

Guidelines for Candidate & National Judges

Criteria Required to Become a National Candidate Judge:

1. Must be aged 18 or over.
2. Must provide a detailed Curriculum Vitae to the BEV Committee with evidence of their suitability to become a National Candidate Judge.
3. Must attend 1 national/FEI-recognised seminar
4. Must have written for a National Judge on at least 2 occasions
5. Must be a minimum of a Level 1 Coach for basic understanding **or** have vaulted at Advanced Level for at least 2 years in the last 5 years and hold a child protection certificate and a minimum of a 1-day First Aid certificate.
6. Candidate process will commence from the beginning of a calendar year.

Criteria to be fulfilled by Candidate Judges to become a National Judge:

1. Judge at 8 affiliated competitions, subject to judge A's validation. This can be a mixture of unaffiliated and affiliated classes. Barrel classes do not count.
2. Serve as a National Candidate Judge for a **minimum** of 2 years.
3. Attend 1 national/FEI-recognised seminar.
4. Request permission from organisers to judge at their competitions – the onus is not on the organisers to ask the National Candidate Judges to be there. They must also liaise with the organisers with regard to writers and provide their own writer if necessary.
5. Pay for their own transport and accommodation unless the organisers are willing to cover the costs.
6. Sit with or write for an International Judge or Judge A at one affiliated competition (or British Championships) each year.
7. Submit log sheets (which must contain details on competitions attended, classes judged, comments from Judge A (for candidates), plus details of any abnormal situations that arise, e.g. horses failing trot circle and reasons etc.) before the end of the year (i.e. before 31st December).
8. At least one other National Judge as well as the BEV Committee must approve the log sheets.
9. A record must be kept of any National and International Judges seminars attended and what was learned, i.e. kür difficulty, horse mark etc.
10. Selection Trials / Events and British Championships marks will not count towards placing but may be compared to other marks.
11. National Candidate Judges must attend an Assessment Day, with a National or International Judge, to take place at an affiliated competition. The National or International Judge will sit with the National Candidate Judge in an affiliated class (i.e. a canter class) and will ask questions of the National Candidate Judge regarding their scoring etc. **after** the class is completed. It is the responsibility of the National Candidate Judge to request the Assessment Day through the BEV committee and they should give reasonable notice as to when they wish the day to take place, (i.e. at which competition). This should only take place after a minimum of 18 months as a National Candidate Judge.
12. After two years of candidate judging, if they have passed the assessment day to a suitable standard and judging standards 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 & training criteria, they may become a National Judge at the end of the year. National Candidate Judges on their probationary year will not be asked to take the position of Judge A in an affiliated class.
13. Must complete a timed, written test on judging rules at the end of the two years. (Candidates will be allowed to use their rule books for reference)

To remain a National Judge:

1. Judge at 1 affiliated competition minimum every year.
2. Attend 1 national/FEI-recognised seminar every two years if possible.
3. Keep a log sheet, the same as for National Candidate Judges.
4. If a National Judge fails to meet the requirements, written advice will be given from the BEV Committee stating what action they need to take to avoid suspension.
5. If a National Judge fails to act on this advice the National Judge status is to be suspended until they meet the criteria.

NOTE:

Acceptance of National Candidate Judge status or upgrades from National Candidate Judge to the Probationary Year or to a National Judge, or written advice or suspension to/of a National Judge must be ratified by a full quorum of the BEV Ltd Management Committee.

Training Recommendations / Ideas for Judges:

Training Seminars: HOW to judge. Score videos and discuss recent competitions, new rules etc. Multiple-choice questions of the rulebook and guidelines.

- Horse Training at Seminars: Watch video of horses and discuss/judge with regard to guidelines. Bring in horse 'experts', possibly dressage judges to help with horse score.
- At Home: At all competitions, a film of the competition should be recorded from behind judge A. Training judges get a copy of the video should score it in their own time. Scores can then be compared to BEV score records.
- If possible, repeat the same process at international competitions, and compare scores to averages.