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CONVENORS NEWSLETTER

Showing and Judging Committee

Your Showing and Judging Committee are here to assist and advise anytime needed, please don't hesitate to contact for assistance. Hope to see you at the Nationals!

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Lynda Holdsworth

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Committee: Samantha Hood

To all our volunteer convenors!



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Convenors and Stewards Manual Update



I wish to apologise to all convenors for the delay in updating the Convenors and Stewards Manual. I appreciate this delay has caused unnecessary hardship and confusion for many.

After meeting with representatives from most states in 2023 we thought the update would have been completed early in 2024.

The ongoing delays have been caused by the need to update many of the resource/reference documents. In many instances this led to approvals needing to be sought from further afield. EG the Biosecurity Plan. As you can imagine this resulted in some significant delays.

I am now relieved to advise the Convenors and Stewards Manual and all the reference/resource documents under the Members Portal/Showing Resources have been completed.

The completed manual has been approved by the Board at their meeting on 14th May. Once formatting is completed the updated document will be available on the Showing Resources section of the AAA Website Members Portal. It is estimated this will be completed and available by end of July 2024.

Once available, I encourage all convenors to read the manual carefully as much has been updated. Links have been provided to all resource documents for your convenience. All documents can now be completed online without the need to print if this is your preference.

Updates have been made to most sections with major updates to the following areas:

- Biosecurity Plan requirements for stand alone shows
- eAlpaca instructions and guidelines
- Removal of Covid guidelines

Remember it is important you use the Convenor and Stewards Manual in conjunction with the Showing and Judging Rules Manual.

As you will no doubt be aware processes change often and ongoing updates will be required to keep the manual current. If you note any mistakes or required updates please forward them directly to:

Showing and Judging Committee Chair sjchair@alpaca.asn.au

cc Lynda Holdsworth queries@auravalealpacas.com.au

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their assistance in updating the manual:

Tanya Wheeler– for the significant time she has spent updating resource documents and loading them to AAA Website.

Mick Williams - for his assistance and efforts in updating the Biosecurity Plan and support in other manual Updates.

Carolyn Austin- for her input into a number of the support documents and input into what the office requires.

Regional Representatives:

- ◆ **Cathy Reid - NSW,**
- ◆ **Kerryn Burns - NSW**
- ◆ **Ruth Croker - SA**
- ◆ **Margaret Hassall - QLD**

Your input was greatly appreciated, regards Lynda Holdsworth.

eAlpaca Class Code Updates

As part of the Convenors and Stewards Manual update the eAlpaca class codes have also been reviewed and a proposal has gone to the Board to have updates actioned.

To date approval has been given, up to an approved costing, for the following updates:

- ◆ Class codes running in the appropriate show orders, EG.
 - ◆ alternating Suri and Huacaya Classes,
 - ◆ starting coloured shows with Fancy classes and ending with White classes.

At this stage further updates/maintenance to eAlpaca class codes have not been approved due to costs related to the updates:

- ◆ EG. the addition of Dams Progeny and other classes which had previously been omitted and removal of classes no longer used.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our board member Sue Harris who has been instrumental in actioning these updates.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the eNewsletter, please contact:

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OR

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