

## Members and Exhibitors Codes of Conduct

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### Member Code of Conduct:

It is understood that the continuing participation of any person as a Member of the Australian Alpaca Association is subject to compliance with this Code of Conduct, and that this Code of Conduct has been approved by the Board.

All members when renewing their annual membership agree to abide by this Members' Code of Conduct, the Exhibitor Code of Conduct and to act within the Constitution of the Australian Alpaca Association (in particular clause 4.8) and the associated rules and regulations.

Under this Code of Conduct all members must:

1. At all AAA activities, public events (including shows) act in a respectful manner with integrity and honesty in all dealings related to alpacas and in all statements and actions relating to the alpaca industry. Behaviour of a harassing, discriminatory, bullying, fraudulent or dis-respectful nature, including abusive or foul language, and rude gestures will not be tolerated.
2. Support the Association in its promotion, marketing and advocacy endeavours to protect the reputation and brand of the AAA and the alpaca industry as a whole.
3. Abide by the law, and Association policies, procedures and protocols;
4. Maintain the integrity of the Association IAR database. Falsification of information entered by the member into e-alpaca will result in disciplinary action.
5. Ensure a "Duty of Care" with all animal dealings and transactions to prevent any cruelty or mistreatment of alpaca and to protect the industry reputation through the implementation of acceptable animal husbandry practices.
6. Maintain the confidentiality and privacy of the Association, industry, members, stakeholders and staff by ensuring information accessed shall not be shared or used for any purpose other than the one it was provided for.

### Repeated or unsubstantiated complaints

Where a member makes an allegation that is frivolous, vexatious or lacking in substance or makes such allegations repeatedly such conduct may itself constitute misconduct for the purposes of this Code of Conduct.



### **Exhibitor Code of Conduct.**

Provisions contained in the Exhibitor Code are in addition to those found in the Members Code of Conduct.

The Exhibitor Code of Conduct is effective during all stages of an AAA Ltd endorsed show including, but not exclusively limited to the planning, preparation, co-ordination, set-up, actual day of the Show and post show clean up, dismantling and wrap up.

1. All exhibitors must be familiar with all current AAA Showing rules. Members who voluntarily elect to participate in AAA endorsed shows do so with the understanding that they are bound by the rules, including relevant dress codes, and are liable to incur disciplinary action for any infringement.
2. Disciplinary action will be taken in cases of falsification of information required by the show including but not limited to entry information, disclosure statements, shearing dates, dates of birth, registration certificates or ownership of alpacas.
3. Participants shall be courteous and gracious to judges, officials, and fellow exhibitors at all times, regardless of class placements.
4. Breaches of the Exhibitor Code of Conduct will be addressed in line with the AAA complaints procedure.