

EV Show Horse Survey of Judges 2010

Total surveys distributed – 70

Total completed – 49

Female – 38 Male - 11

Demographic

- Total completed 49 - 70% Response
- Female 38 – 78% Female attendance
- Male 11 – 22% Male attendance
- Years of judging experience

0 to 5 yrs	Female 2	Male 2	Total - 8%
5 to 10 yrs	Female 7	Male 0	Total - 14%
10 to 20yrs	Female 8	Male 3	Total - 22%
20 years +	Female 21	Male 6	Total – 56%

82% of our attendance have 10yrs or more judging experience.

Where are the young judges???

Correspondence

How do you receive information from EA and EV?

More than one response was acceptable

Correspondence	0 – 5yrs 4	5 – 10yrs 7	10 – 20yrs 11	20yrs + 28	Female 38	Male 11
Internet	4	4	8	20	27	9
Mail Outs	2	2	7	11	19	3
Ring the Office	2	4	2	9	15	2
Newsletter	1	5	6	12	20	4
Word of Mouth	2	1	3	10	13	3
Other	0	0	0	1 forums	1	0

Suggestions to Improve Communication

- Keep website updated
- More information on the website
- Communication via mail – measuring days, judges lists/updates
- Continue mail outs as not everyone has access to the internet
- Mail outs for important information eg: meetings - rather than general information
- More mail outs rather than relying on the internet
- Hard copies to be sent out to advertise different events – meetings, State Titles, Nationals
- Continue mail outs as many do not have the internet
- More Mail outs Please !!!!!
- Put amendments and rule changes in the Newsletter under an UPDATE heading.
- Better contact with the EV and EA office especially returning calls
- Don't forget those without the internet.
- Have lists and contact numbers for Shows that are State Title qualifiers on the Website
- Have calls answered at the EV and EA offices
- Reply to emails

State Titles – Judges Selection

Question	Yes	No
Did you understand the process for judges selection for the State Titles?	31	18
Did you suggest a judges name on line?	13	36
Did you realise that you could suggest a judges for the State Titles?	21	28
Do you know who is judging at this year's State Titles?	25	24

Judges Professionalism

Questions – Inappropriate Behaviour for a judge??	Yes	No
Giving and honest opinion event though it may be critical	21	28
Not starting on time, long lunch, breaking too often	41	8
Using a mobile phone while judging	41	8
Being too familiar with competitors	39	10
Giving too complicated a workout – for age/experience	33	16
Giving workouts then not using them to place horses accordingly	37	12
Should you be able to report a judge for what you may consider inappropriate behaviour whilst judging?	47	2
Do you know how to report a judge for inappropriate behaviour?	34	15

Comments – Inappropriate behaviour

- Not keeping competitors safe – Bad sportsmanship
- Inappropriate dress – smoking in the ring whilst judging
- Looking away during workouts – being with competitors prior to an event
- Inappropriate dress – bad language and general behaviour
- Inappropriate dress – especially ridiculously big hats and high heel shoes
- Not watching while competitors or working out
- Asking the stewards opinion, claiming unacceptable expenses especially when sharing a car
- Not spending time to encourage riders especially younger riders
- Showing disinterest when judging classes
- Smoking in the ring – treating competitors with contempt or rudeness.
- Poorly dressed, inefficient, smoking, talking to steward during workouts
- Smoking – not giving all a fair go - using mobile phones
- Showing a horse or pony in another ring whilst judging.
- Using names – being familiar – indicating prior knowledge of the competitor
- Not paying attention to all workouts
- Turning back on competitors, being rude to competitors
- Not watching workouts - smoking
- Bad language, not being prepared to judge for as long as it takes
- Not showing a consistency in type – not splitting classes into heats if required

Discipline

Question	Yes	No
Have you a knowledge of the process of disciplining riders, judges and officials?	33	16
Do you know how to apply to become an EA /EV Show horse Judge?	47	2
Do you know how to maintain your EA Show Horse Judge status?	47	2
Should judges have to attend a judging seminar every 2 yrs?	40	9

Suggestions for further judges seminars

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Education of judges, *Providing hard copies/booklets for each seminar *Harness *Politics of the Show Ring *Criteria for each class *How to conduct yourself in the ring *Seminars more often *Workouts – give examples *Continue and increase practical classes *Show Hunter Classes need to be covered again | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Open Forum to discuss similar problems *Lameness in the ring *Correct presentation of sashes etc * Leading Rein *First Ridden *Video's from "If horses could Speak" *Provisional judges information day * |
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Selection of Judges

- Sack judges that refuse to judge on a regular basis or will only judge at the big events
- Judges need to do at least two shows per year
- Have provisional or prospective judges officiate with a panel judge
- Have judges give some idea of when they are available to judge.
- Have an easily accessible judging list for Victoria
- Have judges access the website with dates they are/are not available to judge.
- Get rid of judges who consistently refuse to judge.
- Try to increase the size of the panel
- Make a copy of rules available to all judges who attend the seminar
- Look for and encourage shows to try new faces
- Encourage more judges by reducing membership fees if that is all they do.