

2024 Code of Conduct for Sport Judges at USIHC National Ranking events

By accepting an invitation to judge at a USIHC National Ranking event the judge commits to act in accordance with the following standards:

1. The judge seek to have a neutral, independent and fair position towards riders, owners, trainers, organizers and other officials and integrate well into a team. Financial and/or personal interest shall not influence or be perceived to influence their way of judging.

2. The judge will avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest. Activities which will lead

to or may lead to a “conflict of interest” when judging at a USIHC National Ranking event

includes but are not limited to:

- Coaching/training a horse/rider during and two days prior to an event.
- Judging a test where one is owner/part-owner of horses taking part.
- Being in a situation of financial dependence or gaining financial profit from owners, riders, trainers, organizers or other related organizations.
- Having a close personal relationship with a competitor. A judge should not judge classes where his/her spouse, children, siblings or parents are competing.
- Inappropriate use of social or other media before, during and after the event.

3. The judge will notify the USIHC Sport Leader and the event organizer of possible conflicts of interest or situations that may be perceived as such.

4. During the event the judge will be punctual and conduct him/herself in a professional manner at all times. The judge will be well prepared for the tests he/she is judging and must cooperate well with the organizer, colleagues and other officials. The judge will not consume alcohol until after the day's judging is finished and will keep the use of mobile phones and/or other electronic communication devices to the minimum.

By accepting an invitation to judge a USIHC National Ranking event the judge commits to these standards and is aware that the USIHC has the right to undertake disciplinary actions against judges who do not follow this Code of Conduct and FEIF rules. Such disciplinary actions may consist of: (1) Warning letter (2) Temporary suspension and (3) Removal from the USIHC Judges' list.