



Code of Conduct for Judges of the Australian Alpaca Association

It is understood that the continuing participation of any AAA Judge is subject to compliance with this Code of Conduct, and that this Code of Conduct has been approved by the Board. All judges are to sign an agreement to abide by this Code.

Provisions contained in the Committee Code of Conduct are in addition to those found in the Members Code of Conduct and in the current AAA Showing Rules Manual.

1. Judges are in a position of privilege in being entrusted with the responsibility of judging alpacas and fleeces at shows and must respect that privilege by:
 - i. Acting impartially and in a professional manner at all times;
 - ii. Treating exhibitors, stewards, members of the AAA and members of the public with courtesy and respect;
 - iii. Refraining from commenting on the capabilities/performance of any of their fellow judges in a negative manner, particularly during the conduct of a show and/or in the public domain;
 - iv. Refraining from making inappropriate comments in public or in the public domain (whether on social media platforms or otherwise) regarding any alpacas that they have judged or expect to judge in the near future; and
 - v. Ensuring that they always behave in a manner that will not bring the AAA into disrepute.
2. Judges are expected to accept AAA invitations to judge unless exceptional circumstances would prevent a judge from attending a show he or she had been invited to judge. Judges are to accept or decline judging invitations in line with the relevant judge allocation rules at the time of the invitation.
3. Judges are not to use their position as a judge to benefit themselves or any business or person associated with them.
4. Whilst all allegations will be addressed under the AAA Complaints Procedure the Chair of the Showing and Judging Committee or their delegate may be called upon for technical advice.
5. The outcome of any investigation shall be disclosed to all judges and the Showing and Judging Committee without naming the judge concerned.

Name	
Signature	
Date	

Approved by AAA Board 3 June 2020