



ISSO JUDGE/INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be an adult ISSO member in good standing and apply in writing with a \$150.00 non-refundable fee (form provided below).
2. Must pass a written test. The written test will cover the following items:
 - a. Types of sidesaddles
 - b. Correct attire for all types of show classes including Hunt Seat, Stock Seat, Saddle Seat, and Period Attire.
 - c. Correct method of placing a sidesaddle on a horse including correct girthing and/or cinching of a sidesaddle.
 - d. Proper fitting of a sidesaddle to horse and rider.
 - e. Correct equitation in a sidesaddle.
3. Must demonstrate ability to ride. This may be done with your own horse at a clinic or with a video tape. Medical exceptions will be considered if presented in writing with application. Video tapes must be sent in with application. Video tapes must be unedited examples of mounting, dismounting, riding at a walk, trot or intermediate gait, posting trot and canter. Other items such as jumping, side passing, etc. may be included but are not necessary.
4. Must instruct a 20 minute lesson on saddling, mounting and riding at all three gaits. The student or students for this lesson will be provided by ISSO and a panel of judges will supervise the lesson.
5. Must present a short demonstration or presentation on some aspect of riding aside. This demonstration or presentation will be on one of the following topics:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Hunt Attire | <input type="checkbox"/> Informal Hunt Attire | <input type="checkbox"/> Dressage Attire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Attire | <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Seat Attire | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Attire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tying a Stock Tie | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of a Veil | <input type="checkbox"/> Braiding a Hunt Mane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Braiding for Saddle Seat | <input type="checkbox"/> Banding for Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a French Braid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Braiding a Hunt Tail | | |

Please mark your preference of topics with numbers (1 indicates first choice, 2 indicates second choice, etc.). You will be notified as to the topic to present to prevent duplication of presentations.

6. Must provide 3 letters of recommendation from people knowledgeable of the candidate, of his or her expertise in equine related activities, of his or her expertise in sidesaddle related activities. The recommendations should address character, responsibility, and leadership skills of the candidate.
7. Must attend the entire two days of educational sessions provided by ISSO. These sessions will include judging, attire, saddle fit and additional information as appropriate and necessary for this certification.

A passing grade for the written examination will be 80%. Riding skill, presentation, instructing and judging ability will be subject to approval by a panel of three judges to be selected by the Board of Directors.

Applicants must provide their own saddle, horse and any other equipment needed unless prior arrangements are made. Show clothes are not required for the riding session. Comfortable riding clothes are recommended. Hard hat/helmet and riding boots are REQUIRED. Help will be available on habits fit and suitability, if desired.

CERTIFICATION:

This certification indicates that the approved applicant is knowledgeable in riding aside, judging aside riders and classes, and is skillful in giving a private or group lessons. ISSO assumes no responsibility for the instructions given by the approved instructor, but has instructed each candidate on following good safety practices and in using sound judgment and good common sense when giving lessons to the public or on a private basis.

Certified instructors must maintain active membership with ISSO, recertify at least once every five years, and pay an annual J/I renewal fee in order to remain qualified and to be able to advertise as such.

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NAME _____ AGE _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

FAX _____ E-MAIL _____

LIST PREVIOUS INSTRUCTING, TRAINING AND/OR JUDGING EXPERIENCE OR CERTIFICATION:

LIST EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION:

Video Enclosed _____ Payment Enclosed _____ Stall Needed _____

Credit Card Payment: DISCOVER _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____

Name on Card _____ Exp. Date _____

Card Number: _____

Send to ISSO, P. O. Box 161, Stevensville, MD 21666-0161