

## **JOC – Judges Organising Committee 2024 AGM Report**

The JOC decided on a name change last year – same initials – different name and is now known as the Judges Organising Committee. Along with the name change, the JOC has been working on many different projects over the past twelve months. One of largest, being the updated 2023 Rule Book. Spearheaded by our AHSA Chief Examiner, Narelle Kinnear and along with the entire JOC, the revised Rulebook was a massive undertaking. The new Rulebook has been sent to all AHSA Judges in hard copy and is available to download from the AHSA website for all. This year has seen the strict implementation of the Tactile Hair rule, and this has been well received.

The JOC also reviewed and updated the Derivative Standard of Excellence and has now included Half Arabians. We have also set down the Requirements for Judges Seminars, and are working with all State Representatives, to hold Judges Seminars and Examinations in every State. For those wishing to become an AHSA Ltd Judge, the Judge Candidate Packages have been formulated, to guide and assist candidates through the steps to become an Accredited Judge.

At the 2024 Australian Arabian National Championships, a Judges Examination was held during the show. This is a new concept and hopefully we will be able to run more Judges Examinations in conjunction with some of the Affiliate Groups Events throughout the year.

The JOC is continuing to uphold the Rules and Regulations of the AHSA Ltd. in relation to Judge expectations, including the Social Media Policies.

The AHSA Judges Section of the website has been under great review and it continues to be updated regularly, which we hope will make it far more 'user friendly' for all show committees to access judge information. All Judges should now have their Working With Children Card, which is a requirement for all AHSA Judges.

The JOC looks forward to working with all Judges and Candidates, to assist and further their education and welcome Upgrade applications also.

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