

REINING AUSTRALIA JUDGES COMMITTEE

MINIMUM TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. PURPOSE

The role of the Reining Australia Judges Committee is the development of suitable administration and standards of performance and judging in Australia. The Reining Australia Judges Committee are empowered to uphold the integrity of Australian judging to ensure a successful program that delivers quality judging in Australia.

At a minimum, it is intended the Committee will identify and deliver on areas of Australian Judging administration, governance, quality standards and development of judges to achieve successful and sustainable outcomes across the following programs including but not limited to:

- Learning and Development activities which may include seminars, development programs
Examples may include:
 - Pre- Seminar Literature / Content.
 - Judges Seminar Testing and Approval
 - Follow up on Failure Tests and put forward plans for re-educating Judges.
 - Mentoring, Judge as scribe
 - Judge performance monitoring
 - Assessment sessions. Two Year Resit of test and Judge messenger page for approved Judges to discuss any new changes or problems that arise at shows.

- Maintaining Australian Judges List on website of
 - Accredited Judges
 - Associate Judges

- Maintain an International Judges Roster for Judge seminar support and major shows

2. PRINCIPLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Reining Australia recognises the historical development of our sport and the significant input of the National Reining Horse Association of Australia, AQHA and more recently NRHA. As we move into a new phase of reining, we will build upon our experience to develop a system to support the unique requirements of reining in Australia.

The Committee is responsible for identifying, understanding, agreeing and delivering on the opportunities for the Australian Reining Judging Program Development, to ensure positive outcomes for Australian reining.

The Committee will make recommendations for endorsement by the Reining Australia Board.

Specifically, the RA Judges Committee are responsible for:

- Upholding reining rules and judge development programs to foster standards for the Australian industry ensuring judging integrity and consistency.
- Planning, moderating, reviewing and then co-ordinating access to these programs and opportunities.
- Supporting RA affiliates in upholding the RA Judges standards

- Along with the RA Board, assess, moderate, and maintain Judging privileges, Promotion and the RA Website Judging list .
- Develop and maintain resources for seminars such as Judging Keys, Tests, rubrics, videos and administration of programs
- Develop Social media Closed Judges groups for continuous learning and mentoring opportunity
- Develop relationships with other Australian likeminded sporting bodies (Challenge and Working Cow Horse) to grow and develop the utilisation of RA Judges.
- Collaborate with international judges to support Judge education.
- Maintain a cohort of international Judges to adjudicate on rule clarification.
- Maintain links to an international Judges roster to support major event judging.
- Support Reining Australia with Expression of Interest processes for hiring judges for Major events

3. AUTHORITY AND REPORTING

The Judges Committee is an advisory group and can make recommendations to the Reining Australia Board.

The Committee shall report progress against agreed goals and responsibilities at each Committee meeting or as otherwise requested by the Committee or by the RA Board.

International Judges will provide advisory services and may be empowered to adjudicate over matters that require independent assessment.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee members will comprise a number sufficient to serve the purpose which includes diverse perspectives, backgrounds and experience. All committee members must be paid members of Reining Australia and a member in good standing. The Committee members need not be members of the RA Board. All appointments to the Judges' Committee will be made by a call for an Expression of Interest every two years by the Reining Australia Judges Committee or RA Board and will be made up of at least 4 RA Judges.

International Judges upon invitation, and whilst not members of the Committee will be empowered to support and advise the Judges Committee, to provide independent and unbiased clarification on rules, decisions, education and strategy.

5. TERMS

These Terms of Reference are effective from November 2021 and will be reviewed annually to ensure the responsibility and membership remains fit for purpose.

6. MEETINGS

All meetings will be chaired by the Chair nominated by the Judges committee. A new Committee will be endorsed every 2 years by the RA Board.

A meeting quorum will consist of a majority of members of the Committee. Where a decision is required, the meeting quorum must be reached. 75% of committee makes a quorum.

The Chair of the relevant meeting will be responsible for formal complaints and dispute resolution, submitted in accordance with the rule book, which is tabled for discussion or otherwise which arises at that meeting.

Meetings will be held monthly for a period to be determined as necessary by the Committee.

7. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION OR VARIATION

This Terms of Reference may be amended, varied, or modified in writing after consultation with the Judges Committee.