

Convenors Newsletter

Happy New Year

Welcome to 2024, your Showing & Judging Committee are here to assist/advise anytime needed, please don't hesitate to contact for assistance.

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Judge Allocation Process

Send an email to aaajudgeallocation@gmail.com with all the show details:

- Name of judge who previously judged this event
- Details of the show – date, time, venue
- Expected number of fleece and halter exhibits

An email will then be sent by the Judge Allocator out to all the Judges, the Judges will be given a two week time limit to respond, any Judges that are able to judge your show will reply and a list will then be emailed to the Convenor to choose their preferred/suitable judge. A confirmation email will be sent to the chosen Judge with the relevant forms.

This process is in place to assist with:

- Judges being assigned to appropriate shows for their level
- Judges not judging at too many shows in close proximity to each other
- Managing the whole process and assist with all judging allocations across the board.

The number of expected entries is important, so the Judge allocated is of the correct Level. Level 3 Judges just out of their Apprenticeship are only able to judge shows less than 120 animals, this gives them experience to learn how to manage their time in the show ring without the pressure of being rushed through too many animals.

Please note that two judges are required if fleece and halter judging are to be conducted on the same day.

MESSAGES OF THE MONTH

ASKING FOR HELP
IS A SIGN OF
STRENGTH.
BE BRAVE ENOUGH
TO DO IT.

Thank
you!
Volunteers!

BE THE
Reason
SOMEONE
Smiles
TODAY

YOU VOLUNTEERED
YET? IF NOT...
HAVE A GREAT DAY
;))



Updated Convenor and Stewards Manual

The current manual is in the process of being completely overhauled and updated.

Final updates are currently being made as well as updates to all resource documents. Once complete it will be sent to the Board for approval, once approved it will be made available to all. Expected time frame February/March 2024.

All regions, together with the AAA office have had the opportunity to have input into the updates and we appreciate the feedback and suggestions provided. We hope that the updated manual provides a great resource for both existing and new convenors.

Updates include:

- Removal of Covid 19 restrictions and protocols
- Updating and simplification of the Risk Assessment and Biosecurity requirements
- Hyperlinks to all Resource Documents
- Resource Documents able to be completed online without having to print.
- Streamlining judge allocation process
- Additional instruction and helpful hints in using eAlpaca

SHOW	DATE SHOW	CLOSING DATE	REGION
GUNNING	18/02/2024	09/02/2024	NSW
ROYAL CANBERRA	24-25/02/2024	04/02/2024	NSW
BERWICK	24/02/2024	12/02/2024	VER
BOOROWA	02/03/2024	26/02/2024	NSW
RED HILL	09/03/2024	26/02/2024	VER
MOSS VALE	10/03/2024	03/03/2024	NSW
MOUNT PLEASANT	16/03/2024	05/03/2024	SA

Show Season is ramping up!

If you have any queries whilst waiting for the release of the updated Convenors and Stewards Manual please do not hesitate to contact the SJC or the AAA Office.

We wish you all a great start to the show season.

Your time and efforts are greatly valued and appreciated.

Thank you!

SHOWING AND JUDGING MANUAL

The Showing and Judging Manual was updated mid last year. It is the responsibility of all convenors and stewards to be familiar with and have access to either a hard or electronic copy.

Remember: The convenor is responsible for coordinating the preparation of the Show on behalf of the AAA Ltd. They are responsible for the Show, up to the day of the Show. The Chief Steward then assumes responsibility for the duration of the Show.

Training for Convenors and Stewards is currently under review.