



## Rule 1601: ABGA Judges Certification Form and Methods

Individuals desiring to become ABGA approved judges are required to attend and pass an ABGA judge's certification school and be ABGA members in good standing and be 21 years of age or older (July 15, 2022). A judges' panel appointed by the ABGA Board of Directors will conduct and score the certification. The following will be part of the requirements for the course:

- A. Applicants are to complete a judge certification application and submit application and certification fee to ABGA. A maximum of 20 applicants will be accepted into each certification course. The following attributes will carry positive weight by the judges' panel when selecting candidates, however none of these experiences are required to be accepted:
  - i. Attending an ABGA sponsored educational event with judges training
  - ii. Experience judging non-ABGA shows
  - iii. Competitive judging experiences (Collegiate, 4-H/FFA)
  - iv. Coaching competitive judging teams (Collegiate, 4-H/FFA)
  - v. Experience raising livestock
- B. Minimum passing score is to be set by judges' panel based on the difficulty of the animal classes. The judges' panel will set the passing score above 85% of total points, with a minimum of 80% required in each test area.
- C. The judges' panel will review total scores without names and determine the minimum passing score for the course.
- D. A report will be given to board following training on positives and needed changes in future programs.
- E. Total scores are composed of classes, reasons, and written exam scores, as follows:
  - i. 8 placing classes of 4 or 5-head: 400 points; 40% of total.
    1. Up to 2 of these classes can be inspected for cull faults, all other classes will be judged as show correct.
    2. Cuts on 4-head classes will have a maximum total of 15
    3. Cuts on 5-head classes will have a maximum total of 12
    4. Reasons will be given on 5 of these classes
  - ii. 1 class of 10-head DQ Fault Class: 100 points; 10% of total.
    1. Each animal will be worth 10 points, and the contestant must correctly identify if animal is show correct or has a DQ fault. The correct DQ fault must be identified to receive the 10 points.
    2. No reasons will be given on this class
    3. Contestants will be given 5 minutes to evaluate all 10 head for DQ faults.
    4. Only one individual will be allowed to evaluate this class at a time
  - iii. 1 class of 8-head: 100 points; 10% of total
    1. Class will be judged as show correct
    2. Cuts between pairs will not exceed 6 points
    3. Minimum score will be 0
    4. Reasons will be given on this class
  - iv. 6 sets of oral reasons: 300 points; 30% of total.
  - v. Written exam: 100 points; 10% of total.
  - vi. Total: 1000 points; 100% of total.