

## **HIGHLAND PONY SOCIETY JUDGES SCHEME 2010**

### **I. PRE APPLICATION**

- Applicants must be current and fully paid-up members of the Society for a continuous period of at least five years.
- Applicants should be familiar with the Highland Pony Society Breed Description and Showing Recommendations.
- It is beneficial to have undertaken judging at unaffiliated shows.

### **II. THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

- The Application Form, which can be obtained from the Society Secretary, must be submitted together with an application fee of £40.
- The Application Form requires the Applicant to name a Proposer and Seconder from either the Society Council or from the appropriate panel of the HPS Judges' lists excluding current Judges' Committee members.
- On receipt of the application, the Society Secretary will contact the Proposer and Seconder and ask them to complete a Statement of Support.
- Application documentation and Statement of Support Forms are confidential.
- The selection of Applicants for Assessment and Interview will be made by Council. Unsuccessful Applicants cannot re-apply within two years from the date of refusal. Selected Applicants will be invited for Assessment and Interview.

### **III. ASSESSMENT & INTERVIEW**

- The pool of Assessors comprises In Hand Panel judges who take probationers and A Panel Ridden Judges.
- Applicants will not be assessed by their Proposer or Seconder.
- Applicants should come dressed appropriately for judging.
- Applicants for the Ridden Panel will be required to ride the ponies.
- Applicants are encouraged to take notes during the classes and be prepared to discuss placings during the Interview.
- The Interview will be conducted by a panel comprising Assessors and members of the Judges' Committee.
- Applicants will be invited to probation or be refused. If refused, Applicants cannot re-apply for two years from the date of refusal.

#### **IV. PROBATION**

- Applicants for the In Hand and Ridden Panels are required to undertake six probationary shows with In Hand Panel Judges over a minimum period of two years. In Hand Judges applying for the Ridden Panel, if selected by Council, are not required to probation but their riding ability will be assessed. Ridden Judges applying for the In Hand Panel, if selected by Council, will be required to have undertaken a total of six probationary shows.
- Applicants must contact the judge and the show organiser and seek the Council's approval through the Society Secretary.
- Probationers cannot probation with their Proposer or Seconder.
- The probationer judge armband, which will be supplied by the Society, must be worn by the Applicant when in the ring.
- After the show the judge is required to send a report on the Probation Judge to the Society Secretary for consideration by the Judges' Committee. Reports are confidential.
- The Society will send a letter to Applicants after each year informing them of their progress to date.
- On completion of the requisite probationary shows the Judges' Committee will consider all the probationary reports. Council will decide, on the recommendation of the Judges' Committee, to:
  - i. admit Applicants as B Panel Judges;
  - ii. extend the probationary period; or
  - iii. refuse Applicants.
- Unsuccessful Applicants cannot re-apply for two years from the date of refusal.

#### **V. JUDGES**

- B Panel Judges will be promoted to the A Panel having judged at a minimum of four shows affiliated to the Highland Pony Society over a minimum of two years.
- B Panel Judges must not accept judging appointments at Society Medal shows.
- All judges must be current Society members.
- The Society will write to all current Society Judges annually asking:
  - i. if they wish to remain on the Panel;
  - ii. if they wish to be transferred to the supplementary Panel (Championships etc.);
  - iii. provided they are on the A Panel, if they are willing to take probationers;
  - iv. Ridden Judges if they are willing to ride ponies in the ring;
  - v. at which shows they have judged during the year.

#### **VI. STUDY DAY**

- Study Days will be held regularly.
- All judges must attend at least one Highland Pony Society Study Day out of every four available. Failure to do so will result in demotion to the B Panel pending attendance. Prior acceptances to judge may be honoured.