

3.3. RULES FOR JUDGES

3.3.1. All judges must be Members and must make themselves fully conversant with the Society's Articles, Rules and recommendations.

3.3.2. Judges are appointed annually. The Council reserves the right in its absolute discretion not to appoint or re-appoint to the Judges Panel.

3.3.3. Judges who fail in the observance of the Articles, Rules or whose conduct in any respect shall, in the opinion of the Council, be detrimental to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Society, may be suspended or removed from the Judges Panel at any time by the Council or such sub-committee to which authority has been delegated.

3.3.4. The Council will review the position of any judge who receives a serious judging complaint and may remove the judge from the Judges Panel.

3.4. JUDGES ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

3.4.1. The Judges Enquiry Committee shall consist of five Members to be appointed by the Council, at least one of whom shall be a Council Member. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Judges Enquiry Committee shall be three, at least one of whom shall be a Council Member. In the event of there being no Council Member available for the transaction of business of the Judges Enquiry Committee (whether because of a conflict of interest or any other reason), then the Judges Enquiry Committee shall have power to co-opt a Council Member on to the Judges Enquiry Committee to establish the necessary quorum.

3.4.2. Upon receipt of the report of any complaint the Judges Enquiry Committee shall carry out further investigation of the complaint if it considers this to be necessary.

3.4.3. The Judges Enquiry Committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented. The proceedings shall be conducted anonymously in that no member of the Judges Enquiry Committee shall be aware of the identity of any complainant or that of the judge in respect of whom the complaint has been made or that of the show at which the judge was judging and all papers submitted to the Judges Enquiry Committee shall be redacted accordingly by the Secretary.

3.4.4. The Judges Enquiry Committee may, in any case in which in its opinion any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Article, Rule, policy or bye-law of the Society, or has been guilty of conduct which is detrimental to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Society:

a) admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct;

b) instruct Council not to re-elect the judge on to the Judges Panel; and/or

c) suspend such a person as a judge for such period as it shall determine.

3.4.5. The Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall within fourteen days of the decision of the Judges Enquiry Committee notify the parties to the complaint, in writing, of the findings of the Judges Enquiry Committee and of any penalties imposed. Any person upon whom a penalty is imposed by the Judges Enquiry Committee may by notice in writing given to the Secretary or other officer designated by the Council within fourteen days of the decision of the Judges Enquiry Committee require the complaint to be submitted to the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee for consideration PROVIDED that as a condition precedent to the complaint being so submitted such a person shall deposit with the Secretary a sum equal to ten times the then current subscription for an adult Member. If after investigation the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall decide in their absolute discretion that the matter is trivial or frivolous the deposit shall be forfeited to the Society.

3.5. JUDGES ENQUIRY APPEALS COMMITTEE

3.5.1. In any case in which a matter is referred to the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee pursuant to Rule 3.4.5 the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall fix a date for a meeting to consider the complaint.

3.5.2. The Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall consist of three Members to be appointed by the Council at least one of whom shall be a Council Member. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be three at least one of whom shall be a Council Member. No member of the Judges Enquiry Committee who adjudicated on the decision being referred to the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall serve on the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee in relation to that matter. In the event of there being insufficient persons to serve on the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee for whatever reason then the Council shall have power to co-opt any Member to serve on the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee to establish the necessary quorum.

3.5.3. The Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented. The proceedings shall be conducted anonymously in that no member of the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be aware of the identity of any complainant or that of the judge in respect of whom the complaint has been made or that of the show at which the judge was judging and all papers submitted to the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be redacted accordingly by the Secretary.

3.5.4. The Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall give to the person making the complaint and to the judge against whom the complaint is made at least fourteen days' notice in writing of the date on which the complaint will be considered by the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee. Such notice shall be exclusive of the days upon and for which it is given and shall contain a statement of the complaint to be dealt with.

3.5.5. In any case in which in the opinion of the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee any person has committed or been party to or privy to any breach of any Article, Rule, policy or bye-law of the Society or has been guilty of conduct which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Society it may:-

- a) admonish such person and caution him as to his future conduct,
- b) instruct Council not to re-elect the judge on to the Judges Panel,
- c) suspend such person as a judge for such period as it shall determine and/or
- d) remove such person as a judge from the Judges Panel with immediate effect.

3.5.6. The Secretary or other officer designated by the Council shall within seven days of the decision of the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee notify the parties to the complaint in writing of the findings and of any penalties imposed.

3.5.7. The findings of and penalties imposed by the Judges Enquiry Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties in every case.