

INFORMATION for SHOWS WHEN ASKED TO HAVE AN APPRENTICE

First of all, thank you to our show committees who have assisted individuals on their journey to become an Arabian judge by allowing them to apprentice at your USEF licensed competition. We would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you about the process.

- 1) Apprentices can work with “R” judges only.
- 2) Only USEF licensed competitions (both Lite and Regular) count towards the required number of apprentice days/judges/locations. Any apprenticing at an AHA Value Show is considered extra experience, with all the same rules applying.
- 3) Individuals who want to apprentice are to contact the show first, then the judge once the show gives their approval. Apprentices can be with a judge for a regional pre-show but cannot apprentice actual regional classes. A show does NOT have to accept an apprentice.
- 4) Apprentices must have been approved by USEF to apprentice. To do so, they must have attended the AHA Exhibitors/Judges School within a six-month period prior to initiating the process with USEF.
- 5) NEW, Effective 12/1/2025. If the show is a concurrent USEF licensed competition, and if both judges are “R” judges, each judge can have an apprentice in the ring with them at the same time. Formerly, only one apprentice was allowed in the ring at a time.
- 6) The Licensed Competition may request additional specific information about an individual’s experience before accepting the individual as an Apprentice.
- 7) If you would like to provide input after having an apprentice judge, please feel free to call Mary Jane Brown at (503) 539-3763 or email judgesstewards@arabianhorses.org

For additional information about becoming a judge, including Apprentice Guidelines, check out <https://www.arabianhorses.org/judges-stewards/judge/>

If you would like to confirm that a person is eligible to apprentice, or if you have any questions about the process, please contact judgesstewards@arabianhorses.org or call 303-696-4539