

NZCCA Judge Training and Requirements



Official Points Approved Cowboy Challenges require two judges for the competition. A judge is also required to check the course and obstacles prior to the event, and both must join all course walk-arounds with competitors and answer questions from them.

The process to become an NZCCA qualified judge is as follows:

1. Contact NZCCA if you would like to be considered as a judge – email nzccassn@gmail.com. The Council will advise whether or not you are accepted. The right to accept or decline an applicant as a judge by the Council is final and no discussion will be entered into.
2. Sit in and observe or be a writer for a qualified judge at three separate Points Approved Cowboy Challenges (as a “trainee judge”). You may do this at a Challenge you are riding in, for all classes except your own. It is up to you to arrange these sessions with the respective Challenge organisers.
3. After the three sessions are completed, undertake a DVD assessment, alongside the Judge Co-ordinator (Florence West) and one other qualified NZCCA judge.
4. Upon passing the assessment, you become a “probationary judge” and can judge only in conjunction with a qualified judge.
5. After probationary judging at a minimum of three Points Approved Cowboy Challenges during a season, you may be approved as a fully qualified judge by the NZCCA Council.

Form to complete:

Trainee Judge Sign Off

- *A trainee judge must have this form signed by the judge they observe/write for, at each of the three Challenges, and submit this to the NZCCA Secretary when these are completed.*
- *After passing the DVD assessment, a probationary judge must have the form signed by the other judge at each of three competitions they judge, and submit this to the NZCCA Secretary when completed.*

Email form to nzccassn@gmail.com

The NZCCA will keep a record of judge training and confirm when you become a fully qualified judge.

Judges must be fully conversant with the NZCCA Rule Book, in particular requirements of all obstacles and how they are scored.

Organisers of Challenges are responsible for arranging judges for their competition and will make contact directly. The NZCCA recommends that a judge is paid \$100 per competition day, plus travel expenses (negotiated with the judge), along with providing accommodation and meals. If a person is judging at an event away from their home, the organiser will usually arrange for them to be hosted by someone nearby.

Terminology:

- Trainee Judge: a person approved by NZCCA to train as a judge - may not judge at a Points Approved Challenge.
- Probationary Judge: a person who has completed judge training and is judging for their first three Points Approved Challenges - may only judge if the other judge is fully qualified.
- Qualified Judge: a person who has completed judge training and probationary judging, and confirmed fully qualified by NZCCA.