



NZCCA Judge Rights and Responsibilities

Rights:

As a judge with NZCCA (qualified or probationary), you have the right to:

- Be treated with respect by the course organiser/hosts and competitors.
- Find all courses set up and overall course times established in sufficient time to allow for course approval at a reasonable hour and to allow time for any adjustments to be made.
- Require changes to a course design so that obstacles are clearly visible, not too close together, marked and meet safety requirements, without argument from the course designer.
- Move the judging location to allow for improved visibility.
- State obstacle requirements and designated pathways on a course walk without challenge from competitors (unless a significant safety concern).
- Delay the start of a Challenge round so that relevant obstacles have someone in place to reset them.
- Direct anyone to move out of the judge's area or off the course (they must be at least 10m away).
- Advise your writer and obstacle re-setters in the judge area that comments made during judging are confidential.
- Have shelter from the weather while judging, eg a sun shade, and a chair.
- Ask for a break during judging (at an appropriate point) to go to the toilet, get extra clothing, catch up on score sheets.
- Sign score sheets when you are ready to do this, without being unduly pressured to get them in.
- Be provided with reasonable accommodation (staying with someone is usual) when outside your immediate location and meals at an appropriate time while carrying out judge duties.
- Be provided with refreshments (drinks and snacks) while judging.
- Be paid stated fees and travel expenses.
- Raise any issues you experience with NZCCA and be supported as relevant.

Responsibilities:

As a judge with NZCCA (qualified or probationary), you have a responsibility to:

- Support and follow all NZCCA Rules and regulations and make decisions required of judges as per the Rule Book.
- Keep abreast of current Rules and obstacles, plus any regulations or determinations made by NZCCA Council.
- Attend NZCCA judge standardisation days and other training sessions (eg via Zoom).
- Respect and work with Challenge organisers/hosts constructively and diplomatically.
- Respect fellow judges and work in conjunction with them at a Challenge and during training.
- Be on time and have appropriate paperwork (eg Rule Book) and personal attire.
- Approve all courses so that they meet NZCCA Rules and regulations and identify best position from which to judge so that all obstacles can be clearly viewed - arrange a time with the course designer for approval prior to the Challenge course walk (one judge may approve the course if the other is unable to be there; however a probationary judge may not do this on their own).
- Join each course walk – plan with the course designer who will advise – what on the walk-around. Answer questions from competitors clearly*.
** you may provide clarifications on how obstacles are scored but not on how they are best ridden.*
- Brief your writer on their role before the Challenge starts and give scores and comments clearly.
- Use the radio provided to communicate anything necessary throughout the Challenge to the other judge, timer, organiser etc.
- As a probationary judge, have the qualified judge confirm any rulings that need to be made during the Challenge, eg penalty for outside interference.
- Score all competitors in a consistent manner against the Rule Book.
- Provide comments for score sheets where possible and only include comments that are relevant to the competition.
- Sign off score sheets before they are submitted to the person entering results
- Explain any comments made on their score sheets if asked by a competitor.
- Join the prizegiving and give out ribbons etc as required.
- Respect competitors and communicate accordingly with them throughout a Challenge.
- Inform NZCCA of any issues that arise during your judging experiences.