

Judge Testing Frequently Asked Questions

Part 1 and 2

When will I hear my results?

Once all papers have been marked by the examiners and returned to the office, they will be posted to the candidates. We aim to return your papers within 10 working days of all papers being marked.

How are the questions for the written paper chosen?

Members of the Judges Committee and the Tutor Judges are asked to submit questions for the papers. These are checked by a small team of senior judge examiners. A senior judge on the Judges Committee then chooses a mixture of questions which cover rules and judging issues for each exam paper.

How are the marks decided for the DVD paper?

For the DVD papers the marks acceptable for each clip are agreed by a panel of three FEI or senior national judges.

Maximum points are awarded for marks in line with this panel, with lower points being awarded where the mark is 0.5 or 1 away from the panel's score. However there are some instances where the issue illustrated on the clip warrants a single mark. For example if there is a precise problem (changes late behind etc.) and only a specific mark is relevant.

On some occasions, a range of marks are accepted for maximum points as the panel consider each individual clip on its own merit and always take into consideration that candidates taking the exam will have less experience than themselves. For example if all 3 of the panel gave a 10 for a movement without hesitation, a range of marks from 10 – 8.5 would be awarded marks as less experienced judges may not have the confidence to give a 10. An 8.5 would still be given a point but candidates should recognise that the movement is better than an 8.

The pass rate is presently set at part 1- 80% and part 2- 67% to reflect that complete agreement with the examiners is not expected.

Why is it at training days we are told it is always acceptable to be 1 mark different?

It is important to remember that when judging in a panel (or indeed when you are in a large group spread out) movements will be seen from different angles and this can lead to discrepancies in the marks. However everyone watching the DVD is watching exactly the same clip and therefore there should be less deviations in the marks. Clips are used to bring attention to certain aspects and in all material used the panel are always in agreement.

Who marks the papers?

Selected members of the Judges Committee, Judge Examiners and Tutor Judges all have the responsibility of marking Part 1 and 2 papers. A master results sheet is provided for them, giving them details of the correct answers for the written paper and the acceptable marks and key comments for the DVD paper.

How do I appeal?

There is an appeals procedure, which is published on the website and available from the office.

When can I resit a paper?

There's no fixed time to wait before you can resit, so you can book a place on the next testing day available. The dates for all exams are published on the Judges pages of the website and bookings are taken online using Bookwhen.

Part 3**What will happen at part 3?**

This is your practical assessment. Six candidates will judge a simulated class of between 6 and 7 horses. The Master Judge at C will be one of your examiners and there will be a second senior judge who will also judge the class. Your sheets will be compared to the sheets from the Master Judge, by at least two examiners (one of whom will be the Master Judge themselves). The examiners can also refer to the second senior judge's sheets if there are any discrepancies.

In most venues you will be judging from the short side at C (and mostly from your own car), however on occasions you may judge from the long side but you would be notified of this. You need to bring your own writer, who shouldn't be a judge of a higher list than you. Examiners will always note where you are sitting and appreciate that different positions can make for differences in marks.

Once you have finished judging your class you will be able to head home, and we'll email you your results and report as soon as possible. We aim to send results out within 10 working days, but this is dependent on other commitments of the head office staff. Your marked score sheets will be returned to you by post.

When will I receive my results?

We aim to post your results within 10 working days of the exam day.