



Hello fellow judges,

I hope you are all staying well and using your time wisely in this trying period.

It is a great time to learn new skills like millinery to update your hats and save some money. [There are some great Youtube clips available from milliners and for the adventurous](#), you could create your own fascinator for the indoor events.

It's also a great time to brush up on your knowledge. [Videos in this link provided by the Arabian Horse Association Youtube channel are a great interactive way to put your skills to the test](#). Give it a click and see how you go.

More of a reader? Available are a number of Horse Publications for sale from the AHSA. These include Hoofprints In History, Arabian Horse in Australia & New Zealand Volumes III, IV, V, VI & VII, the recommended books on Anatomy and Conformation as well as Tanya Hawley's, Naadirah – The Arabian Dream. Please call the office to find out more about the selection available.

The [Competition Rule Book has been reviewed and is attached for your reference](#). The JOC and Board are also working on the Judges Rule Book which will contain the Rules and Code of Conduct pertaining to judges and will replace the old Judges contract. Judges will signify acceptance of these documents when they renew their membership each year. The Competition Rule Book has significant amendments including the mandatory wearing of approved safety helmets by all riders at and in all events.

The Judges and Officials Committee have reluctantly accepted the resignation of Allan Preston and Leonie Williamson from the Committee. They report that Allan and Leonie's tireless work for this committee and the Society in general will be missed. The JOC Committee is very pleased to welcome Sheila Jones to the committee. Kathy Saggars and Tessa Peacock have also been valuable Working Delegates for the Committee and unfortunately, both have recently resigned due to personal circumstances. The JOC would like to thank Tessa Peacock and Kathy Saggars for their efforts in NSW and Qld respectively.

Normally these positions would be elected at the Congress each year but as there will be no congress this year, two new people have been elected to fill these positions, Sue Oberg in NSW and Kristian Dymond in QLD.

There will be no "Congress" in NSW this year due to Covid-19 and therefore the JOC hope to see the 2021 congress held in Sydney. All judges that would have been required to attend the congress this year to remain accredited, will now need to attend next year and so on with Melbourne now scheduled for 2022 and Brisbane in 2023.

The list of mentors and examiners will also undergo a review and criteria introduced in order to ensure consistency of training and examination throughout Australia.

The JOC is reviewing the current judge's exam and the upgrading process. There will be no judge upgrades until the process has been revised.

The AHSA Board has appointed Yvonne Downes to fill the role of JOC secretary until 2021. The JOC elected Deb Watson as Chair of the committee at its recent Zoom meeting.

All judges are asked to ensure that their judge profiles remain up to date on the AHSA website. Please make sure your contact details are correct and that you have listed your more recent judging experiences. The information on your profile can provide evidence of your judging commitments and will be used when considering an application for upgrading. If anyone is having trouble with accessing their profile on the website please contact your Working Delegate for assistance.

Please take note of the new JOC email address and delete the one referring to the guild. The new address is joc@ahsa.asn.au.

Kind Regards,

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