

Convenors Newsletter

New Rules coming into effect Show Season 2019

Judges accommodation and travel as of 2019 will be booked by the Office. Convenors & Judges will still need to fill out a Judges Agreement and once confirmed, the Office will book and pay, this will ultimately fix the out of pocket and late reimbursement issues that Judges are dealing with and make it an easier process for Convenors, the relevant Region/Ag Society will be invoiced as to the agreed amount, so please make sure your Judges agreements are filled out correctly with the amount agreed too. The \$50 incidentals will still be sent to S & J by the Judge for approval and forwarded to the Office for prompt payment.

Darren Hard has taken on the mammoth job of Judge Allocation, please assist Darren with choosing a Judge from the list he sends you asap, we are endeavouring to give the Shows and Judges a variety to suit everyone whilst assisting upgrades and training needs as best we can, if this is needed Darren may recommend a particular Judge to Judge your show please work with Darren to assist his difficult job.

National Show is to be held in Canberra for the next three years, then will be looked at again to see whether members are keen for it to go to other States or remain in Canberra. Peter & Natasha are the halter judges for 2019 and Shane Carey is judging the fleeces.

PRE SHOW

INSPECTIONS: Pre show inspections will now be conducted with the exhibitor (or their nominated

representative) in the pen and the steward conducting the pre-show inspections and the scribe outside the pen, this is to assist Stewards making their job easier and takes bio security into account. Exhibitors

will be informed when entering a show what they need to check with their alpacas before they arrive. Judges will be discreet if they find a fault in an animal in the show ring and will quietly inform the exhibitor of why their alpaca will not be ribboned.

Minimum fleece length for Suri is now 50mm.

Show ring uniform will include the AAA logo on either the AAA black shirt or the AAA black vest. The vest may be worn over the AAA shirt or a black shirt



(with either long or short sleeves). These are worn over black trousers or a long black skirt and clean brown or black closed in shoes.

Alpaca shows that are not endorsed as AAA shows, excluding overseas shows where a Judge has been invited, are not able to utilise a AAA Judge or AAA resources, including AAA logo and Insurance.

At S & J's request the rule of a Mature male needing to be certified has been repealed by the Board, so a Mature male does not need to be Certified to be shown.

An isolation pen needs to be set up at all shows, somewhere away from other alpacas in case an alpaca/alpacas need to be isolated, this is another biosecurity application.

Judges have been given the discretion to award a blue ribbon, if they feel the alpaca is deserving of a first in it's class, Judges are not committed to awarding a Champion or Supreme if the alpaca is not up to being awarded a Champion or Supreme at their discretion, this enables an exhibitor to receive a blue ribbon instead of a second if deserving.

Suri fleece classes will be the same as Huacaya in 2020.

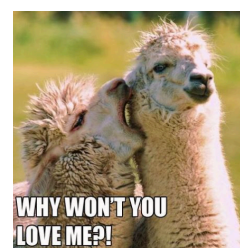
The Showing and Judging will be putting together a working party in 2019 to review the Breed Standard, this party will include a diverse range of skills, vets, previous Breed Standard participants, judges etc, EOI will come out during the Year.

Coloured Shows are generally one show per Region, this needs to be decided the year prior to the Show, if for a special event a colour show would be preferred, please put in a request for approval to Showing & Judging asap.

A Judge intake will take place this year, look out for further details.

Convenors & Stewards Training will be looked at this year and updated, we are aiming to have it as an online course for ease of assessing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Convenors for their hard work and dedication, without Convenors we have no Shows. The Showing & Judging are here to assist and support you, please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any assistance or clarification.



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