

JUDGES' CODE OF CONDUCT (For the Website)

This AAA Judges' Code of Conduct is to be used in addition to the provisions in the AAA Showing

Rules to guide judges in their responsibilities and behaviour:

1. Judges must act impartially and in a professional manner at all times.
2. Judges are in a position of privilege in their capacity interact with Youth in a show and must not abuse that privilege by acting in any manner detrimental to exhibitors or their alpacas.
3. Judges have a responsibility to accept AAA invitations to judge unless exceptional circumstances prevent them from attending.
- 4. An AAA Parader Judge may not officiate or judge at a non AAA sanctioned event. Disqualification of accreditation may arise if this occurs.**
5. Judges must be committed to the task. It is an honour to be invited to judge and once you have undertaken to become a Judge you have committed to all shows large and small.
6. If a Judge accepts an invitation to judge and for any reason cannot make the appointment it is imperative he/she notifies the Show Convenor of the Parader Section and the Chair of the AYE as soon as possible.
7. Judges must notify AAA National Office within 7 days after accepting an invitation to judge at any alpaca show, to allow for proper rotation of Judges' names being put forward.
8. Judges will refrain from commenting on the capabilities/performance of a fellow Judge in a negative manner particularly during the conduct of a show and/or in the public domain.
9. In the event of a written complaint about a judge, a panel of three shall be formed, the panel to comprise (at least) the Chair of AYE, a current or past Board Member, and a member of AYE, one to be an accredited Judge, to properly investigate the complaint. The individual Judge is to be kept fully informed of any complaint received and given the opportunity to speak to their defence. The privilege of acting as an accredited AAA Parader Judge may be withdrawn temporarily or permanently as the result of any unethical or unprofessional behaviour as determined by the above panel.

Note: Complaints against Judges to be put in writing, within one week of the alleged incident, addressed to the Chair of Training & Education, accompanied by a \$50 fee, which will be refunded in the event that the complaint is upheld.

10. Judges can expect to receive the full support the AAA whilst carrying out their duties in a competent and professional manner in accordance with the Judges' Code of Conduct.

11. Judges must be aware that their position and status as a Judge continues outside the show ring. When commenting on particular competitors in any forum, Judges have a responsibility to act ethically and professionally and should not speak publicly in any way that may be detrimental to the competitors or alpacas.

ACCEPTANCE OF JUDGES CODE OF CONDUCT

Signature: Date: Print Name: