

PIN RECOGNITION PROGRAM

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Some of the hardest working people at the Mustang Club of America's National and Grand National shows are the judges. To recognize the efforts of these volunteers, the MCA initiated a program in the 1990s where specially designed watches were presented to individuals for every eight shows judged. The watches were presented to any member who assisted with the judging process at a show, from the National Head judges to the tireless workers in the tally room who prepared and processed the judging sheets. A number of judges even have earned multiple watches over the years. Although the watch program has been successful, and will continue with one change, it did not go far enough in recognition of our judges. Therefore, last year, a new program, in which pins will be awarded, was developed.

The Judges Pin Recognition Program will supplement the watch program, which did not recognize either the cumulative experience of a judge or offer any means for participants to identify a judge's experience or credentials. Three styles of pins have been designed—for Gold Card judges (gold pins), Certified judges (silver pins), and Assistant judges (bronze pins). They are similar in design with the main differences being their colors and inscriptions. Each pin has the MCA logo as the central design and a loop at the bottom to which a number can be attached. A judge will earn one point for each National or Grand National show worked. Numbers that can be attached to the loop at the pin bottom will be presented for each five shows judged.

Each judge will receive one pin per highest level of experience; that is, judges will not receive multiple pins, if certified in different classes. However, judges will receive a new pin as they progress from Assistant, to Certified, to Gold Card. The pins and numbers will be presented during the Judges Meeting at every National and Grand National show, along with any watches that have been earned. The one change that will come into effect with this new program is that multiple watches no longer will be presented—once a judge has worked the eight shows required to earn it, a watch will be presented.

The Gold Card judge pins were

produced in time to begin distribution at the 45th Anniversary Show in Birmingham. To date, we have awarded approximately 50 pins to deserving judges.

The Certified and Assistant judge pins and numbers will be produced later this year, as funding becomes available. So, be sure to sign in on the Judges List at every show that you work. That log is what is used to determine not only who has earned a watch, but also the applicable number for your judges' pin. We do have records back to 2003 and the numbers, once available, will be distributed based on the judges log database.



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