



## Rules and Code of Conduct for Certified Judges



1. Any person applying to be a judge or certified as a judge with the Canadian Cowboy Challenge must demonstrate a high degree of integrity in all aspects of their conduct related in any way to involvement with the CCC - as a CCC member, contestant, judge, or other conduct which reflects on the CCC. The Judges Committee, in its sole discretion of either, may determine that any conduct of a person is a basis to deny or revoke that person's privilege to serve as a judge. This determination may be made with or without notice or hearing, subject only to a review of the Board of Directors on such terms as the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may from time to time designate. Active members of the Association over the age of 19 may be added to the CCC Certified Judges List upon satisfactory completion of all stated requirements for certification. Each CCC judge applicant and approved CCC judge is required to read and sign the Judges Code of Conduct. Then required to return to the CCC Office.
2. Application for CCC approval as a judge shall be made on a form provided by the Association and available at no charge.
3. Judge applicants must score eighty (80) percent on the written test and a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent on each of the video judging tests. If these scores are attained, applicants will receive a CCC Certified Judge certification.
4. Approved Judge Certifications will be held by the CCC as a geographic area expands, and current judging certifications expire.
5. In the event that a judge was to become ill or injured during a challenge, the host has the discretion to continue that challenge if another judge is present at that challenge, as a participant or spectator. "No waiting allowed to call in a judge from outside of that challenge." If the replacement judge was a contestant at the challenge, their points and placement will remain as such prior to becoming a judge, but from that time forward, would not be allowed to continue as a contestant in that challenge. If no judges were available at that time, the challenge will be discontinued and all entry fees are to be returned to the contestants.
6. A Certified CCC Judge will be suspended for infractions of any of the CCC Member Rules.
7. All judges must attend an CCC Judges Conference every year to retain their status as a judge. Any judge failing to attend or make passing scores on all phases of the CCC testing procedures will be deleted from the Association's Approved Judges List. Any judge so deleted may be reinstated only by attending and passing the testing procedures at a future CCC certification clinic.
8. If an applicant fails two consecutive times they may not reapply again within a five (5) year period.
9. Judges who have been dropped from the CCC Certified Judges List may be reinstated upon satisfactory completion of all stated requirements for CCC approval as a judge. In no case shall reinstatement occur before at least one year (12 months) has passed.
10. If the CCC Judge's Committee finds that a judge has wrongly applied any combination of rules on five (5) occasions while judging, a protest will be affirmed against the judge. If a single rule is wrongly applied twice or a combination of three (3) rules is wrongly applied during a



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Division, a protest will be affirmed against the judge. If a review finds that a judge has failed to maintain the minimum grade standard established while judging an individual class, a protest will be affirmed against the judge.

11. Any judge who is removed from the Certified Judge's List through either protest or conduct must repeat the entire process of attending a Judge's Certification Program and receive passing scores on all testing procedures to regain a judge's card.
12. All affirmed protests will be recorded on the record of the judge involved. Where protests are affirmed, the fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fee will be returned to the contestant; where denied, the fee will be retained by CCC.
13. After a Judge Evaluation Form is received by the CCC Judges Committee, the Committee will be requested to "spot check" the Division or penalty in question. If it is a valid complaint, the Board of Directors will be notified.
14. Decisions of the reviewing body with respect to any protest filed pursuant to this Rule are final and non-appealable.
15. Complaints and/or protests may be made by active members of the Association only.
16. No person listed on the CCC suspension or probation list will be permitted to judge.
17. A judge (or judges) must present in writing any grievance he/she may have against contestants or shows to the Board of Directors of the CCC, without a filing fee, and the case will be reviewed by the appropriate committee. A complaint by a judge must be filed (postmarked, faxed or hand delivered) within seven (7) days of the alleged rule violation.
18. All conduct complaints regarding a CCC judge will be referred to the CCC Judge's Committee by submitting the complaint in writing together with a money order, cashier's check or personal check in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to the Canadian Cowboy Challenge Association and postmarked, faxed or hand delivered within seven (7) days of the closing date of the Challenge involved. A conduct complaint regarding a CCC judge may also be originated by any personnel in the CCC Judge's Committee or Board of Directors and no payment will be required to initiate such a complaint.
19. If, after review and investigation of the complaint, the Board of Directors is of the opinion that a rule violation has occurred, or that the judge has engaged in conduct which is inconsistent with the privilege and honor of being designated a CCC judge, the Board of Directors may take such disciplinary action as they determine in their sole discretion is appropriate, including temporary or permanent revocation of all privileges to serve as a CCC judge. Such disciplinary action shall be effective immediately regardless of any appeal which may be taken. The judge shall be notified in writing of the action taken by the CCC Board of Directors. The decision of the CCC Board of Directors will be final and binding unless a written notice of the judge's intention to appeal the decision is received in the CCC office within twenty-one (21) days of the date on the letter notifying the judge of the disciplinary action taken.
20. If notice of appeal is timely received in the CCC office, a hearing will be scheduled to determine whether or not a rule violation occurred; and if so, what disciplinary action, if any, should be taken against the judge. The hearing will be conducted in a timely fashion at a time and place determined by the CCC Board of Directors.



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21. Once a CCC Challenge has commenced, Challenge Host is not authorized to dismiss a judge for any reason relating to the actual performance of their judging responsibilities. The Challenge Host may, however, dismiss a judge for blatant personal misconduct while on the show grounds, such as drunkenness, foul language, etc. A judge may be dismissed for any reason by the CCC Board of Directors if, in their opinion, it is in the best interest of the CCC to do so.
22. A judge shall conduct themselves in a manner fitting and proper to one afforded the honor of officiating at any CCC approved or sponsored Challenge. Any misconduct on the part of the judge at any CCC contest, the use of abusive language, showing favoritism to, or discrimination against, either an individual or a horse performing in the contest, or any other action unbecoming to one in their position, either on the grounds or elsewhere, during the entire show will make the judge subject to disciplinary action. The penalty for violating the above stated provisions of this rule will be a minimum \$50.00 fine or a minimum ninety (90) day suspension from the Association, or both.
23. A judge who fails to judge after accepting an assignment will be subject to removal from the CCC Certified Judges List as well as additional disciplinary action.
24. On show day, a judge should not appear on the show grounds before the stated time for entries to close except as may be required by show management. Judges shall not visit with owners, trainers, exhibitors, or agents before the judging and shall talk only with representatives of show management, beyond the exchange of normal greetings, until the entire show or contest is completed. Judges must appear in western attire and remain in western attire during the entire challenge.
25. A judge shall not discuss with any contestant previous scores, events, or related happenings during a Challenge or within fourteen (14) days after a challenge at which the judge has officiated.
26. The penalty for violation of this Rule shall be a minimum fine of \$50.00 or a minimum ninety (90) day suspension from the Association, or both, for an in- fraction of the above stated sub-sections.
27. A judge shall not intimidate, or attempt to intimidate, a contestant. The penalty for violating this rule will be a minimum of six (6) months probation and/or six (6) months suspension from the Association.