

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY PROBATIONER JUDGES SCHEME

The aim of the Probationer Judges Scheme is to give potential judges the necessary experience to enable them to join to the Exmoor Pony Society Judges Panel. Appointment to the EPS Probationer Judges Scheme and the EPS Judges Panel is at the discretion of the Trustees.

Applicants must have been members (eligible for adult membership) of the EPS for a minimum of five years, have attained the age of twenty-three and must remain members in order to remain on the Panel. NPS judges must have been on the Mixed M&M panel for at least five years and must become members of the EPS before applying. In exceptional circumstances, the Trustees may allow applicants onto the Scheme at an earlier age.

To be considered for the scheme the enclosed application form must be returned to the Secretary, with two recommendations from either Senior Judges and/or current Exmoor Pony Society Trustees, by **28th February** for consideration at the **March** Committee Meeting. A Senior Judge is someone who has been on the EPS Judges Panel for five years or more.

Applicants may probation for the In-Hand panel only but will not be eligible to judge ridden classes. Those wishing to probation for the ridden panel must successfully probation for in-hand and ridden classes. Those wishing to probation for the WHP panel must successfully probation for in-hand, ridden and WHP classes.

Prior to commencing, applicants for the scheme will be assessed by a panel of three Senior Judges. The assessment will be based on the candidate judging a minimum of three ponies, placing them in line and verbally justifying the placing. This will be followed by questions about the breed.

Those completing the assessment successfully will then probation over the next three years. Applicants will be notified when and where the assessment will take place. Assessments are held when there are sufficient applicants and vacancies.

All applicants must be prepared to probation at three shows each year for three years, with three different judges in any given year. Ridden and WHP probationers must include a minimum of one ridden and WHP class each year. Probationers must probation at the Exford Breed Show at least once.

At the discretion of the Board of Trustees, probationers may be appointed to the full judges panel at any time during the probationary period.

Once accepted, probationers are asked to make their own arrangements to accompany a Panel Judge to Affiliated Shows. Permission must also be obtained from the Show Secretary. Unaffiliated shows may be used, only by arrangement with the EPS Secretary, as long as the judge is on the EPS Panel. **To enable the best use to be made of available shows please let Jackie Wharton, Probationer Judges Scheme Co-ordinator, know as soon as possible which shows will be attended.**

Applicants are asked to note that it is undesirable that Probationer Judges should probation in classes where ponies they are associated with are forward.

After each show a report will be submitted by the Judge to the EPS Secretary. These reports will be discussed yearly at a meeting of the Exmoor Pony Society Trustees. The probationer will then be notified if accepted for further training, appointed to the panel or removed from the scheme.

Note: If a candidate is unsuccessful at their first attempt they may apply again immediately. Should they be unsuccessful at the second attempt, they must wait a period of five years before re-applying.

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PROBATIONER JUDGES SCHEME - APPLICATION FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EXPERIENCE: (Special Reference to Previous Judging)

If a Panel Judge with the NPS or another Breed Society, please give details.

I wish to be considered for the probationer Judges Scheme and agree to:

Be suitably dressed, including wearing a hat.

Pay my own expenses when attending shows with a Panel Judge.

Accept as strictly confidential any remarks made by the Judge.

Judge the pony on the day and never refer to the catalogue.

Refrain from asking the Breeding of a pony during the class.

Make any comments, observations etc. in confidence to the Judge.

Signed Date

Please return to: Jay Gee, Little Ash Farm Cottage, Ash Lane, Withypool, TA24 7RR

PROBATIONER JUDGES SCHEME - SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

Applicant's Name

Sponsor's Statement: (Please give brief details of applicant's knowledge and experience)

Signature of Sponsor: Date

Name & Address of Sponsor

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