

CURRICULUM VITAE
Nick Harrington-Smith
(*BAS and AOBA Alpaca Judge*)

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JUDGING QUALIFICATIONS

- **BAS Certified Judge** (Qualified February 2003) The first qualified judge in the UK and qualified to judge both fleece and halter classes.
- **AoA Qualified Alpaca Judge** – (Qualified December 2005): Certified judge Halter, Fleece & Performance classes.
- **BAS Approved Judge Trainer** (From 2005): Instruction of breeders and individuals from across Europe seeking further knowledge and or to attain qualification as a BAS Judge.

JUDGING EXPERIENCE

I have a wide range of experience in judging both fleece and halter classes at both smaller and larger shows in the UK, North America, Australia and Europe, some with entries of 600 plus. With shows too numerous to list (nearly 100) judged across the world I have gained a good perspective on the challenges faced by alpaca judges.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Born and bred on a livestock farm I have devoted the whole of my adult life to farming livestock. In 1998, I was appointed as manager of Europe's largest alpaca business with some 900 alpacas, a role I continued in until February 2005 when the business was sold. 2005 saw the formation of The Alpaca Stud, a business I co-own and am managing partner of, which owns a herd in excess of 700 alpacas, both Suri and Huacaya. I was the first judge to qualify under the British Alpaca Society training scheme, then going on to be the first European to have gained qualification as an AoA(American) Halter Judge , as well as for Fleece Judging and Performance classes.

I have been involved in the selection and purchase of breeding stock in both North and South America and Australia, and I have assessed many thousands of alpacas in the process.

I am a very strong believer in the show ring as a promotional vehicle for alpacas, but also have a real awareness of the need to keep in perspective its importance in respect of breeding decisions.

My primary objective when judging is to ensure that all exhibitors benefit from an enjoyable and informative experience.