

Australian Alpaca Association Ltd
2022 National Alpaca Show
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Youth Events –
Junior Handler and Young Judges

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that the details for the Youth Events Day at the upcoming AAA National Alpaca Show are being finalised.

In brief, the renowned Junior Handler section, that has been such an outstanding success at recent Royal Adelaide Shows, with great support from our local agricultural high schools and members alike, will continue to be a feature. In addition to this, there will be a Young Judges element to the day. The importance here though, is that this process will select the South Australian representative for the National Young Judges competition to be held in Launceston in October 2023.

This is an excerpt from the email received this evening to confirm some of the details:

The Agricultural Societies Council of SA (also known as SA Country Shows) are proud to give South Australian Youth the chance to represent SA in the Agricultural Shows of Australia National Young Judges and Paraders Championships. Alpaca Animal & Fleece Young Judges is one of the ten competitions that makes up these championships.

SA Country Shows works with the Royal Adelaide Shows and animal societies in order to find a South Australian resident aged between 15 and 25 (as of the 1st of May in the year of the State Final), who has knowledge and skills in their chosen area. The State

Competitions give youth the chance to showcase and test their skills against qualified agricultural sector judges and peers alike.

The winner, or highest placing eligible entrant is then given flights, accommodation and uniform so that they can attend the ASA National Finals. SA Country Shows works to give the representative training opportunities in the lead up to the Nationals including judging opportunities and public speaking training. The 2022 Representative will be travelling to the Launceston Royal in October of 2023 to compete for the National Title.

In order to make the most of this opportunity, the Youth Events Day will be found as a separate event on eAlpaca to allow entries to remain open into term 3. There will also be

links to important resources and videos to allow students, parents, and teachers to appreciate the skill and experience that will be developed in our youth through this process.

Sincere thanks to Jacqueline Francis from SA Country Shows, for her support and assistance to help make this a reality.