



Excerpt from SHB(GB) Show Planning Guide – Selection of Judges for SHB(GB) Shows

4.4 Contract Qualified Judge(s)

Please note that a Judges, Rules and Shows Committee (working independently of any show working group and made up from non-competing members (meaning not competing at SHB(GB) own Annual Shows) will be assigned to contract show judges.

It is the SHB(GB) Office's responsibility to supply all necessary information to the Judges Rules and Shows Committee relative to the requirements for the show.

It is forbidden to allow any working group member, or council member, competing/exhibiting at the show ('competing member') to be involved in the allocation of judges.

Competing members must formally declare an interest at the first meeting of the show working group and this will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting (competing members are required to ensure that this is actioned).

To promote independence, integrity, fairness and transparency, working group members and council members are expected not to compete at shows where they are directly involved in the organisation of the show. However, it is ultimately the members own decision as to whether to compete or not.

A competing member must not indicate their preferences prior to the judges selection meeting, any such action will result in them being permanently removed from the working group.

It is also a requirement that any working group member or council member who is competing is not to be present in the Judges and Officials area at any point on the day that they are competing. Failure to comply will result in the removal of exhibits.

All judges must be SHB(GB) Panel Judges with the following exceptions:

- The Price Family Supreme in hand judge does not have to be a panel judge at all
- HOYS class judges do not have to be on the SHB(GB) panel but must be on the BSHA panel
- The Princes' Grace Supreme Ridden Championship (National Hunter Show)

Judges should be contacted giving the following details:

- Show date, time, and location
- Show schedule (what classes the judge will be judging)
- Judges expenses for travel and accommodation.



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After receiving a verbal commitment from your choice of judge, follow-up with a written communication which includes the following:

- Letter confirming the verbal agreement
- Judges contract (show date(s) and timeframe, classes to be judged, expenses to be paid, a reminder that judges are responsible for booking their own accommodation if required, mobile phone contact of judge)
- Show schedule
- Directions to show ground
- Additional information or guidelines that are not included in the rule book

(Judges and officials' expenses are covered in Para 12.2 of the Show Planning Guide document).