



WALKING HORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## 2024 JUDGES RENEWAL APPLICATION

Apply for Judge \_\_\_\_\_ or \*Master Judge \_\_\_\_\_ (see page 2 for qualifications)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

List shows Judged in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that I am qualified to judge according to the following qualifications:

1. Must be a member of WHOA in good standing.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Must have equine experience and knowledge of Tennessee Walking Horses gaits.
4. Must have the ability to know and apply rules and to judge the abilities and performance of horse and rider in an unbiased manner.
5. Must have the personal character to merit the honor bestowed upon them.
6. Must not have been convicted of a felony or Class A or B misdemeanor.
7. Must have the ability to see the entries, walk the line up, stand for long periods of time and communicate effectively with ring personnel.
8. Will or have attended judges' clinic in 2023 and every other year thereafter.

I will agree to wholly abide by the rules and regulations of WHOA and will cooperate with all investigations and hearings involving charges and protests for violations of WHOA regulations. I understand that I will receive periodic training provided by WHOA and will abide by the rulebook. I will also uphold the WHOA mission statement when judging and participating in a WHOA affiliated event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Qualifications for Master Judge**

An applicant may apply to be a Master Judge if the following qualifications are met:

1. All of the qualifications for Judges are met.
2. Has been a licensed WHOA judge for at least three years prior to application.
3. Must have judged at least one flat shod TWH multi-day show or a one-day multi-judge flat shod TWH show previously, or has previously judged the International or National.
4. Applicant may qualify by judging for experience under the direction of a Master Judge at a multi-day show or a one-day multi-judge show during the prior year. Master Judge shall submit a review to the Judge's Committee. Judge's Committee shall make in its discretion the decision to grant designation to the Applicant that has not met qualifications in Paragraph 3. Show Management shall have the discretion of whether to allow a judge to judge for experience. NOTE: International does not allow apprentice or practice judges.
5. Judge's Committee shall review applicants each year and shall decide on whether to designate the applicant as a Master Judge.