

JUDGES AND JUDGING

SECTION II

1. Judges hired for **Class A** MSHSA shows must be listed as approved by USEF, CEF (Canadian Equestrian Federation), or any state association in their respective rule books or their official supplements for the given year, or be a carded judge with a breed association. **Class B** MSHSA shows may be a judge knowledgeable in equitation and horse performance and conformation that is not an approved or carded judge.
2. The same judge shall not be used by two approved MSHSA shows during the same show season. To avoid such conflict, it is suggested the judge being considered be questioned about his/her previous acceptance of another MSHSA show at the time he/she is contacted. If there is such a conflict between two shows having hired the same judge, the show first securing the judge shall be the one approved. The other show shall change its judge or it will not be approved.
3. All MSHSA classes/divisions will be judged on the basis of the rules outlined in the current edition of the MSHSA rule book.
4. No judge shall officiate two consecutive years at the same show.
5. In the event it is impossible for the contracted judge to be present at the show, show management will make every attempt to find a replacement judge that meets the criteria required. The president and secretary of MSHSA must be notified immediately that the original judge is not available and the reason for the unavailability. Show management may use a judge who has judged another MSHSA show in the same season, if a qualified judge cannot be found, but only after a majority approval vote by the Board. Failure to get approval by the Board may result in retroactive disapproval of the show.