

JUDGES AND JUDGING

The Judges will be appointed by the Board of Directors previous to the Exhibition, and will receive a circular informing them of the fact, and when to report at the office on the grounds.

No person will be allowed to act as Judge who is in any way interested in the animals or articles to be examined.

The judging will commence, if possible, at the times stated in the various departments of the Prize List.

It is desired that all the Judges of each class sign their books and go together to hand in their report at the Secretary's Office as soon as possible after completing their duties, instead of sending it in by one of their number, and to remain together until their book has been examined by the Secretary or his assistants, in order that cases of error or doubt may be more promptly and easily made right.

In the absence of competition in any section, or if the stock or articles exhibited be of inferior quality, the Judges will award only such premiums as they think the articles deserving of. They will exercise their discretion as to whether they will award the first, second or any premium. It does not follow that because a prize is offered for any particular animal or article that it must be awarded, unless there is proper competition, or unless the exhibit is really of sufficient merit to warrant the award being made.

The Judges are particularly requested to note this fact.

In addition to the stated premiums offered for animals or articles enumerated in the list, the Judges may also distinguish such animals or articles as they consider deserving of notice, but which have not received prizes, by tickets with the words "Highly Commended" upon them. These tickets will, however, not entitle the holder to any money payment.

No award of a prize not offered in the List will be paid until sanctioned by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Exhibitors can ascertain from the Superintendents of the several Departments when the Judges may be expected to examine their animals or articles. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the Judges have overlooked animals or articles will therefore be considered by the Directors.

Any exhibitor lodging a protest must make it in writing and it must be delivered to the Secretary's Assistant within six hours of the cause of protest. It must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$5, which sum may in the discretion of the Board be forfeited to the Association if the protest be not sustained, but this provision shall not preclude the right of any director or judge to bring any case of fraud in an exhibitor before the notice of the Board of Directors for their consideration, and in which case the Board reserves full right to act in the premises as fully and to the same extent as if a formal protest had been filed by an exhibitor.

The Judges are particularly requested not to leave the grounds until they have ascertained from the Secretary's Office that there are no protests against the awards in the classes they have judged.

The Judges are expected, in the execution of their duties, to be careful to act with the most rigid impartiality, in all cases of doubt or difficulty referring freely to the Secretary, or to the Committee of the Association in charge of the Department.