



GUIDELINES FOR PIG JUDGING - 2024



These guidelines are designed to help judges whenever they have been invited by show societies to judge. They are relevant to all shows, but most particularly they apply to those run under BPA rules.

When invited to judge at any show, please check that you are eligible. It is a rule of BPA that you should not accept to judge the same breed (or an interbreed):

- a. For the same breed at more than one show of County standard or above in one season (This includes Multibreed classes)
- b. At shows in the same area in the same season
- c. At the same show within less than three years

If the show is not run under BPA rules, there are no restrictions on accepting.

1. Make sure you know where you have to go on the showground, and to whom you report.

Ensure you are familiar with:

- a) The BPA Special Conditions under which breeders exhibit. These are set out in Appendix B
- b) The Standards of Excellence for the breed(s) you have been asked to judge. The various Standards of Excellence are set out in Appendix C

2. General

- a) Please arrive in good time and make yourself known to the show secretary or steward
- b) Prior to judging you should endeavour not to see the breed you are judging at the show in the pig lines

3. Dress

Judges should be smartly dressed.

Ladies - It is preferred that ladies wear a dress/skirt and a hat should be worn.

Gentlemen - A suit is preferred and a bowler should be worn.

4. In the ring

- a) Make sure you know how many classes you are judging and what requirements there are to choose champion, reserve champion, champion opposite sex, etc, etc.



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- b) You are entitled to:
 - ask your steward to check before you enter the ring:
 - i) the identity of pigs
 - ii) those pigs not forward
 - iii) the age of exhibit
 - ask an exhibitor to take his/her pig out of the ring if it is out of control and an annoyance/danger to other exhibitors
 - ask exhibitors to take their pigs out of the ring if the ring is overcrowded and you can identify those pigs which will not be prize winners
 - not to award a first prize card at all in a class if there is no animal worthy of such an award (but remember that only first prize animals can go forward to the championship)
- c) You should always:
 - look at each exhibited pig with equal attention and consideration
 - have clear reasons for the order in which you want to place the pigs
 - be prepared to give reasons to the exhibitors
- d) When presenting prizes, rosettes may be given to any exhibitor. A BPA medal should only be given to an exhibitor who is a BPA member. Ensure that pigs which are going forward for a Pig of the Year qualifying heat are clearly identified
- e) Make sure you have signed all the necessary books before you leave the ring/pig area.