

NZCCA Judge Training and Requirements

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Official Points Approved Cowboy Challenges require two or more judges for the competition. A judge is also required to check the course, obstacles and overall times prior to the event, and judges 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 nzccasn@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. As a trainee judge, sit in and observe a qualified judge (not a probationary judge) at three separate Points Approved Cowboy Challenges. You may not do this at a Challenge you are riding in. It is up to you to arrange these sessions with the respective Challenge organisers.
3. After the three sessions are completed, submit your Sign Off form (refer below) then contact NZCCA to arrange to undertake an assessment with a qualified judge.
4. Upon passing the assessment, you become a “probationary judge” and can judge at Points Approved events providing the other judge is a qualified judge.
5. After judging two Points Approved Challenges as a probationary judge, contact NZCCA to arrange to be observed by a qualified judge when judging at your third Points Approved Challenge. The observing judge will make a recommendation to the Council to approve your judging or for further training. Submit your Sign Off sheet for the probationary judging sessions (refer below).
6. After probationary judging is complete, you may be approved as a fully qualified judge by the NZCCA Council. You will be notified by NZCCA of this.

Trainee and Probationary Judge Sign Off Form

It is essential to complete this form as below and send it to NZCCA in order for your training to be recorded and recognised:

- A trainee judge must have this form signed by the judge they observe under, at each of the three Challenges, and submit it to the NZCCA Secretary when these are completed.
- After passing the trainee assessment, a probationary judge must have the form signed by the other judge at each of the first two Challenges they judge.
- At the third Challenge they judge, the qualified judge observing them will complete a report along with the probationary judge and submit the report to the NZCCA Secretary.

Email form to nzccasn@gmail.com

Organisers of Challenges are responsible for arranging judges for their competitions and will make contact directly. NZCCA publishes a list of available judges with their contact details. 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 judging at an event away from their home, it is usual practice for the judge to be hosted by someone nearby as arranged by the Challenge organiser.

All judges must be fully conversant with the current NZCCA Rule Book, in particular requirements of all obstacles and how they are judged.

Terminology:

- Trainee Judge: a person approved by NZCCA to train as a judge - may not judge a Points Approved class.
- 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 as fully qualified by NZCCA.