

7 JUDGING, COACHING AND CONDUCTING TRAINING SCHOOLS

7.1 Judges' Accreditation and Workshops

In order to support and develop Australian Stock Horse Society Judges, Stewards and Volunteers, the ASHS Judges' Accreditation Scheme was introduced in 2005.

7.1.1 Level 1

For a current Level 1 Accredited Judges' List, please refer to the Sports section of the Society website: www.ashs.com.au.

Level 1 Judges' Accreditation is delivered in a two-day workshop format. If your Branch is interested in hosting a Level 1 Accredited Judges' Workshop please submit in a request to your Management Council outlining the following information:

1. Location/Venue:
 - Name, address and directions and/or map if available.
 - The venue must have a classroom area and outdoor area for practical exercises (preferably under cover).
2. Cost – Workshop Facilitators and Resources:
 - Will be on a user-pays basis from January 2008. Exact costs are currently under review; details will be forwarded to Branches when available.
3. Cost – Catering (a per head contribution towards catering and other expenses):
 - The cost of the Workshop for participants should be kept to a minimum although a contribution towards food/catering is recommended. This could vary from \$10 to \$50 for the weekend depending on the expenses. Catering should include morning and afternoon teas and lunch both days. At some venues dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning has also been included.
4. Participants – At least 18 participants' names should be provided to the Management Council as part of your application.
5. Accommodation Options:
 - Participants to make their own arrangements, but please include some suggestions and/or the Tourist Information contact details.

For further information regarding hosting a Level 1 Judges' Workshop please contact the Sports Department at Head Office. Information regarding the content of the Workshop is also available from the Sports Department.

7.1.2 Level 2

Future levels of the ASHS Judges' Accreditation Scheme are currently in development. Information regarding this will be published in the Australian Stock Horse Journal.

7.2 Coaches' Accreditation and Workshops

In order to support and develop Australian Stock Horse Society Coaches, the ASHS Coaches' Accreditation Scheme was introduced in 2005.

Australian Stock Horse Society Accredited Coaches have a qualification recognised by the Australian Sports Commission. All ASH Level 1 Coaches are registered with the Australian Sports Commission's National Coaches' Accreditation Scheme. (NCAS)

7.2.1 Level 1

For a current Level 1 Accredited Coaches' List please refer to the Sports section of the Society's website: www.ashs.com.au.

The Level 1 Accreditation process includes both theoretical and practical components. This course is currently under review.

7.3 Conducting Training Schools and Youth Camps

When planning a Training School or Youth Camp your first consideration should be getting the right coach. To comply with Society requirements you should use an Australian Stock Horse Accredited Coach. If a Society Coach is not available, then a Coach with an accreditation from the EFA or Polocrosse Association will be acceptable until the end of 2009. This policy will then be reviewed and details will be published in the Journal and on the website.

Many Branches host camps specially designed for Youth Members with some of the best Coaches available. The camps are designed to assist young riders and give them the confidence to move from Pony Club into other areas of competition such as Campdrafting, Polocrosse, Working ASH Classes, etc. If your Branch is looking to host a Youth Camp please do not hesitate to contact and seek advice from Members of the Society who have been involved in the running of a camp.

The following points are general ideas for consideration and development when organising an ASHS Coaching Clinic. Do not limit yourself to this list - if there are other points that should be covered please include them:

- Coaches
 - ✓ How many people will you invite to coach?
 - ✓ Are they qualified?
 - ✓ How much will each coach cost?
 - ✓ Is a Working with Children check required?
 - ✓ Is their Coaching Insurance current - own or ASHS provided? Note that ASHS provided insurance covers only Coaches who work on a voluntary basis, that is they are not being remunerated.
- Organisation
 - ✓ Length of time/number of days
 - ✓ Total number of participants you can cater for
 - ✓ Group sizes and divisions
 - ✓ Number of participants per coach
 - ✓ How will you advertise the clinic?
 - ✓ Who will be helpers on the day?
 - ✓ Will you need a Working Bee prior to the event?
 - ✓ Who will have responsibility for participants after sessions?
 - ✓ First aid support available suited to size of event
- Venue
 - ✓ Camping facilities
 - ✓ Horse facilities and supplies
 - ✓ Have you undertaken a Risk Assessment of the ground?
 - ✓ Is there a work area for adverse weather?
 - ✓ Location proximity to Vet and Medical facilities
- Topics
 - ✓ What are the Members in your area most interested in?
 - ✓ What groups will you target – sports, age groups, rider standards, gender?
 - ✓ Which ASH disciplines will you cover?
 - ✓ How long will the sessions run?
- Financial considerations might include
 - ✓ Funding available from ASHS for first camp
 - ✓ Support from local Council. (Ground hire, rubbish removal etc)
 - ✓ Is there a cost to hire the ground?
 - ✓ Will you need a cool room for food/drinks?

- If using Cattle
 - ✓ Do you need to source cattle insurance? (Available through Head Office - refer to Section 8.7 Insurance Templates for a copy correct at publication. For the latest copy refer to our website: www.ashs.com.au)
 - ✓ How will cattle be transported?
- Catering
 - ✓ Catering supplies
 - ✓ Lunch orders or self serve buffet
 - ✓ Does anyone have special dietary needs?
 - ✓ Utilisation of participants or parents as helpers
- Entertainment
 - ✓ Will you provide entertainment or demonstrations?
 - ✓ Activities for after sessions
 - ✓ Guest speaker/entertainers