

WORLD SHOW SYMPOSIUM FOR CURRENT JUDGES.

Cost: \$20 Pre-pay Online

Attention all EXCA Judges attending this year's World Show: you are invited to attend this learning opportunity designed just for you. Pete Fraser, the EXCA's Director of Judges and Judging, promises a very focused 2-hour session full of information, appropriate direction, updates, problem solving, strategies and answers to your specific "moments of truth" questions - all targeted on assuring our competitors a strong core of judging options. Attendance will be a valuable investment of time for any EXCA Judge - regardless of current level and/or experience.

General outline of topics to be covered:

- Specific rules, interpretations, exceptions - the ones that our competitors most complain about consistency and fairness
- Ensuring an accurate, appropriately comparable and fair "reporting of the news" through the judges' obstacle scores
- Working with your judging partners and scribes - maximizing success and agreement
- When judges disagree (there is no such thing as "the senior judge" breaking the tie)
- Bad habits to rid yourself of - next obstacle hangover; opting for comfort overview; reading belt buckles; "my show, my rules"; Santa Clause scores
- Accepting the parameters of your authority and responsibilities
- Strategies for managing challenging situations/competitors/sideline judges
- Using specific word descriptors to bring meaning and consistency to the numerical scores they are meant to reflect
- Best practices and obligations for conducting the walkthroughs
- The pros and cons of tweaking obstacles during walkthroughs
- The all-important horsemanship score
- Notes if you chose, but they better be very meaningful and
- Balancing degree of difficulty and minor errors
- Tack and apparel issues
- Best practices, meaningful scores, positive experiences for our valued exhibitors, how to get better/not stale
- Lots of time for "what should I have done" case studies

We know this is a very busy time for you. We will try very hard to stay within the 2 hours we are asking of your time and attention. We will also commit to continuing informal discussions afterwards with any individuals that have additional or private questions.

IN ADDITION, attendees at this special Judges Symposium will be given priority for time slots IF they chose to participate in Shadow Judging opportunities at the Show. The shadow judging program offers an opportunity to work in the arena with Pete Fraser - testing your scores, learning on the go, and putting your knowledge and skills to the test in a live World Show setting. At minimum you'll learn where you stand or what you might need to concentrate on or "tweak" (even the best and most experienced judges can often benefit from structured tweak); at maximum you can use it as an important opportunity to show you are ready to be considered for a move to a higher level and/or consideration/ recommendation for bigger shows. Some longer sessions may be offered, but in most cases a session consists of 25-30 runs. Prospective judges may also be offered available opportunities. Generally, 1-3 shadow judges are assigned to a session ...depending on individual preference.