

3. What national breed or other association judging cards do you currently hold?
(Proof is required - please attach copies with application)

4. How many years have you been judging? _____
___ If limited or no experience, check here if you wish to be on a list of learner judges.
___ Please check here if you would be willing to let apprentice judges work under your direction.

5. In the last 5 years how many district_____ regional_____ state_____ shows have you judge?

Location of district show:

Location of regional show:

Location of state show:

6. Please list **shows judged this past year**, indicate location, type of show, approximate number of entries and phone number or email for a contact person associated with each show (attach if more space needed, you may use judge's evaluations if requested info is on them).

7. Explain why you would like to be considered for the New England 4-H Horse Judge's List. Please also include if you were ever a 4-H member___ leader___ volunteer___ and explain your involvement.

8. Please list and attach proof of attendance for Judge's Clinics attended in past 3 years.
(New England accepts attendance at Pennsylvania and Multi-State Judge's Schools)

9. Have you ever been suspended from an association?_____ If yes, why.

10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? yes no if yes, please explain.

11. Number of 4-H shows judged in past year? _____

If you turned down a 4-H show, please explain:

Other commitment

Preferred not to accept because:

Not approached

12. **Attach a brief resume with judging experience, and attach two letters of reference,** preferably from those who have seen you judge. References do not have to be from those who reside in the same state as you. (If this is a **renewal** you may use submission of evaluations for this requirement)

13. Please indicate which list you wish to apply for. Refer to the attached sheet for list requirements.

Skilled A

Skilled B

Learner

My signature verifies that all information on this form is complete and accurate. **The \$20 application fee payable to New England 4-H Horse Program Committee is included with the application.** I also agree to abide by the Expectation of Ethics, and understand that failure to do may result in my removal from the New England 4-H Horse Judge's List.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

Mail this application with fee to:

New England 4-H Horse Program Committee

C/O Sherri Thornton, Chair

16 Johnson Flat Road

Burnham, Maine 04922

E-mail: wifie55@yahoo.com or sherri.thornton@mainegeneral.org

New England rulebook is available online @: www.maine4h.umaine.edu/horse/default.htm

Expectations of Ethics

It is understood that all 4H judges will adhere to the following expectations:

1. Be worthy of trust, honor and confidence.
2. Respect all people, including myself.
3. Be responsible, accountable, and self-disciplined in the pursuit of excellence.
4. Be just, fair, and open.
5. Be caring in my relationships with others.
6. Be aware that my actions and decisions affect others and strive to be a contributing and law-abiding citizen.

Code of Conduct

As a judge in the New England 4-H Horse program I agree to:

- Place each class in accordance with the rules and class specifications of the New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines.
- Be courteous and respectful, demonstrate good sportsmanship and deal with conflicts in a tactful manner.
- Under no circumstances allow the consumption of alcohol or use of illegal drugs or be under the influence of illegal drugs.
- Be a positive role model for youth.
- Refrain from unacceptable practices such as verbal or physical abuse, lack of compliance with anti-discrimination laws, or committing criminal acts.
- Accept direction and support from salaried Extension staff or selected management volunteers.
- Treat animals humanely and expect 4-H participants to do the same or suffer dismissal from the show grounds.

I have been provided with the opportunity to review the above code of conduct and have been given the opportunity to ask questions, and any questions have been answered satisfactorily. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to the code of conduct described in this document. I understand that failure to comply with this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action or termination as a Horse and Pony Judge for the New England 4-H Horse program.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Date

New England Extension Representative Signature

Date

Title

Requirements for Inclusion on Skilled A, Skilled B, or Learner New England 4-H Horse Judges List

Listed below are the requirements for judges to be included on each of the three lists (these are in addition to the requirements listed in the application form and completion of the application form; which must be submitted **annually**).

Skilled A List - These are experienced judges who would be qualified and interested in judging large shows, including County/Regional/State Shows. These judges should be able to effectively run a large show.

- Must have judged at least **one** County/Regional/State Show in the last **5** years.
- Must have a **national breed card OR 10** years experience (judging at least 30 shows over the last 10 years)
- Must submit at least **3** evaluations per year to the New England 4-H Horse Program Committee.
- Must have successfully completed an **interview** to move to this list. (Interview times will be scheduled as needed.)
- Must annually pass the rulebook test with a score of **85%**.
- Must attend one of the **3** accepted judge's schools every **three** years and pass the live judging with a minimum score of 70% (105 out of 150 points).

Skilled B List - These are experienced judges qualified and interested in judging most shows. May or may not be interested in judging extremely large shows.

- Must have **3** reference letters from show managers or experienced horse people familiar with the individual's judging. The reference letter should explain the writer's qualifications to submit such letter.
- Must submit at least **3** evaluations per year to the New England 4-H Horse Program Committee.
- Must annually pass the rulebook test with a score of **85%**.
- Must attend one of the **3** accepted judge's schools every **3** years and pass the live judging with a minimum score of **70%** (105 out of 150 points). On initial application must complete the live judging portion with the same above score.

Learner List - This list is for those just embarking on their judging career. Judges should obtain training opportunities so that they can move up to the Skilled B list.

- Complete **live judging** portion of Judge's school (with a score of **70%**) and take **judge's test** (scoring an **85%**).
- Judges moving from the **learner list** to the **Skilled B list** must have learner judged with **3** experienced judges within a **two-year** time span, and turned in acceptable evaluations to the New England 4-H Horse Program Committee.