



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FARRIERS

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR APPROVED JUDGES

Attendance at any event as a company Approved Judge indicates that you are an acknowledged authority in the craft of Farriery. You are also acting as a representative of the Worshipful Company of Farriers. You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner befitting these positions.

Approved Judges are expected to wear a suit or conventional jacket (e.g. blazer) a shirt with a collar and tie and your official badge at all times when officiating. A suitable hat should be available if required by the event. A white or brown coat may be worn in the forge or when judging Best shod Horse. Jeans, T-shirts and training Shoes are not acceptable under any circumstances.

On arrival at a competition you should introduce yourself to the Senior steward; familiarise yourself with the venue; any specific regulation pertaining to it, particularly Health & Safety, and check that the Company Awards are available and correct.

The arrangements and timing of the event must be strictly adhered to with any concerns regarding them discussed with the steward before judging begins. Time should be made available after judging and the results have been declared to deal with any questions from competitors or the public.

Approved Judges must be prepared to stand by their decision and when necessary substantiate it.

Approved Judges are expected to encourage the inclusion of all Registered Farriers in competitions and events.

Once an Approved Judge has agreed to judge at an event he should have a very good reason for cancelling and take some responsibility for helping to find a suitable replacement.

At all times when attending an event as an Approved Judge you should be aware of your responsibilities to:

- (i) the person asking for your services
- (ii) the competitors
- (iii) the Craft of Farriery
- (iv) yourself

REMEMBER AT ALL TIMES YOUR INTEGRITY SHOULD BE BEYOND QUESTION

FARRIERY & SHOEMAKING COMPETITIONS

Judges must ensure compliance with the following before judging commences:

- Horses are of a suitable temperament for the competition.
- Horses are properly tied with a quick release knot. Standing is good, safe and sheltered.
- Competent help is available if necessary, and the method of contact of a veterinary surgeon is readily available.
- Provision has been made for the shoeing of all four feet to a similar standard.
- At all times the welfare of the animal has been considered. E.g. adequate water.
- Health & Safety requirements are satisfactory and a Risk Assessment has been carried out.
- Safety equipment is worn by all those who are eligible for Company Medals.
- Specimen shoes are of a suitable standard and the specifications were supplied to the entrants according to the rules of the event.
- That six or more entrants are in the class being judged for Company Medals.

Judges must use a system of marking at each section of the competition to ensure a correct standard. The following marking should be used at the judge's discretion:

<u>FARRIERY</u>		<u>SHOEMAKING</u>	
	<u>MARK</u>		<u>MARK</u>
Foot Preparation	10	Forging	10
Forging	10	Nail Holes	10
Fitting	10	Balance	10
Nailing & Finish	10	Finish	10
TOTAL	40	TOTAL	40

Marking forms should be filled in as each section of the task is completed with appropriate comments where necessary. These should be available for discussion with the entrant after the final judging is completed.

- To comply with the conditions for making Company awards an entrant not wearing or removing safety equipment during the competition must be asked by the judge to replace it. Failure to do so makes an entrant ineligible for a Company award.
- Judges must ensure that the competition rules are kept and that timing is accurate.
- On completion of the competition the judge should:
 - Ensure that the standard is of sufficient merit to make the award.
 - Be prepared to give feed-back to the entrants on the competition.
 - Be prepared to discuss or answer individual questions from the entrants.
 - Give feedback on events to the organisers whether positive or negative and if necessary report back to the Company any suggestions or areas that should be given attention.
- Approved Judges must withhold awards if the standard is not sufficiently high or the event falls short of the expected level of care for safety.
 - Should a judge withhold awards the Company must be informed as soon as possible.

All rules and conditions for making Company awards apply to Apprentice Competition however judges should also, in the case of Apprentices, ensure that the tasks they are given to produce are set at the level of their experience and that ALL Health & Safety conditions are fully met - THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS.

FARRIERY & SHOEMAKING AWARDS

SILVER MEDAL

- Awarded to Registered Farriers **only**.
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- Number of awards to be made agreed between the event organisers and the Company.
- Where an overall champion is decided by collective marks from several classes they must **all** be farriery classes.

BRONZE MEDAL

- Awarded to Registered Farriers only for Shoe Making'
- Number of awards to be made agreed between the event organisers and the Company.
- Bronze Medals may be awarded for accumulative score over several classes.

APPRENTICE MEDALS

- Awarded in two groups, 1st and 2nd Year Apprentices and 3rd and 4th Year Apprentices.
- The apprentice must be serving under the Farriers Registration Council/National Farriery Training Agency scheme and the name of the Approved Training Farrier duly recorded on the score sheet.
- Number of awards to be made agreed between the event organisers and the Company.

BEST SHOD HORSE COMPETITIONS

- Approved Judges must assure themselves of the following before judging commences:
 - That their own safety is considered before approaching a particular horse for judgement.
 - That the welfare of all horses being judged has been considered.
 - That Health & Safety issues with regard to officials, judges, riders and the public have been considered and a Risk Assessment carried out.
- Approved judges will examine each horse brought forward taking into consideration:
 1. Condition of the feet.
 2. The making (or preparation) and fitting of the shoes.
 3. Nailing and Position of clips.
 4. Where normal shoes or showing plates are used they must be suitable for the horse.

Approved Judges may, when a large number of horses are brought forward for judging, use their discretion and examine one front foot only.

- Approved Judges **must not** request the name of the farrier responsible for any horses feet before all horses have been examined and a judgement made.
- Approved Judges should make the presentation of awards to both class and overall winners unless notified by the event that other arrangements have been made.
- Approved Judges should be prepared to give feedback whether positive or negative to event organisers if it is required. Any discussion with owners or riders is at the discretion of the judge.
- Approved Judges should withhold awards if no entrant reaches a standard of sufficient merit. Judges who withhold awards or have concerns regarding any event must inform the Company as soon as possible.

BEST SHOD HORSE AWARDS

ROSETTES

- Awarded to the winner of each class judged.

BRASS PLAQUE

- Awarded to the farrier responsible for the feet and shoeing of the overall winner.
- Awarded to the class winner where only one class is judged.
- Awarded to the overall winner where more than one class is judged.

GENERAL

Approved Judges are reminded that they are only acting on behalf of the company when asked to judge at events that are making Company Awards. Should they agree to judge at an event where Company awards are not made they must not represent themselves as Company judges or claim to represent the Company in any way.

The Company appoints judges to the Approved List from time to time according to requirements. A re-appointment procedure decided by the Company will take place on a regular basis. Approved Judges may request their name be removed from the list at any time.

The Company reserves the right, if necessary to appoint as judge, any Liveryman who is either a Registered Farrier or suitably qualified Veterinary Surgeon.

Consent to becoming an Approved Judge automatically assumes consent to the circulation and publication on the WCF web site of the Approved Judges Lists that contain names, qualifications, addresses, and telephone numbers of all judges.