

Promotion to **National Judges**

Criteria to be fulfilled by Candidate Judges for promotion **To National Judges**

Candidate process to commence from the beginning of a calendar year

1. Must be minimum of 18 yrs of age
2. Must be able to coach at a minimum of E Grade level vaulting or have vaulted in that grade for at least 2 years within the last 5 years.
3. Must have scribed for a National Judge on at least 2 major competitions.
4. Must provide a detailed Curriculum Vitae to the National Vaulting Committee with evidence of their suitability to become a National Judge.
5. To judge at a minimum of 6 major competitions, subject to judge A's validation. These must be affiliated classes up to the highest level.
6. Barrel classes do not count.
7. Serve as a Regional judge for a minimum of 2 years and have judged at the highest level at a minimum of one SA Championship.
8. Request permission from the organisers to judge at their competitions. The onus is not on the organisers to ask the Regional Judge to be there. It should however be recommended that all regions hold a list of the Regional judges, and where possible invite them to judge at competitions.
9. Where possible it is recommended that the organisers may assist with transport costs for the Regional judges, and also to assist with accommodation at private homes.
10. Sit with or scribe for an International/National Judge at a minimum of two affiliated competitions.
11. Submit to the National Vaulting Committee, an official log book, which must contain details of all competitions attended, classes judged, comments from Judge A, plus details of any abnormal situations that arise, e.g. horses failing trot circle and reasons etc.
12. At least one other National Judges as well as the National Vaulting Committee must approve the log sheet.
13. A record must be kept of any National/International Judges seminars attended and subject and modules offered.
14. After 2 years of judging at graded shows and have been consistent, they must be put into a 1 year probationary period judge status and, provided they continue their consistency and the above judging and training criteria, they may become a National Judge at the end of the year. Regional judges on their probationary year will not be asked to take the position of Judge A in an affiliated class.
12. Promotion to National judge must be approved unanimously by the National Judges committee and the National Vaulting Committee.

Keeping National Judge Status

1. Judge at a minimum of one SA Championship within a two year period
2. Judge at a minimum of two Graded shows a year.
3. Attend a minimum of one National/International seminar within a two year period.
4. Keep an up to date log book of all competitions attended and judged.
5. If a National Judge fails to meet these requirements, written advice will be given from the National Vaulting Committee stating what action will be taken to avoid suspension.
6. If a National Judge fails to act on this advice the National Judge is to be suspended until they meet the criteria.

NOTE:

Promotion of Judges to National status , or written advice or suspension to/of a National Judge must be ratified by a full quorum of the National Vaulting Committee and National Judges Committee.

Training Recommendations / ideas for Judges

1. Training Seminars. Score videos and discuss recent competitions, new rules etc. Multiple choice questions of the rulebook and guidelines.
2. Horse training at seminars. Watch videos of horses and discuss/judge with regards to guidelines. Bring in horse 'experts' possibly dressage judges to help with the horse score.