



Paul Kostial Equestrian & Judge Bio

Paul began riding at the age of six. By age of eleven, Paul won his first U.S. National Top Ten in Saddle Seat Equitation 17 & Under, competing as an eleven year old.

Over forty years, Paul has owned, shown and/or trained many U.S. & Canadian National & Reserve National Champions and Top Ten winners in multiple divisions, including Junior, Amateur and Open.

Judging has provided Paul the opportunity to judge over 300 shows globally in his career, including the United States National Championships many times.

He has also judged: the Breeder's World Cup Las Vegas, the Canadian National Championships, the Youth National Championships, the Brazilian National Championships, the United States Miniature National Championships, and the National Show Horse Finals several times. Paul has also many times judged the Scottsdale All-Arabian Horse Show in February and, the Breeder's Finals.

Paul was awarded the APAHA Arabian Horse Trust Amateur Horseman of the Year award. He is also a past member of the Board of Directors of the Arabian Horse Association, past Director of AHA/Region 9, Past President of the North Texas Arabian Horse Club and, Founder & Chairman of the Pro-Am Challenge Championships for ten years, in addition to being the Show Chairman of the Region 9 Championship Horse Show for many years, based in Fort Worth TX.

For over ten years, Paul served as Chairman of the Judges & Stewards Steering Committee, which serves the Arabian Horse Association in many situations.

Paul currently organizes and manages the online community, We LOVE Arabian Horses®, along with launching Vitality Equestrian®, a new venture soon offering online courses via a faculty of equestrian experts spanning all aspects of horses.

Paul actively coaches amateur and junior riders in multiple breeds, specifically with his mindset 'sports' coaching, designed to improve the performance of horse and rider and especially, to increase the joy of the sport, including one's interest and pleasure with their horses. Whether trail riding or competition, the enjoyment, learning and life lessons are robust with equestrians of all ages and skill levels.

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