



World Conformation Horse Association

Judges Application Form

Cover Sheet

Thank you for your interest in becoming an applicant to obtain your WCHA Judges Card. We are excited about what this Association has achieved in a short time for those of us in the Conformation/Halter industry. If you obtain your Card, you will become a part of an elite group who by judging to the WCHA Conformation Standard can influence our conformation horses for the future.

Much of the Association's success rests with our Judges and their ability to objectively judge and place our competitions against the WCHA Conformation Standard. We are committed to making a difference in our industry and bringing our mission and vision statement to life.

The World Conformation Horse Association's mission shall be to unite for the purpose of stimulating interest in and competitive opportunities for enthusiasts of the conformation horse, while protecting the integrity of the horse through responsible stewardship.

- **We strive** to preserve and promote the value of correct conformation in the equine industry.
- **We believe** that correct conformation serves as the foundation to the horse's ability to successfully perform in any discipline.
- **We are committed** to protecting, preserving, and promoting the conformation standard of the horse and constantly pursuing growth in our industry.

We will hold our Judges accountable to assist us in the growth of this Association, continuously volunteering to help with association needs and acting as a Role Model as we work to transform the industry. As a WCHA Judge, you are held to a higher standard when judging and when in attendance at Equine Events. You represent WCHA and the face of the industry.

Application Components and Process:

- Attached you will find:
 - Application form, including reference forms
 - Judges Code of Ethics
 - Judges Guidelines

The Applications Must Be Complete And Include:

- A signed copy of the Judges Code of Ethics
- A 3X5 color photograph of the applicant dressed as if Judging and event,
- Four (4) references from active WCHA Members (Judging and Education Committee members, Executive Committee Members, Executive Director and/or family members of applicant are precluded from participating in the reference process and will be notified of such in case they are requested to provide a reference. Applicants are responsible to print off reference forms and distribute to everyone requested to provide a reference.)
- A check in the amount of \$100.00 as the application filing fee.

In addition, all applicants must be a member of WCHA. If you are currently not a member, you must join and will find the membership application form on the WCHA web site at: www.conformationhorse.com

All components of the application must be submitted to the WCHA office to be received by the filing cut-off date of March 15. **Applicants are responsible for ensuring that those individuals submitting references on the applicant's behalf complete the reference form and the reference providers submit the references by the March 15th filing deadline.**

Forms may be mailed or e-mailed:

World Conformation Horse Association
6816 Cleary Loop NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87144

Phone: (480) 229-9767 or email: touchdownkid95@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact the WCHA office should you have questions or need assistance.

- The Judges Committee will review each applicant's file and determine those individuals who will be invited to participate in the testing phase of the application process.
- You should expect to hear from the WCHA office no later than April 1, 2025 regarding whether you will be invited to participate in the testing phase of the application process, date and location to be determined.

The testing phase will consist of:

- A written test
 - Live judging
 - Interviews
 - Oral reasons
- We expect to make our final judges' selection within 30-45 days after testing and will contact each applicant who attends the Judges Testing. The number of Judges selected will be determined based on the number of applicants, credentials exemplifying the WCHA standards, as well as the number of events we feel need to be supported. For testing dates, please contact the office.

Thank you for your interest!

The WCHA Judges Committee



JUDGES APPLICATION FORM

Application Filing Deadline: March 15, 2025

(All required information must be received in the WCHA office by the Filing Deadline)

Applicant shall mail completed application form, including:

- Signed Code of Ethics
- 3X5 color photograph of applicant dressed as if Judging an Event
- Send application and filing fee to:

World Conformation Horse Association

6816 Cleary Loop NE

Rio Rancho, NM 87144

Questions may be addressed to WCHA

Phone: (480) 229-9767 or Email: touchdownkid95@gmail.com

Applications and supporting materials become the property of WCHA and will not be returned.

“Attach check made out to WCHA for \$100.00 and file with application”

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Telephone _____ Mobile Telephone _____
Fax Number _____ E-mail Address _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security# _____

You must become a member of WCHA to complete your applicant status. Membership forms can be found or submitted on the WCHA web site at: <http://www.conformationhorse.com>

How long have you been a member of WCHA? _____

Are you a current member of WCHA in good standing? ____ If not, why? _____

Have you read the current copy of Judges Guidelines and Qualifications ? _____

Do you agree to abide by the Judge's Guidelines and Qualifications if you become WCHA Specialized Judges ? _____

Have you reviewed, agreed to, and signed the Judges Code of Ethics? _____

Do you agree to abide by Code Of Ethics? _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married/Single _____ Spouse's Name _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number(s) _____

Primary Occupation _____

Secondary Occupation _____

Employer(s) _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Contact Number _____

Education:

High School (including date of graduation, if graduated) _____

College/University (including major and date of graduation if graduated) _____

Do you currently hold, or have you held other Western Stock Horse related Judges' Cards, such as AQHA, APHA, ApHC, PtHA, PHBA, Buckskin, NSBA? ____ If yes, what Cards and for how long have you held them?

What Western Stock Horse Related Clinics and/or Seminars have you attended in the last five years?

Have you ever given up a Judges Card? ____ If yes, why? _____

Have you ever had your Judges Card suspended or taken away? ____ If so, why and was it reinstated?

Have you judged any major Western Stock Horse Events? If so, please list them and state the name of show, date and location where judged. _____

Please list the largest Western Stock Horse Equine Events you have judged, including name of show, date and location _____

Why do you want to become a WCHA Judge and what value do you believe you will bring to the Association and its' membership? _____

I, the undersigned, certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I understand that I may be removed as a WCHA judge or applicant if it is determined that there are any inaccuracies or discrepancies in this application. I also understand that the position of WCHA Judge is a privilege and not a right, and that my selection as an approved WCHA Judge is at the sole discretion of the WCHA Officers and those members which the Officers empower to manage and coordinate the Judges Selection Process.

The undersigned hereby waives any right he/she may have to require disclosure to him/her by the Association of any information obtained to evaluate him/her as a prospective judge, agreeing that accuracy of information concerning the undersigned's character, reputation, and judging abilities is paramount to his disclosure rights, if any.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____



REFERENCE FORM

FOR JUDGE APPLICANT

Each applicant is responsible for printing and distributing Reference Forms and, ensuring they are returned to the WCHA office by the individuals providing references. The reference form should be distributed to:

- Four (3) currently active WCHA members
- One (1) character reference

A total of four references must be provided. Family members, Judge's Committee members or Executive Committee may not be used as References (Committee members will be notified of same and will inform applicant of inability to participate in references if asked.)

Applications will not be considered complete unless all references are received by the application submission deadline of March 15th, 2025. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the individuals completing the reference submission process complete and submit the references in compliance with the March 15th deadline. References must be returned by the individuals completing the references via mail or email directly to the WCHA Office by the filing deadline of March 15th.

Send References Directly To:

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6816 Cleary Loop NE
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Phone: (480) 229-9767 or email: touchdownkid95@gmail.com

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Current Active WCHA Member Providing Reference: _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

Do you feel the applicant has the knowledge and experience to be a WCHA Specialized Halter Judge?
Yes or No please explain why?
