

June 19, 2015

Mr. Robert Peebles
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Dear Robert,

At a recent National Hunter and Jumper Association Board of Directors meeting the Hunter Breeding Card issue was again discussed.

The board is unanimously concerned about people not even applying for or re-applying for their Hunter Breeding card. During the discussion and in talking to many current Hunter Breeding judges throughout the country, the high cost and lack of accessibility of Hunter Breeding clinics makes it a significant financial burden in comparison to the potential income return to most officials. As an example, this year there was a hunter breeding clinic scheduled for Monday May 11th in Lexington Kentucky. If you are showing or judging a horse show the previous weekend it is unlikely that you could make travel plans to attend the clinic. The other clinic is in Reno, Nevada which for the vast majority of hunter breeding judges is a costly and difficult geographical location.

The clinic schedule and related costs make it extremely difficult for many judges to maintain their card. In most cases a judge only officiates at a few Hunter Breeding divisions per year. As you know, the divisions frequently have a very small number of entries, often far less than would be in the Conformation Division at the same event at which these judges are officiating.

The Board of Directors would like to suggest a possible solution to the Licensed Officials Committee and Hunter Breeding Committee for this increasing problem. We propose that if a judge (with a current Hunter Breeding card) officiates in three Hunter Breeding Divisions in a three year period, they do not have to attend a Hunter Breeding Clinic. The National Hunter & Jumper Association Board of Directors believes that this has worked well in the past and will keep the Hunter Breeding roster up to date and good judges will continue to perform their duties in an efficient and knowledgeable manner.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter which is of great concern to this Board.

Sincerely,

Sherry Robertson
President
The National Hunter & Jumper Association