

**The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited
Panel Judge Agreement**

Name:..... **AHSA Membership No:**.....

Address:.....

Email:..... **Phone No:**.....

I having been appointed as a recognised Judge in the Category (level) of agree to adhere to all the rules of the AHSA, including those set out in the Rule Book with special reference to Rule 8. The Judge, published by the Society, until I am either upgraded, retire, am suspended, or downgraded by the Board of the Society.

I understand that failure to comply with my responsibilities or any breach of the rules may result in downgrading, suspension or permanent removal from the AHSA Panel of Judges.

A person may retire as a recognised Judge upon the expiry of thirty (30) days' notice of their intension to retire given in writing by the Judge to the Judges Organising Committee.

**Signed for on behalf of
The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited**

Signed by the said Judge

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1. Protests, Complaints, Charges, Hearings and Penalties

a) A protests/complaints concerning a member of the Judges Panel may be made to the J.O.C. by an exhibitor, an agent, a trainer or a parent of a junior exhibitor (defined as a person who has not reached their 18th birthday) for any breach of this Agreement by a Judge.

b) A charge may be made by the J.O.C. or, an official of the Show, Board Member or Member of the Judges Panel for any breach of this Agreement by a Judge.

It must be:

1. in writing
2. signed by the person making the allegation.
3. Addressed to the Chairperson of the J.O.C.
4. Received by the J.O.C. within 30 days of the alleged breach.

c) A protest, complaint or charge must state the full name and address of the Judge the subject of the allegation and contain precise details regarding a breach of this agreement. The maker must be prepared to substantiate the protest, complaint or charge by sworn statements, witness or other evidence.

d) The Board may intervene at its discretion in any protest, complaint or charge and present evidence concerning the alleged breach.

2. Hearings, Duties of the Judges Organising Committee

The J.O.C. will resolve a protest, complaint or charge by means of written evidence or responses only.

a) Any Judge against whom a protest, complaint or charge is filed shall be entitled to a right of reply to the J.O.C. Notice of a protest, complaint or charge of the alleged breach shall be given to the Judge within thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged breach is reported in writing to the J.O.C. The Judge then has a further thirty (30) days to lodge their reply with the J.O.C.

b) The J.O.C. shall officiate protests, complaints or charges in connection with any alleged breach of this Agreement in accord with the powers and duties referred to below:

1. The J.O.C. shall give all parties a fair opportunity and act as authorised by the Board.
2. The proponent of a protest, complaint or charge has the burden of proof.
3. The record shall show each finding and conclusion.
4. All decisions, including initial, recommended and final decision shall include a statement of findings and conclusions.
5. If a member of the J.O.C. has a conflict of interest or is the subject of a protest, complaint or charge, he/she shall not sit on the relevant J.O.C. meeting nor take part in any resolution of the protest, complaint or charge.

3. Breaches

A breach is any act prejudicial to the best interest of the Panel, including but not limited to the following:

1. Breaches of the regulations and conditions of this Agreement.
2. Breaches of the Society's Rules.
3. Acting or inciting or permitting any other person to act in a manner contrary to the regulations and conditions of this Agreement.
4. Failure of the Judge to perform his/her duties at a show in accordance with the regulations and conditions of this Agreement or those conditions agreed with the Show Committee at the time of accepting the invitation to judge.

4. Penalties

If the protest, complaint or charge is upheld, the Judge, the subject of such protest, complaint or charge, shall be subject to such penalty as the J.O.C. may affirm but not limited to:

- a) A notice of Censure may be listed under the Judge's name in the J.O.C.'s file of Panel Judges. If a further protest, complaint or charge is upheld in respect of the Judge he/she shall be subject to a heavier penalty than for the first offence.
- b) Downgrading or suspension from the Panel for such period as determined by the J.O.C.
- c) Expulsion from the Panel in revocation of that Judge's appointment.

All findings and recommended penalties shall be forwarded to the Board for ratification or amending.

5. Appeals

If the Judge is dissatisfied with the findings of the J.O.C. in relation to any protest, complaint or charge concerning the Judge he/she may give notice in writing to the Board of his/her desire to have the finding and any penalty imposed on him/her reviewed by the Board. The Board may at its discretion determine whether to grant such a review. The Board may substitute its penalty for any penalty imposed by the J.O.C. Such determination by the Board and any ruling or imposition of any penalty shall be final and binding on both the Judge and the J.O.C. and no further appeal shall be heard.