



Application to become a Trainee Dressage Judge

January 2022

Thank you for your interest in applying to become a Trainee Dressage Judge. It is important that you read the following background information before completing the Application Form.

What requirements do I have to satisfy in order to join the Trainee Judges Panel?

We are looking for people who have already been exposed to dressage and have therefore had relevant experience either in terms of being a competitor, an instructor, or maybe a parent of competing children/juniors. Good communications ability (both verbal and written) is essential, together with a **very proactive attitude** to learning. It is also absolutely vital that you have **TIME** to dedicate to learning (see section below). In the past we have found that people with other obligations, whether family or business or interests in another equestrian discipline, are not able to fulfil the requirements of becoming a Dressage Judge.

Remember that you will need to have regular access to the web-site – all our communications on seminars, clinics, and other matters are published on the website.

Training procedure:

In order to progress through your training as a Judge, you will be required to undertake the following:

- Act as **scribe** at various dressage shows; Preliminary and Novice classes. You should proactively contact the Dressage Delegate – either via mail: dressage@namef.org.na or via cell phone: 081 672 7306 - to offer your services.
- **'Sit-in'** with experienced judges judging Preliminary/Novice Tests. Please ask the Dressage delegate who qualifies for 'sit-ins'. This must be done at different shows, not only at your residing club. The judge should give you a short report after each sit-in to keep together with your Official Logbook.
- Attend at least 1 (one) appropriate **seminar** during a one-year period.
- Write your **theoretical examen**.
- After you passed the written examen, it is recommended to do **'shadow judging'** with experienced judges (Preliminary/ Novice Tests; no Children) and discuss the score sheets after the test. Please ask the Dressage Delegate who qualifies for 'shadow judging'. The judge should give you a short report after each shadow judging to keep together with your Official Logbook.
- After your theoretical examen, consideration will then be given to your **practical examination**, which is a 'shadow judging'. at an official 'examination show'. Please approach the NAMEF Dressage Delegate for arrangements.

For more information, please refer to the NAMEF website.

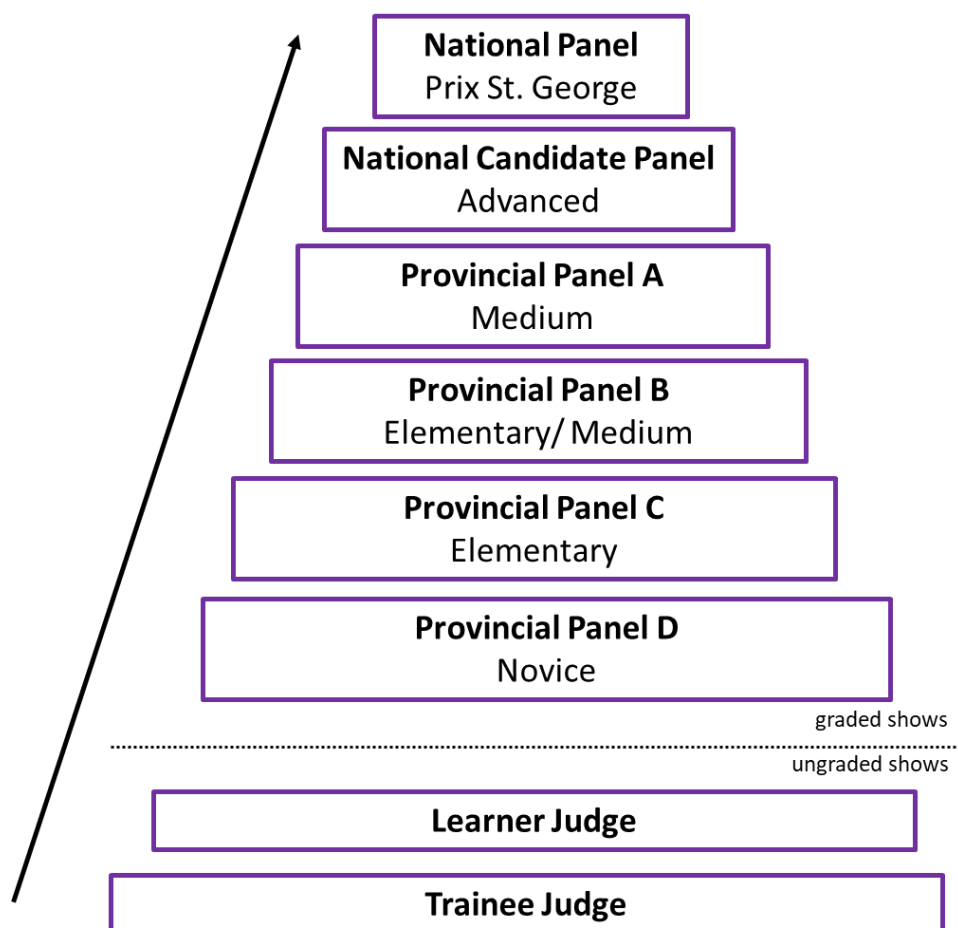
Note that scribing, attending seminars, sitting-in, and shadow-judging will form the basis for taking practical examinations as you progress up the panels.

An NAMEF Official Logbook is available in which you should record all your work **and have it signed by the presiding judge - unsigned activities do not carry the weight.** This enables the examining National Judges to assess whether you are ready to take an exam.

How long does it take to progress to the next level?

This is entirely dependent on your level of commitment, the completion of required activities as set out by FEI Group IX procedure, and the number of judging assignments you have completed (where applicable). To progress to the next level, your signed activity sheets (Official Logbook) are assessed by NAMEF, who will then decide whether you have had sufficient exposure to the next level and are ready for examination.

Overview of panels:



Required membership to National body:

In addition, if you are not already a 'competing' member of NAMEF, you would be required to become an 'Official' member" (you must be registered with a club, when you have passed your first written and first practical exam to judge Preliminary tests.

If you feel you can fulfil these requirements, please complete the attached Application Form and return to dressage@namef.org.na - NAMEF

Application Form to become a Trainee Dressage Judge

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IF FAXING,
OR COMPLETE ONLINE IF SENDING VIA E-MAIL.

Date:

Surname:

First Name:

Title:

ID No:

Postal Address:

Street Address:

Tel (home):

Cell phone:

E-mail address:

Please note that you should have regular access to e-mail as this is our preferred method of communicating with judges re seminars and all other matters.

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Please tell us why you are interested in becoming a Dressage Judge?

Dressage Experience: Are you a current or past dressage competitor? If yes, please give details of the level you compete at, the name of your horse(s) and the name of your instructor(s). List any other relevant dressage experience/exposure.

Are you or any other family members involved in any other equestrian discipline (if so please specify)?

Please give a brief CV of your background (your occupation if in business, other interests, family etc.)?

Please return this completed form to: dressage@namef.org.na