge will submit an evaluation of the apprentice judge.

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- Once the Applicant has completed the requirements within a three-year period (unless stated otherwise) after acceptance into the Mentor Program; he can apply for “R” status using the standard application form from USEF.
- Evaluations will be mailed to references and relevant committees and the Applicant’s file will be reviewed by the Licensed Officials Committee.
- The Mentor will provide a recommendation to the Licensed Officials Committee, stating his evaluation of the applicant and making a recommendation to approve or disapprove the applicant for “R” status.
- The USHJA Officials Committee will provide input to the USEF Licensed Officials Committee.
- The final decision is the sole responsibility of the USEF Licensed Officials Committee.

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