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Dear P(UK) Judge,

Re: The Ponies (UK) 2018 Judges Panel

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Association to thank you for your time officiating on behalf of the Association for the 2017 season and introduce myself to you as the new Chairman of Ponies Association (UK).

As you may be aware Ponies Association (UK) have a newly appointed Board and some really exciting developments underway for the future. The Board of Directors would like to simplify and consolidate the Judges Panel for 2018 and have made the decision to have seven panels. This will give our judges an opportunity to be included on more panels and make it easier for our affiliated shows to select an appropriate judge.

The new panels will be as follows:

- **M&M** to include all present Mountain and Moorland and Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony Judges.
- **WHP** to include all Working Hunter Pony and Working Hunter judges.
- **SP/SHP** to include all Show Pony, Show Hunter Pony, Riding Pony, Lead Rein, First Ridden and Intermediate Judges.
- **Horses** to include those who are currently on all Horse and Competition Panels.
- **Ride Judges** to include all those who are currently on the Ride Judge panels.
- **Miniatures** this is a new panel for our new Miniature Horse Series which will begin in 2018.
- **Platinum** this panel will remain the same allowing our judges to judge all of the above.

The Board of Directors have also decided to abolish the Gold, Silver and Bronze ratings. Instead a Gold Star will be awarded to those judges who are presently on Gold rated panels.

The Board of Directors would like to invite you to apply to be considered for the 2018 Ponies Association (UK) Judges Panel. As most of our judges are already a Ponies (UK) Annual Adult Member or Life Member of the Association the Board of Directors have removed the additional requirement to join as an Associate Judge Member. As a Judge your Annual Adult Membership/Life Membership will provide you with 12 months insurance cover from receipt of application. If you are not already a life member the cost of your Annual Adult Membership will be £50 and you will receive the benefits as both an Annual Adult Member

and a Judge. If you are not an Adult or Life Member you will be required to join as an Associate Judge Member at a cost of £25.

If you would like to be considered for additional panels or upgrade to Gold Star status please include along with your judges application form, a letter of justification and curriculum vitae detailing your relevant experience.

In order to remain on the Ponies Association (UK) Panel you must attend a 'Safe Guarding Children' course before the end of 2018, this is compulsory in order to comply with the Showing Council recommendations. Furthermore, effective from the 2020 judges panel, judges are required to have attended a P(UK) official judges conference, training day and seminar in the three years prior to application.

If you accept a judging appointment, please do your best to keep it. If you do have to cancel for whatever reason, please make sure that when you contact the show you are able to give them the name, address and telephone number of an alternative judge who is willing to take your place.

Finally may I thank you in anticipation for accepting to continue giving your time to judge on behalf of Ponies Association (UK). The 2018 Rule Book will be circulated in the first week of January 2018; affiliated events up to that date will be subject to the rules and regulations of the current 2017 year book.

Please complete and return all forms by **1st November 2017**.

Many thanks

Kindest regards

Carol Cooper

Chairman