

## Judge Testing Frequently Asked Questions

### Part 1 and 2

#### **When will I hear my results?**

Your papers will be scanned and posted to the person responsible for marking the papers at that level. Once they have marked them they will email the results to the office. The office will email candidates to confirm the result and the marked papers will be posted to you directly from the person marking them (though these won't be returned until all exams are finished).

#### **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 judges and a senior judge on the Judges Committee 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 very 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 ideal score. However there are some instances where the issue illustrated on the clip warrants a single mark. If there is a specific problem (changes late behind etc.) then only a specific mark is relevant

On some occasions several marks are accepted for maximum points as the panel consider each individual clip on its own merit and always take into consideration that candidates will have less experience than themselves. For example, in an extended walk, that all 3 of the panel gave a 10 for without hesitation, it was felt that to have that courage, with less experience, was a big call and thus a 9.5 and 9 was allowed for maximum marks. An 8.5 was still given a point but it was felt that the candidates should recognise it was better than an 8.

The pass rate is presently set at 60% 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) that movements will be seen from different angles and this can make sometimes small and sometimes even a large difference in a mark. 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?**

Most members of the Judges Committee have taken on the responsibility of marking testing papers on this occasion, but in future other examiners and tutor judges might be used. 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 parts are published on the Judges pages of the website and bookings are taken online using Bookwhen.

### **What happens to the fee I have already paid for my part 3?**

If you haven't passed either part 1 or 2 then we will automatically refund the fee you have paid for your part 3. Please bear with us though – our first job will be to let everyone know their results and to confirm part 3 places for everyone who has passed. We should be processing refunds within 3 weeks of receiving your results.

## **Part 3**

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

This is your practical assessment. Six candidates will judge a simulated class of between 6 - 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.

Once you have finished judging your class you will be able to head home, and we'll email your results and report as soon as possible – within a working week of your exam (sooner if we can). Your marked score sheets will be returned to you by post.

Examiners will always note where you are sitting and appreciate that different positions can make for differences in marks.

Overall percentage and order are not the most important part of the exam.

You need to recognise quality and demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of correct way of going by identifying faults and their relevance during the test.

Understanding the requirements at the level you are being tested for is paramount.

Summaries need to be clear and concise, relevant to the performance, showing you clearly recognise the strengths and weaknesses of each individual test.

Comments and marks need to be relevant and clear to the rider.