

### **The Role of AAA Paraders Judge**

All Parader judging is centred on delivering an accurate and fair assessment.

The AAA Parader judge training, examination and ongoing accreditation programme is designed to ensure this accuracy and fairness is carried out in a logical and systematic manner to achieve the end result.

- The role of the judge in any show is to make sound, accurate and informed decisions of both the Handler and the teamwork with their alpaca based on knowledge of the Animal handling as per the recommended protocols set by the Judge training programme based on recommendations from the Paraders' Manual & Material.

When judging a Parader event the judge is a representative of the AAA and carries an important ethical responsibility. All judges must act ethically, honestly and impartially at all times.

- The judge must possess a professional attitude, have knowledge and experience of Youth competitions within the industry, know alpacas and the overall alpaca industry, together with a thorough understanding of shows and showing in Australia.
- The role of a judge is also seen as educational and informative. It therefore requires a level of proficiency to speak in public. This skill can be learned and refined over time and with practice, your mentors can also help with this.
- Parader Judges need to have an ongoing commitment to the alpaca industry with a desire for continual improvement, further self-education and an ability to keep up to date with evolving industry standards. Training Sessions must be attended by all judges.
- Becoming an AAA Parader judge requires a serious commitment in time and effort. Time away from home, study demands and/or work and the costs that may be incurred are a constant reality for all judges. Whilst transport, meals and accommodation may be sponsored, time is not.
- Once accepted into the apprenticeship programme apprentice judges are required to fund their own travel/accommodation expenses during the course of their apprenticeship. Intending applicants need to be aware of the financial implications surrounding their ongoing training to become a fully accredited parader judge.

Home state appointments will be prioritised, to assist with financial commitment.

- All apprentice and accredited judges must sign off on the AAA Judges Code of Conduct.