

## What Types of Officials does the Alberta Equestrian Federation Approve?

- Hunter / Jumper Judge
- Dressage Judge
- General Performance & Western Judge
- Hunter/Jumper Course Designer
- Combined Driving Judge
- Technical Delegate Driving

**Designation as a licensed official is a privilege, bestowed to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor.**

The individual's conduct as a member and as an official must be exemplary and is subject to review. All officials are expected to be proficient in their respective divisions and to possess a thorough knowledge of the rules.

It is imperative that accredited officials exhibit the highest standard of integrity at all times and that decisions are presented with respect. AEF licensed officials' decisions constitute their individual assessment only, and are not the opinions of or decisions made by the Alberta Equestrian Federation.



## Why Become a Provincial Official?

**If you have an interest in supporting and encouraging grassroots level competitors and have some competition experience, then consider becoming a provincial official.**

- **Make a Difference:** Support grassroots level competitions, and our emerging athletes. Help them get the right start in a fun, relaxed and safe competition environment.
- **Stepping Stone:** Provincial accreditation is a simple way to get a feel for officiating, which can help open doors towards further certification.
- **Training:** Training clinics will be offered IN PROVINCE! No need to travel out of province to maintain certification.
- **Free Advertising:** Provincial officials are listed on the AEF website; anyone inquiring about finding an official is directed to this page.
- **Insurance Discounts:** Provincial Officials are eligible to purchase competition official insurance through Capri Insurance at preferred rates.
- **No Restrictions:** A provincial official may officiate at unsanctioned competitions. AEF officials are not restricted to officiating at sanctioned Wild Rose shows only, and may hold multiple cards with other equestrian organizations.

## Who Can Apply?

- Applicants must be a member in good standing with the AEF;
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age;
- Applicants must have previous experience in the competition field as either a competitor, coach, trainer, or instructor in each applicable division.

## How Does the Application Process Work?

- **Complete the Provincially Approved Official application.**
- **Include recommendation letters from two sponsors**, preferably for each applicable discipline. At least one of the two sponsors must be a certified official in the discipline you are seeking accreditation. All sponsors must be members in good standing of their provincial and/or national equestrian federation. Sponsors should be active in the equine competition industry.
- **Submit the Mentoring Form** which verifies that you have shadowed an official during a sanctioned competition.
- **Submit the Scribing Form** (for dressage judges only), which verifies you have scribed for a judge during a sanctioned competition.
- **Attend at least one certified official's clinic** in the discipline for which credentials are sought.
- **Successfully complete an open book exam**, based on the current provincial Wild Rose rulebook, achieving a minimum score of 80%. Exams must be returned to the AEF office.

Application deadline is April 1 every year. Supporting documents/clinic/exam must be completed by October 31 of that same year. Upon successful completion of the application, clinic attendance and exam, a panel will conduct a review of references. Written notification of a decision will be provided to the applicants by November 15.



## Does My Approval Expire?

The following rules must be followed in order to maintain your Provincial Officials Status:

- Provincially Approved Officials must attend a minimum of one EC, FEI or AEF hosted officials' development seminar/course relevant to their credentials, within each 3-year period;
- Provincially Approved Officials must remain a member in good standing with the Alberta Equestrian Federation;
- Provincially Approved Officials cannot be under suspension from any other equestrian organization.

*\*\*All provincially approved officials assume the responsibility for remaining current and notifying the AEF of clinics attended\*\**