



Becoming an Approved ATOA Judge

The following information on becoming an ATOA approved judge, as well as the forms you will need for application and references. If you have any questions about requirements on these forms, please call, text or email Bethany White: Judges Committee Leader

All applicants must have had previous equine experience. By applying for an American Tobiano Overo Association Judges care, the applicants must attend the ATOA Judges seminar to become an approved ATOA Judge. The seminars are designed to establish standards for judging the performance of the ATOA paint horse and classes.

How To Apply:

- Applicants must be an ATOA member in good standing to apply to become a judge.
- Applicants must be 21 years of age as of January 1 of the application year to apply.
- There is a \$75.00 application fee. This is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- All Approved judges must maintain current membership in ATOA
- New Judge applications are required to submit a completed application and provide a minimum of four (4) references. Reference may be a judge that has witnessed your judge, or references may be from show management personnel who have hired you to judge. Character references will be accepted if applicant has not been judged.
- Urge your references to send in their reference letter as quickly as possible. All references must be received before your application can be submitted to the judges committee.
- Provide a recent photo, suitable for publication, of yourself in the attire you would wear to judge a horse show. (photo will remain property of ATOA)
- Incomplete applications cannot be presented to the Judge's Committee for consideration and will be declared void and require that the application process including repayment of application fee to start over.
- Periodically, a judge may receive letters requiring updated information and references.
- To be considered as a 2026 approved judge, all Applications must be received by October 31, 2025.
- The \$75.00 Application Fee includes the online testing and Zoom interview to become an ATOA Approved Judge. (Waived for 2025)

Judges Committee Consideration

- Once the application has been received by ATOA, a judges file will be created and provided to the ATOA judges Committee and Board of Directors for review.
- Applicants are required to complete the online ATOA Rule-book test in a timely manner and complete a Zoom interview with the judges Committee. To become an approved ATOA judge. Applicants should keep in mind that they are under continual review throughout the entire process.
- All applicants are to dress as if they were going to judge a ATOA approved show during the Zoom Interview.
- Scores and application will be reviewed by the Judges Committee and BOD at the Judges Seminar. At that time, the committee determines if an applicant is approved for judging based on the knowledge, testing, and interview of the judge.
- ATOA will send a letter within two weeks of the seminar to notify judges of application of the decision.
- If you are approved for judging status, your name will be provided to those seeking names and addresses of ATOA approved judges.
- If your application is denied, you may resubmit an application one year from the date of application. A second filling fee must be paid at that time.



Please contact:

Bethany White

ATOA Judging Committee Leader

Cmbndtrng@gmail.com

ATOA JUDGE APPLICAITON FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

ATOA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ EXP DATE: _____

FULL NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ -STATE _____ ZIPP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

EMPLOYER: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

JUDGING HISTORY

I HAVE JUDGED APPROXIMATELY _____ SHOWS.

List any major shows you have judged:

Judges History continued

List the largest events you have judged, include date, location and show name

DATE	LOCATION	NAME OF SHOW
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Are you a member of the ATOA Charter? yes, no, if yes, which club: _____

Have you previously applied for an ATOA Judges Card? yes. no. If yes, what year?

Have you ever been, or are you now, suspended from or on probation with any equine association?

yes. no. If yes, please explain:

Why do you want to become an ATOA judge?

_____ List all recognized equine and horse show associations with which you are currently approved, and the date of approval.

Association Name	Approval Date	Current Status	Clinic Seminar	Date & location Of clinic/seminar

List all clubs or associations of which you are member, and the offices you have held:

List your accomplishment in the horse industry:

PERSONAL/JUDGES REFERENCES

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ state: _____ Zip _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ state: _____ Zip _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ state: _____ Zip _____

Show Management References

References that have hired you to Judge a Horse Show

Please have these references send a reference letter to:

Bethany White

123 Plains Rd

Pittsford, Vermont 05763

518-860-7999

cmbndtrng@gmail.com

Letters must be received on or before October 31,

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ state: _____ Zip _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ state: _____ Zip _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ state: _____ Zip _____

Please read and sign the following statement

The information contained in this application is true and correct. I understand that I may be removed as an ATOA judge or applicant if it is determined that there are any inaccuracies or discrepancies in this application. I further understand that the position of an ATOA judge is a privilege and not a right, and that my selection as an approved ATOA judge is the sole discretion of the ATOA Judges Committee and Board of Director's.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send completed application along with an application fees and pictures to:

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