

For the MFTHBA Board Workshop on October 5, 2021

Judges Committee Proposed Rule Changes to Help With Numbers of Available Judges 2021

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- A. 7. Apprentice a minimum of three (3) shows (either live or virtual) under the supervision of three (3) different MFTHBA carded judges with a minimum of 30 fox trotter classes judged. The MFTHBA Board of Directors may adjust the apprenticeship requirements based on this or other criteria, by a majority vote of the Board. The apprentice shall have a maximum of three years (36 months) in which to complete this process.

Proposed change:

- A. 7. Apprentice a minimum of three (3) **performance/model** shows (either live or virtual) under the supervision of three (3) different MFTHBA carded judges with a minimum of 30 fox trotter classes judged. **The apprentice shall have a maximum of three years (36 months) in which to complete this process.**
- B. **To be qualified to judge a versatility/ranch horse show an applicant must apprentice a minimum of 20 versatility/ranch horse classes (excluding speed events). The apprentice shall have a additional maximum of three years (36 months) in which to complete this process.**
- C. The MFTHBA Board of Directors may adjust the apprenticeship requirements based on this or other criteria, by a majority vote of the Board.
- D. The apprentice shall have a maximum of three years (36 months) in which to complete t
- Why: A judge needs to know how to score versatility/ranch horse classes.**

- E. 3. Upon receipt of a renewal application, the judge will be required to complete an exam. The renewal exam will be designed to objectively measure an applicant's knowledge of the MFTHBA's rules and standards. A judge must receive an 85% or higher on the open book exam to be eligible to renew their card. A judge failing to receive an 85% will be required to attend a judge's seminar and retake the exam prior to renewal.

Proposed change:

- B. 3. **An applicant for renewal of their judge's card must submit a renewal application, designated fee, and completed exam by January 30 of the year following the expiration of a card.** A judge must receive 85% or higher on the open book exam to be eligible to renew their card. A judge failing to receive 85% will be required to attend a judge's seminar and retake the exam prior to renewal.

Why: The process needs to be done in a timely matter.

- B. 4. Applicant shall have their name presented to the Board of Directors for consideration of renewal of an MFTHBA judge's card to be effective for a three-year period upon completing the renewal exam. Additional endorsement for versatility and/or ranch horse will be added if so qualified.

Proposed change:

- B. 4. Failure to complete the renewal process within one year of expiration of their judge's card will result in the following: a. applicant must attend a seminar, b. must receive 85% or higher on the open book exam, c. be current with all applicable judge renewal fees.
- B. 5. Applicant shall have their name presented to the Board of Directors for consideration of renewal of an MFTHBA judge's card to be effective for a three-year period. Additional endorsement for versatility and/or ranch horse will be added if so qualified.

Why: Steps of renewal need to be clearly spelled out.

- F. 1. Grandfathering of Judges: The MFTHBA Board of Directors may, at their majority vote, grant 3 year judges' cards to any member who has judged the Spring Futurity Show or The Show and Celebration and has let their Judge's card expire. This may be at the request of the individual or the individual or the instigation of the Board of Directors. A designated fee must be paid.

Proposed change:

- C. 1. The MFTHBA Board of Directors may, at their majority vote, grant 1 year judges' cards to any member who has judged the Spring Futurity Show or The Show and Celebration and has let their Judge's card expire. This may be at the request of the individual or the individual or the instigation of the Board of Directors. A designated fee must be paid.

Why: Judges need to be up to date on rules and changes.

Section 2 Judging Responsibilities

- B. 10 A judge may not judge the same division in the Spring Show/Futurity or the Show & Celebration in Ava, MO, within thirteen months. A judge who judged model would be eligible to judge performance and vice versa. This restriction does not pertain to Versatility or Ranch Horse Competitions. If the pool system is not used at the Spring Show or Celebration the thirteen-month judging rule will be in effect.

Proposed change:

- B. 10 At the Spring Show / Futurity or the Show and Celebration in Ava, Mo, The Board of Directors may at their discretion hire no more than 3 judges for the entire show to be mixed with judges in the pool system without any judge being subject to the 13 month rule listed above.

Why: We do not need to eliminate good judges due to time/division constraints.

Policy Changes and Additions

- Renewal: New rules will be discussed at the yearly seminar. If a judge that is renewing their card does not attend a seminar; in addition to the normal test they will be required to fill out a questionnaire over rule changes.
- Grandfathered judges will have a reduced fee for their proposed one year judge's card.

- The Judges Committee recommends the board hire 2-3 judges for the entirety of the spring show and celebration by January 30, of the year these events will take place. The remaining slate of judges could be chosen by the pool system and selected by ratings collected from the board and/or the judges committee. Use of the randomizer should be ceased. The committee encourages the board to rate and choose the best available from applications received.