



EXHIBITION POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC

QUALIFYING GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION OF JUDGES

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The EPA of NSW Inc Judges' Register is compiled to provide separate category classifications as defined in these guidelines.

SECTION ONE:

REGISTRATION & RECOGNITION

- 1 Subject to the provisions of these guidelines, any duly accredited person of honourable reputation may be nominated for admission as an official EPANSW registered judge.
- 2 The acceptability of such persons as being competent to adjudicate at poultry shows and the period of such registration *will* be determined by the EPANSW Executive after being vetted by the EPANSW Judges' Registrar.
- 3 In the interests of uniformity with all other Australian State Bodies, the EPA of NSW Inc reserves the absolute right to impose a judges' registration (or licence) fee.
- 4 Official recognition of such judges will be by way of an EPA JUDGES' LICENCE and a LAPEL BADGE bearing the name of the judge, his/her official judges number and his/her category/ies. These are supplied at cost plus postage.

SECTION TWO

NOMINATION & ACCREDITATION

- 1 Nominations recommending that a particular person be officially recognised as an EPA of NSW Inc approved judge are to be submitted by a member club or member affiliate. Acceptance or rejection will be decided by a majority vote of the EPANSW committee after details are first checked as being in compliance with the qualification requirements stipulated in the judges' criteria.
- 2 *A nominee must be a financial member of a member club and also a financial individual member of the EPA of NSW Inc.*
- 3 All nominations must be lodged in writing on the nomination form supplied. As the primary measure of suitability, the nomination should provide a concise resume of the nominee's background experience in breeding, showing, stewarding, judging etc., and furthermore should indicate what recognised standards the nominee has studied relative to the category applied for.
- 4 The onus of responsibility for accreditation of a nominee proposed as a general breeds judge is a discretionary obligation of the member club or affiliate making the nomination. It must be supported by the testimony of two other poultry clubs or kindred bodies able to verify that the nominee has, in their opinion, clearly demonstrated an ability to act as a competent and proficient judge for the category applied for.
- 5 The onus of responsibility for accreditation of a nominee proposed as a specialist breed judge is a discretionary obligation of the member club or affiliate making the nomination. It should be supported by the testimony of two other poultry clubs or kindred bodies able to verify that the nominee has, in their opinion, clearly demonstrated an ability to act as a competent and proficient judge for the breed/s applied for.

- 6 Nominees who have received adequate instruction from a recognised current EPANSW senior judge and have acted as a judge within their own club (in other than junior sections); and have advanced to *an* acceptable level or have completed an EPA of NSW Inc approved judges' training course and have reached the age of sixteen (16) years, shall be registered as a provisional judge.
- 7 The nominee is then to have satisfactorily officiated at no less than five separate member club or agricultural shows. On completion of each of these judging appointments the club involved will fill in a judge's report sheet, supplied by the provisional judge, and post it direct to the secretary for evaluation.

A provisional judge will be eligible for elevation to full status after he/she has attained the age of eighteen (18) years and has reached the level of competency which is desired.
- 8 Judges, once officially accepted and registered, shall (except for cases of disqualification or suspension) be eligible for continuing registration without re-nomination on the proviso that they are current (paid up) individual members.

SECTION THREE

CLASSIFICATIONS GENERAL BREED JUDGES

1. Provided that the nominee's application is in accordance with the stipulated requirements of the previous section and the judges' criteria, such nominee (subject to acceptability by the EPA of NSW Inc committee) may be approved for registration as a GENERAL BREED or PROVISIONAL JUDGE where appropriate, in whichever of the following category is applicable.

Hardfeather - All breeds (large fowl and bantam)
 Hardfeather – Restricted (large fowl only; bantam only or limited breeds as applied for)
 Softfeather - All breeds (large fowl and bantam)
 Softfeather – Restricted (large fowl only; bantam only or limited breeds as applied for)
 Waterfowl - All breeds (all species, ducks, and geese)
 Waterfowl – Restricted (single species or limited breeds)
 Eggs

2. General breed Judge and Provisional Judge:

Provided that the application is in accordance with the stipulated requirements of Section Two, such nominee may (subject to acceptability) be approved for registration as a General breed Judge or Provisional Judge where appropriate, for the category/ies applied for.

3. Specialist Breed Judge:

Provided that the application is in accordance with the stipulated requirements of Section Two, such nominee may (subject to acceptability) be approved for registration as a for the breed applied for Specialist Breed Judge.

SECTION FOUR

PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS and PENALTIES

1. Where considered to be justified any exhibitor, poultry club or kindred body may lodge a protest or complaint against any EPA of NSW Inc registered judge for reasons of incompetence, dishonesty, arrogance, careless handling of exhibits or any other form of questionable conduct, provided that the accusation is made in writing and bears the support of at least one other person as an observer witness.

Such complaints must be lodged with the secretary of the EPA of NSW Inc as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any alleged offence and within a time limit of sixty days of the occurrence date.

2. Once lodged, all such allegations will be investigated by the judges' registrar who will report to the EPA of NSW Inc executive. If they are found to be substantiated, the allegations will result in the judge in question being reprimanded, suspended, or disqualified depending on the seriousness of the offence.

The executive will have the absolute right to act as it sees fit in the circumstances. In answer to any form of complaint so lodged, the judge in question must be given fair opportunity to defend their position.

3. In the appointment of judges, the show committee is free to re-allocate classes to other judges where considered to be expedient to the progress of the show; or to appoint alternatives to fill any unforeseen vacancy that may occur.

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