

A blurred background image showing several people sitting at tables in a meeting room, engaged in discussion. The scene is brightly lit, likely from large windows, creating a professional and collaborative atmosphere.

Welcome to the Judges Session

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Some sums for you

- We have 165 judges
- We have 44 Clubs
- We have 151 Events plus States, NtIs, Champs
- We have many other organisations dependent on using our judges

Its clear we, as judges, cannot support the needs of these groups

Judges Sub-Committee now part of Officials Committee

Julie Jones, Nell Marshman, Peter Shaw, Sue Scaysbrook, Kristen Closson, Kay Barney, Pamela Russell-Green and myself

Judge Educators servicing the whole of NSW Nell Marshman, Peter Shaw, Jobina Kennedy and myself.

Level Coordinators

- Kay Barney – Preliminary
- Nell Marshman – Novice
- Pamela Russell-Green – Elementary
- Sue Scaysbrook – Medium Advanced
- Sue Cunningham – Fast Tracking and A & B advice

Judges Committee

- Julie Jones and Kay Barney are now leading a group looking at online learning platforms which will change the way we keep our records and provide different ways of approaching our education process.
- Kristen Closson is currently our record keeper
- Marilyn Betty was the “go to” person for the lower level judges to organise shadow judging and mentoring. Marilyn – thank you.

CHOICES AND CHANGES

- We have CHOICES at our disposal
- We need to make CHANGES

- We've already made the first CHANGE to our
Judge Education System

CHANGES TO THE FREE EDUCATION SYSTEM

Our CHANGES have opened the door to many more CHOICES than in our pre – COVID lives.

CHOICE 1:

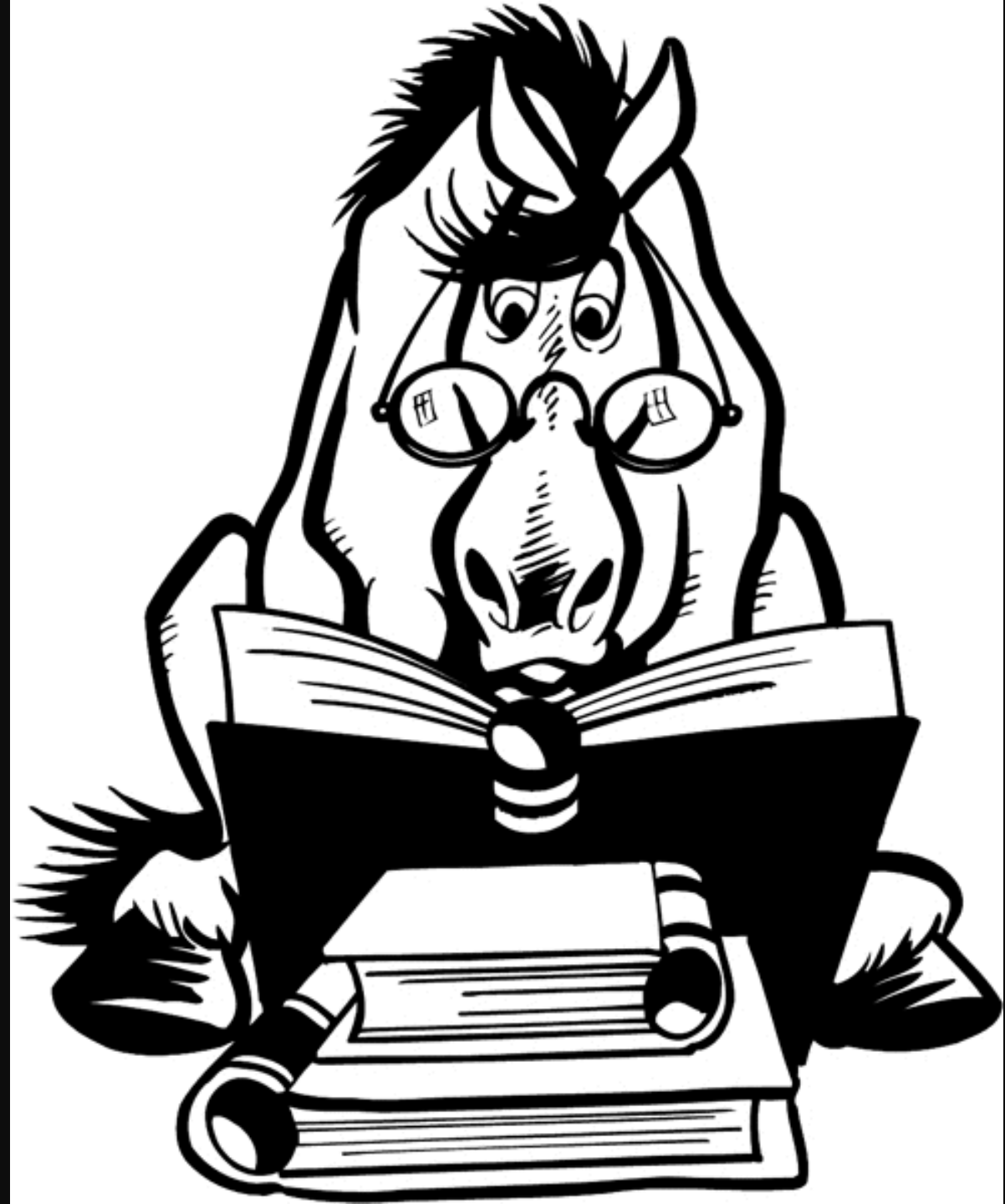
We can still provide workshops and seminars face to face just as we used to but only when Covid will allow us to do so



CHOICE 2: We can now deliver our seminars in 3 parts

PART 1: Self paced online learning and comprehension for Modules such as

- Conflict of Interest,
 - Abuse, Risk Management,
 - Conflict Resolution
 - A Certificate of Participation will be issued at the successful completion of this unit
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PART 2: The Theory Session



The theory session can now be delivered online during the week and in the evening at a time that works for everyone



The powerpoint will not include videos which will mean that the broadband for most people will be adequate



A Certificate of Participation will be issued at the conclusion of this session

PART 3: The Practical Session



Time spent watching live dressage horses alongside the arena



The usual discussions and practice judging



A certificate of Participation will be issued at the successful completion of this session

3 Certificates of Participation = Accreditation for another 3 years

• **ADVANTAGES OF CHOICE 1**

- Ease of discussion, opportunities to debate and discuss unusual things that have occurred
- The opportunity to get together and share experiences

• **ADVANTAGES OF CHOICE 2**

- Less time commitment in face to face session and hence safer for all at the moment.
- Self paced learning which will suit many busy people
- The theory can be done in the comfort of the living room

THERE ARE NO DISADVANTAGES!!

CHOICE 3: Two-tier Judging

- Quicker entry system
- Less onerous exam system up to Novice level
- Able to judge at events that do not give qualifying scores for Regional, State, National, Olympics
- Able to judge for Eventing, Pony Club, Breed Shows, Agricultural Shows, Interschools etc.
- To join National Accreditation System, the judge will need to fulfill all the requirements of shadow judging, sit-ins, theory and practical exams successfully at Novice Level.

CHOICE 4: Balance official comps with member needs

- Does your Club have members who will try to compete at States and Nationals?
- If the answer is “not so many” then you could reduce the number of Official comps to 2 and provide as many Unofficial comps as required by your members.
- Unofficial days can be supported by less qualified and experienced judges - easier to find, usually more local and less expensive

CHOICE 5: Find judge candidates within your membership

- Identify YOUNG members who might want to become a judge
- Support by providing opportunities to learn and train
- Send them to bigger Clubs in your area to practice and gain experience
- Send them to Clarendon. We can provide financial help to make this happen.
- We can run our Ready Steady Judge weekends in your area and bring the education to you.

CHOICE 5 Cont.

- Identify riders who might make use of the fast track system to become a judge.
- Involve coaches in your area. If they don't know what we want to see, how can they do their job for a competitive rider?
- Join forces with your neighbouring Clubs to provide a bigger competitive field to provide a wider standard of competition for your members
- **ASK FOR HELP!** If you are uncertain, ASK. Your neighbouring Clubs will want to help, DNSW will be there to help AND the Judges Committee and I will be there to help.

Choice 6: Qld Star System

Rating	Description	Weighting of % for Leaderboards
	Official Day	x 1.00
*	One Star	x1.02
**	Two Star – Regional Championships	x1.04
***	Three Star – State Championships	x 1.04
****	Four Star- CDI and National Championships	x 1.04

Thanks so much
for your
enthusiasm and
efforts for our
sport

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