



Newsletter - November 2021

Victorian Judges Meeting and Training Opportunities

As Covid restrictions ease across Australia many States and regional areas are opening again for tourism, domestic and international visitors and general sporting events - such as horse shows!

The VADOBA Inc Committee have a Non Pro/Youth and Arabian Show scheduled for Saturday 4th December at Werribee Park, Melbourne. Both the JOC and VADOBA Committee have been working together to identify options to provide Victorian judges with an opportunity to have a Judges Meeting as well as providing training opportunities at this show prior to Christmas.

We will need to remain flexible with our program to fit in with the show requirements but we envisage that during the lunch break (approximately 1 hour) we would commence with a relatively quick Judges Meeting and introductions followed by interactive discussions about type, conformation and use of the scorecard. The program and discussions points will be driven largely by the judges in attendance.

The VADOBA Committee have kindly agreed to assist us in providing a few horses for us to critique following the judging of the halter rings which cease prior to the lunch break. Similar opportunities may also be possible with some of the saddle horses – pending timing of classes etc. There is also an open Equestrian Victoria saddle horse show being conducted on the grounds at Werribee that we can visit and critique horses if there is enough interest during the afternoon.

The two judges officiating at the VADOBA show – Vicki Reid and Sheila Jones have also offered their services to any trainee judges who would like the opportunity to shadow judge some of the classes at the show. This is always a great learning experience for new judges.

The opportunity to sit down together with a coffee and watch some classes is also a good way to reconnect and learn from one another and we are certainly looking forward to doing that with our judges.

The JOC considered that this show provided a good opportunity for Victorian judges to catch up prior to Christmas and the end of 2021. We anticipate a relaxed atmosphere where we will have the opportunity to meet, talk, evaluate some horses and enjoy one another's company at a horse show!

The AHSA and JOC would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their assistance in making this training opportunity possible:

- The VADOBA Inc Committee;
- Sheila Jones;
- Vicki Reid;

- Kerry Rodgers; and
- Gudrun Martini.

Finally, it would be appreciated if you could confirm your attendance by email to graham.smith.canberra@gmail.com . The training is being provided free of charge by the AHSA and JOC.

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