

**WCHA Judging
CODE OF ETHICS**

Designation as a WCHA-approved Judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Judges and Education Committee to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. It is important that you judge by and adhere to all the current rules and regulations as stated in the WCHA Judges Guidelines and other pertinent documents and guidance as developed. An individual's conduct as a member, exhibitor and judge, must be exemplary; is subject to continual review by the Judges and Education Committee; and such designation is revocable by the Judges and Education Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to final appeal and review by the Executive Committee. By signing below, I agree to the following:

To uphold all WCHA guidelines and, rules and regulations pertaining to the Membership and Judges.

To adhere to the professional standards of the WCHA and at all times, act in a professional manner. To conduct myself in a manner that will positively convey to exhibitors, spectators, and show staff, my position as an official representative of WCHA and compliance with the WCHA by-laws, Membership guidelines, rules and regulations, Judging guidelines and this Code of Ethics.

To be courteous and judge with a positive attitude.

To comply with the WCHA Judging Guidelines.

To have the conviction to judge to the WCHA Conformation standard, judging and event guidelines and rules as well as disqualify entries that are in the violation of such.

To not accept any sort of remuneration, consideration, or anything of value that constitutes a bribe in the furtherance of judging duties.

To promptly report to the Chairman of the Judging and Education Committee any attempt by third parties to bribe me or otherwise influence me in the furtherance of my judging services.

To report any information regarding bribes or illegal persuasion of judges, whether directed toward me or other judges.

To ensure that the welfare of the horses being exhibited is paramount and that every horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.

To instill confidence among exhibitors and the public in the Halter Horse industry by, acting professionally as a representative of the WCHA, providing honest, objective, impartial judging decisions resulting in treating everyone fairly and, by avoiding any action conducive to discrediting the association or its' membership.

As a representative of WCHA, I understand that part of my responsibility as a Judge is to continuously promote WCHA and the conformation/halter industry. Through my actions as a member and a Judge and, interactions with spectators, exhibitors, and the general public, I will strive to generate confidence in and create new interest for Conformation/Halter competitions and the growth of WCHA.

To judge honestly, objectively, impartially, and fairly each horse exhibited to me; making all judging decisions based on compliance to the WCHA conformation standard, guidelines, rules and regulations dictated as the result of being a WCHA sanctioned event.

Signature

Date