



Licensed Official Requirements



1. US Judges and Technical Delegates

1.1 General Requirements for all Licensed Officials (LOs)

- a. LOs must be 21 years old or older at the time of application.
- b. Applicants must hold current membership with USAWE..
- c. LOs are required to attend an officially recognized Working Equitation seminar event within 2 years preceding any application. The seminar will be taught from a joint LOC curriculum including PowerPoint presentations, training videos, and other educational tools, and should include live judging. A certificate of seminar attendance is required with the application.
- d. LOs must take a rules test within the 2 preceding years or immediately following application submission. The open book test requires a score of 90% or higher to pass.
- e. LOs are required to maintain their license through continuing education.
- f. The application fee is \$100.
- g. Insurance:
 - (1) Insurance for Judges and Technical Delegates is provided by USAWE for officiating purposes only.

1.2. Judge Application Requirements

1.2.1 Learner "L" Judge

- a. Interview. An interview with the LOC may be required.
- b. Shadow Judging
 - (1) "L" applicants must shadow judge 50 rides that include Dressage, EOH, and Speed trials, with a minimum of two licensed "R", "S" or WAVE judges.
 - (2) The 50 required rides must include 15 rides at L1, 20 rides at L2, and 15 rides at L3.
 - (3) Judge evaluations and score comparisons must be submitted for all shadow judging.

Note:

- An applicant may submit score sheets for videos judged from the LOC keyed video bank for up to 15 of the required 50 shadow judged rides.
- An applicant may submit proof of successfully competing in all available trials in at least one licensed working equitation competition at Novice A level or above with a combined minimum dressage and EOH score of 62%, to count for 10 of the required 50 shadow judged rides.

- c. Technical Delegate Experience. “L” applicants are required to do one of the following for one licensed show:
 - Shadow a Licensed TD,
 - Serve as a Licensed TD, or
 - Serve as a Provisional TD.
- d. Volunteer Experience. “L” applicants are required to volunteer in the following areas:
 - Paddock Steward for a minimum of 2 hours.
 - Scorer for a minimum of 2 hours.
 - Scribe for at least 50 rides, three phases, with two different “r” (minimum) Judges.
- e. Reference Letters. “L” applicants must submit five letters of reference from knowledgeable horse persons.

1.2.2. Recorded “r” Judge

- a. Experience Requirement. “r” applicants must have held their “L” license for a minimum of 1 year at the time of application. All requirements for this level must be met after the “L” licensing date.
- b. Interview. An interview with the LOC may be required.
- c. Shadow Judging
 - (1) “r” applicants must shadow judge at least 30 rides in all available trials, at a minimum of two shows with at least two different “R”, “S”, or WAVE Judges.
 - (2) The 30 required rides must include at least 10 rides at L3, 5 rides at L4, and 5 rides at L5.
 - (3) Judge evaluations and score comparisons must be submitted for all shadow judging.

Note: Applicants may submit scoresheets for videos judged from the LOC keyed video bank.

- d. Judging/Co-judging
 - (1) “r” applicants must judge at least 50 rides in all available trials at shows within 2 preceding years. Judging requirements may be met by judging schooling shows or co-judging licensed shows with an “R” or “S” judge.
 - (2) At least two written evaluations from show management within preceding 2 years must be submitted with application.

1.2.3 Recognized “R” Judge

- a. Experience Requirement. “R” applicants must have held their “r” license for a minimum of 1 year at the time of application. All requirements for this level must be met after the “r” licensing date.
- b. Interview. An interview with the LOC may be required.
- c. Shadow Judging



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- (1) “R” applicants must shadow judge at least 30 rides in all available trials, at a minimum of two shows with at least two different “R”, “S”, or WAVE Judges.
- (2) The 50 rides must include at least 5 rides at L4, 5 rides at L5, as well as rides at L6 and L7.
- (3) Judge evaluations and score comparisons must be submitted for all shadow judging.

Note: Applicants may submit scoresheets for videos judged from the LOC keyed video bank.

d. Judging/Co-judging

- (1) “R” applicants must judge at least 150 rides in all available trials, at shows within the 3 preceding years.
- (2) The 150 required rides must include 15 rides at L4 and 15 rides at L5.
- (3) Judging requirements may be met by judging schooling shows or co-judging licensed shows with an “S” Judge.
- (4) At least three written evaluations from show management within preceding 3 years must be submitted with application.

1.2.4. Senior “S” Judge

- a. Experience Requirement. “S” applicants must have held their “R” license for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application. All requirements for this level must be met after the “R” licensing date.
- b. Interview. A standardized interview with the LOC is required.
- c. Shadow Judging
 - (1) “S” applicants must shadow judge at least 25 rides, in all available trials, with “S” or WAVE judges.
 - (2) The 25 required rides must include rides at L6 and L7.
 - (3) Judge evaluations and score comparisons must be submitted for all shadow judging.

Note: Applicants may submit scoresheets for videos judged from the LOC keyed video bank.

d. Judging

- (1) “S” applicants must judge at least 150 rides, in all available trails at shows within 3 preceding years.
- (2) The 150 required rides must include 6 rides at L6.
- (3) At least three written evaluations from show management within preceding 3 years must be submitted with the application.

e. Co-judging

- (1) “S” applicants are required to co-Judge with an “S” or WAVE Judge at one recognized show.
- (2) The Judge’s written evaluation and score comparison are required.



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- f. Letters of Reference. "S" applicants must submit three letters of reference from "R", "S", or WAVE Judges.

1.3. Technical Delegate (TD) Application Requirements

- a. Show Experience. TD applicants are required to do one of the following for one licensed show:
- Shadow a Licensed TD, or
 - Serve as a Provisional TD
- b. Volunteer Experience. TD applicants are required to:
- Serve as Paddock Steward for a minimum of 2 hours.
 - Serve as Scorer for a minimum of 2 hours.
 - Serve as Scribe for a minimum of 2 hours.
- c. Resume. Applicants must submit a resume detailing equestrian experience.
- d. Letters of Reference. Applicants must provide letters of reference from a Judge, Show Manager, and TD with the application.

1.4. Continuing Education Requirements

1.4.1 All Licensed Officials

- a. A Continuing Education form submitted every 2 years that details continuing education activities for the period.
- b. Proof of current membership with the licensing organization.
- c. Successful completion of an open-book rules test with a score of 90% or higher (mandatory every 2 years).

Note: Online Education and a Quiz will be created each rule change year to educate Licensed Officials on rule changes.

1.4.2 Judges

- a. Judge a minimum of two competitions within the 2-year period. “r”, “R”, and “S” Judges must judge a minimum of two licensed competitions in the 2-year period.
- b. 30 hours of any combination of qualified continuing education options from the following list:
 - Attendance and/or instruction at an officially recognized WE seminar event (mandatory every 2 years).
 - Scribing for Judges of the same license or higher.
 - Sitting-in with Judges of the same license or higher.
 - Shadow judging with Judges of the same license or higher.
 - Attendance at clinics and seminars, pre approved by the LOC.
 - Calibration sessions approved by the LOC
 - Competing at a recognized show, completing all trials, hour value capped at 6 hours.

1.4.3 Technical Delegates

- a. Officiate for at least two licensed shows within the 2-year period.
- b. Attend or instruct at an officially recognized Working Equitation seminar event within the 2-year period.