



## Judges Applicant Fact Sheet

1. NSBA Membership: Applicant must be a current NSBA member in good standing member for at least one year prior to the year in which you apply.
2. Applicant must be at least 25.
3. Applicant must complete and submit the NSBA Judges Application by October 1st, 2023.
4. Applicants names will be published prior to the Judges Committee review.
5. References: An applicant must have a total of six (6) references:
  - Two (2) Personal References from current NSBA members
  - Two (2) Show Management references applicant has worked for in the past
  - Two (2) Judge References from a NSBA Judge

References will be completed and returned to the NSBA office by the person who completes them. All references must be in our files prior to October 1 or the application will be considered incomplete and will not qualify for review. No member of the Judges Committee may be used for a reference. Reference forms are included with this application and also available on the NSBA website.

6. After the application deadline, the Judges Committee will review all completed applications. Following the Judges Committee review, applicants will be notified as to whether they have been invited to the applicant testing. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Judges Committee.
  - a. If an application is denied, applicant can resubmit an application with new references immediately. A second filing fee must be paid at that time.
  - b. If an applicant is invited to the applicant school and fails to make a passing grade, he/she may reapply immediately. Reapplying will require applicants to resubmit an application and application fee (no new references).
  - c. If an applicant fails to pass the second time, an applicant must wait one year to reapply.
  - d. An individual may not re-apply for a period of five years after being denied three times for any of the following:
    - i. Denial of permission to attend a qualifying examination by Judges Committee.
    - ii. Failure to pass the qualifying exam
    - iii. Failure to obtain approval from the Judges Committee or NSBA Executive Committee, for any reason.

7. Approved applicants will be tested, December, 2023 in Weatherford, TX. A confirmation letter with the exact dates and times of required sessions will be sent to all approved applicants. Applicant testing will include a current year closed rulebook test, video testing on all NSBA disciplines, video testing for Category I status (optional) and a personal interview session.
8. The scores earned at the judges' school will be reviewed by the Judges Committee at their next scheduled meeting. The Committee will solely determine if an applicant's qualifications approve him/her for holding NSBA judging credentials and/or Category I status. Applicants that pass the standard testing and do not pass the Category I requirement can retake the Category I at a later date.
9. If you are approved for judging status, your name will be added to the permanent judges list & it will be mandatory to attend a recertification session within your first year as a NSBA Judge.
10. NSBA application fee of \$100 and does not include the Category I application fee (separate application) and is non refundable.



## National Snaffle Bit Association Judges Application

**When applying to become a NSBA Judge, please remember the following:**

1. Must be at least 25.
2. Must be a current NSBA member in good standing member for at least one year prior to the year in which you apply.
3. Application deadline is October 1st, 2023.

**Please remember to submit:**

1. \$100 application fee (non-refundable)
2. A recent head and shoulder photo in judging attire (NOTE: Your application will be considered incomplete without a photo).

**Please type or print (use additional paper if necessary):**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

NSBA ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Judging History

Number of years judging: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximately how many shows have you judged? \_\_\_\_\_

List any major shows you may have judged: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever served as a ring steward? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many shows? \_\_\_\_\_

With what other associations/breeds do you have a current judges card? How long have you been carded with said association/breed? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you attended any educational judging seminars in the past? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what seminars and when? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you previously applied for approval as a NSBA Judge? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you previously been an approved NSBA Judge? \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal

(Check the appropriate category that best reflects your opinion of your abilities)

KNOWLEDGE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
Longe Line				
Western Pleasure				
Hunter Under Saddle				
Trail/Western Riding				
Over Fences				

What do you feel are your greatest strengths or assets regarding judging? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you feel are your greatest weaknesses regarding judging? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to become a NSBA Judge? \_\_\_\_\_

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List your accomplishments in the horse industry: \_\_\_\_\_

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With what other associations/breeds are you a current member? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been, or are you now, suspended from or on probation with any equine association? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*I hereby waive any right I may have to require disclosure to me by the Association of any information obtained to evaluate me as a prospective judge. I swear that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that I may be removed as an NSBA approved judge if it is determined that there are any inaccuracies or discrepancies in this application. I further understand that the position of an NSBA judge is a privilege, not a right, and that my selection as an approved NSBA Judge is at the sole discretion of the NSBA Judges Committee. If accepted as an NSBA Judge, I agree to uphold and apply the rules and standards as set forth in the National Snaffle Bit Association, and acknowledge that I have read the NSBA rules for judges as they apply to review and revocation, and that I will maintain a current membership with the NSBA.*

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ (above stated fee is for cash or check paying customers)

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_



## Judge Applicant Reference Form – Personal Reference

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

The above named person has requested to be considered as an NSBA approved Judge and has requested your reference. This form is confidential; all answers/comments should be typed or printed. Please use an additional paper if necessary. Thank you for your time and honest opinions; they are greatly appreciated by the National Snaffle Bit Association. Please return this completed form to:

National Snaffle Bit Association  
Attn: Judges Department  
120 Mesa St.  
Weatherford, TX 76086  
judges@nsba.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NSBA ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check the appropriate category that best reflects your honest opinion of the applicants' abilities)

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Conduct				
Promptness				
Dress/Appearance				
Attitude towards Judging				
Organizational Skills				

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to this applicant? **Yes** **No**

Has this applicant ever trained or shown for you? **Yes** **No**

In what capacity do you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you consider their greatest strengths or assets? \_\_\_\_\_

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What, if any, are areas in which this applicant could improve? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you feel this individual could handle a disgruntled exhibitor? **Yes No** Please explain:

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On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 = outstanding, 5 = average, 1 = poor), where would you rate their overall communication skills? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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If this applicant were approved as a NSBA Judge, would you have any objection to judging with or showing under him/her? **Yes No** Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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In your opinion does this applicant have the personal character to merit the honor of being an approved NSBA Judge? **Yes, this applicant does No, this applicant does not**

From the knowledge you have would you recommend this applicant to be approved as an NSBA judge? **Yes, I would recommend this applicant No, I would not recommend this applicant**

Have you personally observed this applicant judge a horse show? **Yes No**

Would you hire this applicant to judge a show for your club? **Yes No**

Any Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Promptness				
Dress/Appearance				
Attitude towards Judging				
Organizational Skills				

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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How long have you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to this applicant? **Yes** **No**

Has this applicant ever trained or shown for you? **Yes** **No**

In what capacity do you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you consider their greatest strengths or assets? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What, if any, are areas in which this applicant could improve? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you feel this individual could handle a disgruntled exhibitor? **Yes No** Please explain:

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On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 = outstanding, 5 = average, 1 = poor), where would you rate their overall communication skills? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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If this applicant is approved as a NSBA Judge, would you have any objection to judging with or showing under him/her? **Yes No** Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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In your opinion does this applicant have the personal character to merit the honor of being an approved NSBA Judge? **Yes, this applicant does No, this applicant does not**

From the knowledge you have would you recommend this applicant to be approved as an NSBA judge? **Yes, I would recommend this applicant No, I would not recommend this applicant**

Have you personally observed this applicant judge a horse show? **Yes No**

Would you hire this applicant to judge a show for your club? **Yes No**

Any Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Judge Applicant Reference Form – Show Management

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check the appropriate category that best reflects your honest opinion of the applicants' abilities)

KNOWLEDGE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
Longe Line				
Western Pleasure				
Hunter Under Saddle				
Trail/Western Riding				
Over Fences				

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Conduct				
Promptness				
Dress/Appearance				
Attitude towards Judging				
Organizational Skills				

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to this applicant? **Yes** **No**

Has this applicant ever trained or shown for you? **Yes** **No**

In what capacity do you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you consider their greatest strengths or assets? \_\_\_\_\_

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What, if any, are areas in which this applicant could improve? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you feel this individual could handle a disgruntled exhibitor? **Yes No** Please explain:

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On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 = outstanding, 5 = average, 1 = poor), where would you rate their overall communication skills? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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If this applicant is approved as a NSBA Judge, would you have any objection to judging with or showing under him/her? **Yes No** Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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In your opinion does this applicant have the personal character to merit the honor of being an approved NSBA Judge? **Yes, this applicant does No, this applicant does not**

From the knowledge you have would you recommend this applicant to be approved as an NSBA judge? **Yes, I would recommend this applicant No, I would not recommend this applicant**

Have you personally observed this applicant judge a horse show? **Yes No**

Would you hire this applicant to judge a show for your club? **Yes No**

Any Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attitude towards Judging				
Organizational Skills				

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to this applicant? **Yes** **No**

Has this applicant ever trained or shown for you? **Yes** **No**

In what capacity do you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you consider their greatest strengths or assets? \_\_\_\_\_

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What, if any, are areas in which this applicant could improve? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you feel this individual could handle a disgruntled exhibitor? **Yes No** Please explain:

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Have you personally observed this applicant judge a horse show? **Yes No**

Would you hire this applicant to judge a show for your club? **Yes No**

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Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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How long have you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to this applicant? **Yes** **No**

Has this applicant ever trained or shown for you? **Yes** **No**

In what capacity do you know this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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