



The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Procedure for appointment to the **Approved Judges List** to judge the Worshipful Company's best shod and farriery awards

From time to time the Company holds a full-day course for prospective new judges; at other times (and no full-day course is planned at present) the system is as follows:

Prospective probationary judge **must be proposed by a FWCF or an AWC**F who should notify the Awards Secretary of the name of the farrier they are proposing. The Awards Secretary will then provide the Probationary Judge with the relevant forms along with Company's 'Guidelines for Judging' and 'Judges Handbook' and will also advise on upcoming competitions and who will be judging them.

The procedure is to contact three different judges on the Company's Approved List and ask to accompany each one at a competition he is booked to judge – two judging farriery competitions, and one judging best shod. (Guided by each judge, it may also be appropriate to contact the event's chief steward to ask his permission and to arrange tickets etc.)

The candidate then attends **two live shoeing farriery competitions**, as a **Probationary Judge**, alongside an experienced Company judge. Both competitions must have classes for the Company's Silver (shoeing), Bronze (shoemaking), and Apprentice Bronze (apprentice shoemaking) medals. Also attend **one Best Shod Horse competition** at County Show level or equivalent, as a Probationary Judge, alongside an experienced Company judge.

On fulfilling the above with satisfactory endorsement by the Company judges at these three events, the Probationary Judge's name goes through to the **Court**, via the Craft Committee, with the recommendation for appointment to the Approved List.

Prospective probationary judges should be aware that being reasonably available to judge is a condition of being on the Approved List, and that judges who find they cannot make themselves available or who have not judged a Company award for some while may be stood down from the List.

The Worshipful Company makes its awards in order to promote, support and maintain the highest standard of excellence in farriery, and the Company is very grateful to those who undertake to judge its awards on the Company's behalf; it can be a rewarding and also demanding role.

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