

Categories of MHC provincially approved officials are:

- ⌘ **General Performance Judge**
- ⌘ **Western Judge**

The designation of Licensed Official is conferred on individuals with experience, knowledge and commitment to equine sports. Officials are expected to have practical proficiency and experience in their respective disciplines. A thorough knowledge of the rules is essential

The conduct of officials shall, at all times, be beyond reproach, as any action taken by an official may be subject to review.

Decisions rendered by officials constitute solely their independent assessment - not that of the Manitoba Horse Council. For this reason, it is imperative that accredited officials demonstrate the highest standard of integrity, while ensuring that their decisions are taken absent of any improper influence.

Maintaining Status

A provincially approved official must:

- ⌘ be a member in good standing with Manitoba Horse Council;
- ⌘ not be under suspension from any other equestrian organization
- ⌘ attend one Equestrian Canada- or Manitoba Horse Council-hosted officials development seminar/course relevant to their credentials within each three-year period;
- ⌘ assume responsibility for remaining current and notifying Manitoba Horse Council of clinics attended.



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**Development Program
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Western Judges**



Becoming a Licensed Provincial Official



Why become Licensed?

You can make a difference by supporting emerging athletes and participating as an official in entry level competition.

Your involvement helps to create a safe environment which fosters skill and interest, and in which enthusiasm for the sport thrives.

Your involvement encourages developing athletes who may go on to further their own careers as riders or coaches.

You will enhance your personal growth and development. Provincial Accreditation is the all-important first step towards higher levels of certification and greater involvement in the sport.

If you have some competition experience and have an interest in supporting and encouraging grass roots level competitors, then you should consider taking the steps to becoming a provincial official.

Who can apply?

New applicants must

- be Manitoba Horse Council members
- be at least 21 years of age; and
- have had previous experience as either a competitor, coach, judge, trainer, or instructor in your respective fields.

What are the benefits?

Contact opportunities: Provincial officials' contact information is listed on Manitoba Horse Council's website to expand your network of show contacts.

Unsanctioned competitions: You have official status as a Manitoba judge but you can participate in events other than those sanctioned by Manitoba Horse Council. We encourage your active participation in the broader community.

Independent Contractor: Manitoba Horse Council recognizes Provincial Officials as independent contractors and as such, you may hold multiple cards with other equestrian organizations.

Provincial officials licensed by Manitoba Horse Council are able to apply (via Manitoba Horse Council) to Sport Manitoba for travel and professional development assistance for attending approved seminars and conferences.



What steps does it take?

- 1** Complete the application form. Applications for the Program are reviewed annually. The deadline for submission of your application in any year is April 1.
- 2** Submit letters of recommendation from two sponsors with your application. At least one of your sponsors must be a certified official in the discipline for which you are applying. Both sponsors must be current members of either or both their provincial (or territorial) federation and Equestrian Canada. Sponsors should be active in equine competition.
- 3** Attend at least one certified officials clinic in the discipline for which you are applying, and achieve a minimum score of 80% in an open book examination on the current rulebook.
- 4** Provide proof of your shadowing an official during a sanctioned competition, using the Mentoring Form.
- 5** Complete all steps by October 31, for a Panel Review. This includes submission of supporting documents, test results and attendance records. Upon successful completion of the application, clinic attendance and examination, a panel will conduct a review of references. Applicants will be notified of the result in writing no later than November 15.