



British Showjumping  
Judges Education System

**COMPETENCIES REQUIRED**

## **Competencies for all British Showjumping Judges**

The following competencies are to be maintained and developed once appointed as a Judge and when Officiating at British Showjumping affiliated shows: -

### **1. Requirements**

- a. Judging Stationery, Judging and result sheets, Two phase sheets, Result sheets
- b. Stop watch
- c. Rule book, Rule amendments
- d. Schedule
- e. **Crib Book/ Sheet**

### **2. Timing Equipment:**

- a. Setup the timing equipment for a Table A Classes
- b. Setup the timing equipment for a Two / Single Phase Classes
- c. Move and reset the timing equipment between classes
- d. Operate the timing equipment effectively whilst judging
- e. Identify and rectify any errors with the timing equipment

### **3. Writing & Results**

- a. Write clear and legible results sheets
- b. With all the required information recorded
- c. Produce clear & correct results and return timely to Head Office for Grading with all required information
- d. Hold a copy of the Results for a min 6 months for verification
- e. Be competent in the use of the British Showjumping Judges App (2018)

### **4. Operating the Bell:**

- a. Know when to and when not to operate the bell
- b. Operate the bell effectively to aid efficient running of classes

### **5. Back up Timing:**

- a. Run a backup stopwatch effectively
- b. Produce stopwatch times within an acceptable margin of the electronic timing set
- c. **Understand the importance of keeping a record of your back up time**

### **6. Crib Sheet / Ranking list**

- a. Run crib sheet & **Ranking list** for assistance and confirmation of writer
- b. Produce result from crib sheet & **Ranking list** to confirm class results

### **7. PA Announcements:**

- a. Ideally, be capable and accepting of announcing scores and relevant information
- b. Clear, concise and precise in what they are announcing
- c. Appropriate use of the PA system

### **8. Knowledge of Rules & Regulations:**

- a. Have a good understanding of current British Showjumping Rules and Regulations
- b. Confident to implement these Rules and Regulations fully
- c. Be able to interpret and explain the rules, in detail to the members
- d. Understanding of the rule book, so to find and confirm rules quickly and efficiently

## **9. Walking the Course**

- a. Ensure they are aware of the requirements of and the course specifications for the class to be judged
- b. Ensure the course is safe, appropriate and built to the specifications of the competition in hand
- c. Be available to walk with the course designer as soon as the course is ready to aid efficient change overs
- d. Understanding of distances and good practice to ensure safety
- e. Confidence to engage the course designer to discuss the course

## **10. Time and Time Allowed**

- a. Confidence in ascertaining horses speed of travel
- b. Ability to engage Course Designer in discussions relating to time allowed
- c. Appropriate and decisive decision making re time allowed

## **11. Water Jump**

- a. Understand the criteria for and difference between Water Jump and Jump over Water
- b. Understanding of what constitutes a fault at a water jump
- c. Correct positioning to judge the water
- d. Clear signals to judging panel
- e. Appropriate and decisive decision making

## **12. Teamwork:**

- a. Be able to work as part of a team of judges to produce fair and correct results
- b. Be able to work with the wider team of Officials to aid smooth and efficient running of classes and to produce fair and correct results
- c. Be supportive and encouraging towards New & Trainee Officials
- d. Take a positive attitude and Learn from setbacks

## **13. Leadership:**

- a. Show good Organisational skills
- b. Set Clear Goals within the team of judges to produce fair and correct results
- c. Empower the team of Officials to speak up and challenge, when appropriate
- d. Good Delegating skills, able to identify others strengths
- e. Clear and decisive, whilst accepting the views of others
- f. Demonstrate good Conflict Management Skills
- g. Demonstrate good communication skills
- h. To Lead by Example

## **14. Judges Etiquette**

- a. Abide by British Showjumping Officials Code of Conduct
- b. Dress appropriately for a British Showjumping affiliated show
- c. Conduct themselves in the manner expected of a British Showjumping Official
- d. Liaise with the Course Designer, Show Organisers and Stewards to help run the show efficiently
- e. Remain available and approachable to answer any questions the Members may have

## **Level 1 Judges**

Level 1 Judges should be able to demonstrate a Basic level of awareness of all the proceeding competencies prior to appointment, with a particular additional emphasis on the following: -

- a. Dress appropriately for a British Showjumping affiliated show
- b. Conduct themselves in the manner expected of a British Showjumping Official
- c. Have to hand Stop watch, Rule book, Rule amendments
- d. Be able to work as part of a team of judges to produce fair and correct results
- e. Have a Basic understanding of current British Showjumping Rules and Regulations
- f. Write clear and legible results sheets
- g. Basic understanding of the timing equipment
- h. Basic understanding of the British Showjumping Judges App
- i. To promote and apply the highest standards expected by British Showjumping
- j. Reasonable understanding of distances and good practice to ensure safety of courses

## **Level 2 Judges**

Level 2 Judges should be able to demonstrate a good level of awareness of all the proceeding competencies prior to appointment, with a particular additional emphasis on the following: -

- a. Have a good understanding of current British Showjumping Rules and Regulations
- b. Confident to implement these Rules and Regulations fully
- c. Operate the timing equipment effectively whilst judging
- d. Identify and rectify any errors with the timing equipment
- e. Produce clear & correct results and return timely to Head Office for Grading with all required information
- f. Operate the bell effectively to aid efficient running of classes
- g. Run a backup stopwatch effectively
- h. Appropriate and decisive decision making re time allowed
- i. Course walk, ensure they are aware of the requirements of and the course specifications for the class to be judged
- j. Understanding of Water Jump criteria and protocol
- k. Be able to work as part of a team of judges to produce fair and correct results
- l. Be supportive and encouraging towards New & Trainee Officials
- m. Be competent in the use of the British Showjumping Judges App (2018)
- n. To be able to achieve a balance between of the needs and requirements of all stake holders within a show.
- o. To promote and apply the highest standards expected by British Showjumping
- p. Good understanding of distances and good practice to ensure safety of courses.

### **Level 3 Judges**

Level 3 Judges should be able to demonstrate an enhanced level of awareness of all the proceeding competencies prior to appointment, with a particular additional emphasis on the following: -

- a. To be confident to undertake Chair of Judges and/or Lead Officials roles at major shows, to work closely with the Organiser and take complete charge of major classes and to be fully accountable.
- b. Lead by Example
- c. Show good Organisational skills
- d. Demonstrate good Conflict Management Skills
- e. Demonstrate good communication skills
- f. Good Delegating skills, able to identify others strengths and weaknesses
- g. Greater level of understanding of the rules and technical aspects of major classes.
- h. Interpret rules accordingly, make fair and logical decisions including of those incidents not in the rule book
- i. Be supportive and encouraging towards other Officials including New & Trainee Officials and to give appropriate and constructive feedback where necessary
- j. Conduct themselves in the manner expected of a British Showjumping Official
- k. Be competent in the use of the British Showjumping Judges App (2018)
- l. To be able to achieve a balance between the needs and requirements of all stake holders within a show
- m. To promote and apply the highest standards expected by British Showjumping.