

NASS Requirements for Apprentice Judges - 4/23/2007

The ISG has established a formal judge training program consisting of attendance at an ISG judge training course, followed by attendance at a judge seminar, approval of marks by ISG after practice judging at a show with a team of judges, and then “apprentice judging” at three Shagya-Arabian shows. In order to attend an ISG judges seminar, an individual must be nominated as a candidate by his or her national ISG member organization. In order to be nominated by NASS to attend the judge’s seminar, applicants should be familiar with Shagya-Arabian history and bloodlines, and with the principals of biomechanics as related to sport horse disciplines and equine conformation. In addition he/she should have completed the following activities (or equivalents) to demonstrate to the NASS judge education committee their interest and knowledge level regarding Shagya judging:

- 1) Attendance at an ISG sponsored judge’s course (this is a one day course open to all - not the same as the ISG judge’s seminar).
- 2) Attend two USDF sport horse breeding seminars or equivalent and provide the USDF documentation of your completion of the seminar to the judge education committee.
- 3) Observe at a minimum of five NASS inspection sites or observe forty individual Shagya evaluations during at least 2 NASS inspection tours
- 4) Be a learner judge at a minimum of three NASS inspection sites with at least 20 horses evaluated. Keep a record of your marks and the judges' marks for comparison. Document your experience by having the judge sign off on your scores, sites and dates.
- 5) Three or more additional activities from among the following possibilities or equivalents:
 - a) Audit sections A-C of a USDF “L” course
 - b) Attend at least one the Arabian judging course sponsored by AHA
 - c) Scribe at at least one sport horse show for a minimum of 8 hours
 - d) Attend three other sport horse breed inspections
 - e) Own Shagyas which have been shown in hand at sport horse competitions and/or presented for breeding approval at another sport horse breed inspection
 - f) Breed a Shagya that has scored among the top 25% in a NASS inspection tour
 - g) Act as a learner judge at a USDF sport horse breeding show or an Arabian sport

horse breeding show. Document your experience by having the judge sign off on your scores, sites and dates.

h) Volunteer to be a judge at an in hand schooling show and provide documentation to the committee.

Fulfillment of these requirements must be documented with the name of the activity, location, date and signature of sponsoring organization or judge. Please use the NASS documentation form; attach any documentation provided by the sponsoring organization to this form. Applicants should keep a file with this documentation and present it to this committee when applying to NASS to be a candidate to attend the ISG judge's seminar.

Any additional experience, relevant courses taken, lectures attended, etc should be included in the application. Once an applicant has been accepted into the ISG judge's seminar, future certification as a Shagya Arabian judge is the sole decision of the ISG.