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**NATIONAL ASA YOUNG JUDGES
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITION
GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING STATE/
TERRITORY/ REGION**

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Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) provides the following guidelines for a State/ Territory / Region to run a National ASA Young Judges Championship or Competition

National ASA Young Judges Championships

The ten National Young Judges Championships being:

- National ASA (Fleece and Animal) Alpaca Championship
- National ASA Alpaca Fleece Championship
- National ASA Beef Cattle Paraders Championship
- National ASA Beef Cattle Championship
- National ASA Dairy Cattle Paraders Championship
- National ASA Dairy Cattle Championship
- National ASA Meat Breeds Sheep Championship
- National ASA Merino Fleece Championship
- National ASA Merino Sheep Championship
- National ASA Poultry Championship

National ASA Rural Ambassador Competition

The one Rural Ambassador Competition being the:

- National ASA Rural Ambassador Award.

National ASA Championship and Competition Roster

The Championships and Competition roster is as follows:

2014 Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc.

2015 Agricultural Societies Council of NSW Ltd.

2016 Agricultural Show Council of Tasmania Inc.

2017 Victorian Agricultural Shows Ltd.

2018 Agricultural Societies Council of South Australia Inc.

2019 Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia Inc.

2020 Royal Agricultural Society of the Northern Territory Inc.

2021 Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand Inc.

Competing State/ Territory/ Region

- To pay for Competitors travel from their capital city to the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region capital city and return.

Hosting State/ Territory/ Region

- To pay for Competitors accommodation and local travel whilst in hosting State/ Territory/ Region.
 - Accommodation for National Young Judges Competitors being two nights on a twin share basis (i.e. the night prior and the night following the day of the National

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Championship). Additional accommodation being at the discretion of the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region.

- Accommodation for the National ASA Rural Ambassador Award Competitors being a minimum of two nights. Additional accommodation being at the discretion of the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region.
- Local travel arrangements between the accommodation venue and the judging venue as required. Other internal travel being at the discretion of the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region.
- To provide sashes as follows:
 - Winner – Tri-colour sash (red, white, blue) (Name of National Championship or Competition to be written on sash). Note: 8 Winners.

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WINNER – LOCATION AND YEAR**

- Runner-up – Tri-colour sash (blue, yellow, blue) (Name of National Championship or Competition to be written on sash). Note: 8 Runner-ups.

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RUNNER-UP – LOCATION AND YEAR**

- Third – White colour sash (Name of National Championship or Competition to be written on sash). Note: 8 Third place getters.

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THIRD PLACE – LOCATION AND YEAR**

- Finalists – Green colour sash (Name of National Championship or Competition be written on sash). Note: the number of finalists will depend on the remaining Competitors in each National Championship or Competition.

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FINALIST – LOCATION AND YEAR**

- To provide equipment for cleaning, grooming and preparing cattle for the National Beef and Dairy Paraders Championships. To ask the owner of the animal to assist in providing the Competitor with grooming products, etc.

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- To engrave medallions provided by the ASA Secretariat.

Note: Selection of animals and timing for a National Championship is included in each National Championship Handbook located on the ASA website.

Procedural Recommendations

- All Rules and Regulations for judging a National Championship or Competition to be sent out through the ASA Secretariat.
- Rules and Regulations must be adhered to at all times.
- Where practical the National Paraders Championships should be held before the other National Young Judges Championships.
- Competitors in a Beef Cattle Paraders National Championship must wear the plain white coat provided by the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region.
- No caps should be worn during National Championships that display any form of advertising.
- Leaders of animals should be encouraged to be in uniform (no corporate advertising).
- Each animal must have a ribbon placed on it as per Championship judge's ruling.
- Where practical all Competitors be invited to an ASA/ Host State/ Territory/ Region function.

STEWARDS

Stewards for each National Young Judges Championship:

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- To provide one Data Reader Steward, one Ring Steward and one Timekeeper.
- Where possible ASA delegates attending National Finals be notified of their role well in advance of each National Championship.

Hosting State/ Territory/ Region

- To provide one Data Entry Steward, one Ring Steward and one Announcer.
- In the case of Beef and Dairy Paraders Championships to provide one Ring Steward and one Announcer.

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

- The ASA Secretariat will provide the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region with a spreadsheet list of finalists well in advance (preferably 4 months prior) of each National Championship or Competition.
- Competitors are to receive relevant information from the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region of accommodation, judging venues, dates, times, and any other required details.
- To receive relevant information from the ASA Secretariat of the Rules and Regulations for the National Championships and Competition.
- Winners are ineligible to compete again after winning a final of a National Championship or Competition.

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EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Hosting State/ Territory/ Region to provide the following equipment:

- Computer Scoring Program (1) and Hormel Slides (3)
- Competitor Clip Boards (Minimum of 8)
- Championship or Competition Rules and Regulations
- Incident Report Forms
- Arm Bands numbered 1 to 8
- Breast Plates for animals numbered 1 to 4:
 - 1 Breast Plate sets for alpaca
 - 3 Breast Plate sets for cattle
 - 2 Breast Plate sets for sheep
 - 2 Breast Plate sets for merino fleece
- Card Numbers (numbered 1 to 4)
 - 2 Card Number sets for birds
 - 2 Card Number sets for alpaca fleeces
- Calculators (Minimum of 8)
- Book 'Top and Nail tables for Fleece Judging' (One for each contestant)
- Laptop and power for running the Computer Scoring Program.
- Equipment for preparing and presenting animals in the Beef and Dairy Paraders Competition (Set for each contestant). Owners of the animals be asked to assist in providing grooming products, etc.
- Plain white coat for each Competitor in a Beef Cattle Paraders National Championship.

Colour of Judging Cards used for Young Judges Championships

- Alpaca Judging – white coloured paper
- Alpaca Fleece Judging - buff coloured paper
- Beef Cattle Judging – green coloured paper
- Beef Cattle Paraders – white coloured paper
- Dairy Cattle Judging – blue coloured paper
- Dairy Cattle Paraders – yellow coloured paper
- Meat Breeds Sheep Judging – pink coloured paper
- Merino Fleece Judging – buff coloured paper
- Merino Sheep Judging – yellow coloured paper
- Poultry Judging – white coloured paper

Animals/ birds required for running Young Judges National Championships

- Championship Judge's Steward in consultation with the Judge is responsible for selecting and providing animals/ birds for each National Championship.
- Animal/ bird requirements are as follows:
 - Paraders (8 animals of same sex)

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- Alpaca (1 group of 4 animals)
- Alpaca fleeces (2 groups of 4 fleeces – Suri or Huacaya fleeces)
- Beef Cattle (3 groups of 4 animals)
- Dairy Cattle (3 groups of 4 animals)
- Merino fleeces (2 groups of 4 fleeces – fine/ or medium wool).
- Merino Sheep (2 groups of 4 animals – rams and ewes)
- Meat Sheep (2 groups of 4 animals – long and short wool)
- Poultry – (3 groups of 4 birds – different Classes)

The Keast Shield

- During the National Championships and Competitions the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region are to maintain a record of placings so that the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region that gains the most points will receive the Keast Shield.
- Points to be allocated as follows
 - Young Judges National Championships
 - Winner 4 points
 - Runner-up 3 points
 - Third Place 2 points
 - Remaining Competitors 1 point
 - Non Participation 0 point
 - National Rural Ambassador Competition
 - Winner 4 points
 - Runner-up 2 points
 - Remaining Competitors 1 point
 - Non Participation 0 point
- The Hosting State/ Territory/ Region that wins the Keast Shield will receive a replica trophy. The main trophy will remain with the ASA Secretariat.

Sponsorship, Advertising and Signage

- The Hosting State/ Territory/ Region needs to liaise with the ASA Secretariat as every endeavour is made by ASA to procure sponsorship to assist with prizes for the National Final Championships and Competitions. Where sponsorship is available the ASA Secretariat to advise the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region of the sponsorship deal arrangements that must be complied with. The sponsorship deal may include:
 - Sponsor's corporate banners and signage in place during National Championships and Competition.
 - Sponsor acknowledgement during presentations.
 - Sponsor presenting their prizes at completion of judging or at a Presentation Dinner.
 - Company logo on appropriate websites, social media and advertising.
 - Company logo being printed on clothing worn by Competitors.
 - Where the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region has been able to secure sponsorship for the National Final Championships and Competition to liaise with the ASA Secretariat to ensure there is no conflict with sponsorship arrangements, etc.

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- The Hosting State/ Territory/ Region to have in place the ASA flags and banners promoting the National Final Championships and Competition.
- The Hosting State/ Territory/ Region to return the FCAS flags and banners to the ASA Secretariat at the completion of the National Final Championships and Competition. The ASA Secretariat to arrange their delivery to next year's Hosting State/ Territory/ Region.

Associate Member Competitor

- ASA is currently made up of member Hosting States and Territories and an Associate Member Region (New Zealand). Where an Associate Member Competitor wins the National Rural Ambassador Award the Runner-up will be recognised as the Australian National Winner with the Associate Member being recognised as the Overall Winner.
- Sashes, Trophies and Certificates are to be prepared with this possibility in mind. A number of Overall Winner sashes will be held by the ASA Secretariat and made available to the Hosting State/ Territory/ Region each year as required.
- In the situation where an Associate Member Competitor is the winner of a National Young Judges Championship or National Rural Ambassador Award the presentation of any sponsored prize money (not paid by ASA) will depend on the sponsorship deal and the ASA policy currently in place. Note: The Overall Winner and the Runner-up of the National Rural Ambassador Award currently each receive \$6,000 and \$4,000 respectively from the ASA Secretariat.
- Associate Member Competitors to be advised by the ASA Secretariat prior to them competing in a National Young Judges Championship or National Rural Ambassador Award of their eligibility to winning such prize money or other trophies.

Payment of Money to Competitors

- The payment of any prize monies to Competitors will be by electronic transfer. Hosting State/ Territory/ Region to obtain from winning Competitors their electronic banking details (i.e. BSB, Account number and Account name) and be forwarded to the ASA Secretariat for prompt payment by ASA.

Further Information

- The Hosting State/ Territory/ Region should contact the ASA Executive Officer execofficer@agshowsaustralia.org.au if they require further clarification or other information not present in this document.