

### C. RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A JUDGE

1. A judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in conformity with the Rules and specifications of that class as they appear in the SHOW Rule Book. He or she is expected to be proficient and to possess a thorough knowledge of the rules of SHOW.
2. All judges licensed by the SHOW HIO must conduct themselves in a manner which reflects credit upon SHOW, the horse show and the Tennessee Walking Horse and comply with the Code of Ethics set forth as an Exhibit to this Section.
3. No individual may retain their license as a SHOW judge if that individual acts in the capacity of a horse show judge, or in the capacity of a principal, officer, director, committee member, or substantially similar position for any other HIO, unless approved by the SHOW Board of Directors. This does not preclude any individual from being a Board member or Executive Committee member of the TWHBEA or WHOA. Upon verifiable information to the sole satisfaction of SHOW, a judge so acting shall be immediately terminated, and there shall be no appeal. The individual may reapply for licensing four (4) years after last acting as a horse show judge or in the capacity of a principal, officer, director, committee member, or substantially similar position for any other HIO. A SHOW licensed judge may officiate at a show where there are no Walking Horses exhibited **if the show is not affiliated with a competing HIO.**
4. Once a class has been judged, it shall not be rejudged, and once the Judge has marked his or her records and places for awards made, there shall be no changing of the Judge's record.
5. Failure of a Judge to attend a show to which he or she is committed to perform his or her duties and to officiate in the classes to which he or she is assigned shall constitute cause for disciplinary action, except in cases of extreme emergency.
6. A judge by accepting an invitation to officiate a show assumes responsibility to protect show management by excusing from the ring all horses suspected of being in violation of the HPA and SHOW rules.
7. An entry may, at the discretion of the Judge, be excused from the ring for any infraction of non-compliance of the HPA or SHOW Rules or for deviating from the described gaits and standards of the Tennessee Walking Horse **as set forth in the Rule Book and the Standards Charts.** The entry shall be eligible to show in a succeeding qualifying class if the problem can be corrected. **If the show utilizes a multi judge system, to excuse a horse upon entrance of the ring requires the majority of the panel to agree on excusing the horse. Once the class is called to order, an individual judge may excuse an entry at any point during the class.**
8. It is the responsibility of a Judge to report any violation to SHOW.
9. Talking to or criticizing a Judge(s) at a SHOW affiliated show is a violation and the Judge(s) or any other show official that are witness to such incident must report the violation to SHOW. The Judge or other show official has no choice except to report the violation. A SHOW approved Judge shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. No person, exhibitor, owner, trainer, spectator or otherwise, shall direct abuse or threatening conduct toward the Judge, either in the furtherance of their judging duties or as a result thereof, whether or not the

conduct occurs during an approved event or show or on the show grounds. The Judge has no choice except to report the violation to SHOW.

10. Remuneration and expenses paid to a Judge shall not affect the amateur status of the recipient as an owner or exhibitor.

11. An exhibitor may make a request through Show Management for the Judge's opinion and reasons concerning that exhibitor's horse. The request must be made at the conclusion of the show. It is urged that the Judge will give his or her opinion and reasons courteously and sincerely in the presence of Show Management and in a private setting.

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