

JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY JUDGES' PANEL

Official and Provisional Judges panels.

These shall be drawn up by the Board of the Society ("Board") and shall consist of Society members having considerable knowledge of the Jacob breed.

(a) The Provisional Judges Assessment Panel:

- (i) The Assessment Panel will comprise three assessors and two reserve assessors drawn from the Main Judges Panel who will be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Field Officer.
- (ii) The appointment of assessors will be for three years. Assessors will be eligible for re- appointment at the end of their terms in post.
- (iii) The assessors should elect one of their numbers to act as chairman. The Field Officer may act as a reserve assessor if required.
- (iv) The panel chairman will organise an assessment as a stand-alone event or in conjunction with another suitable event in the year when applications are received.

(b) Applications for assessment for the Provisional Judges Panel

- (i) Applications should be made on the form available to download from the Society's website or available from the member's Regional Contact Member. Completed applications should be sent to the chairman of the Assessment Panel.
- (ii) To be eligible for that year's assessment day, the application must be received by 30th April.
- (iii) Applicants should be at least 21 years of age;
- (iv) Be fully paid up individual members of the Society at the date of their application.
- (v) Have a minimum of ten years active involvement in the management of a flock of sheep.
- (vi) Have a minimum of five year's experience of showing their Jacob sheep.
- (vii) Some flexibility of (v) & (vi) above may be allowed if an applicant is able to show previous experience of judging for example at YFC events or other classes of livestock or breeds of sheep.
- (viii) The application forms will be considered by the Assessment Panel and those which meet the expected criteria will be invited to attend an assessment. Applicants not meeting the criteria will be notified in writing. Candidates may request feedback in writing to the chairman of the Assessment Panel, who will draft a letter and send it to the panel members for approval before sending it to the candidate.

(c) The Assessment

- (i) The assessment will be designed to enable the panel to assess the applicants' knowledge of sheep in general and the Jacob breed in particular with reference to the Breed Standard.
- (ii) It will also assess their experience, presentational skills and their ability to deal with exhibitors with tact and confidence.
- (iii) There will also be a hands-on judging test placing a number of sheep and explaining their reasons.
- (iv) Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply after three years.

(d) Appointment to the Judges Panels

- (i) In the year following their selection at an assessment day, applicants may be required to attend one or more shows at the direction of the Field Officer to shadow experienced judges although this is not mandatory.
- (ii) Provided the applicants have completed this stage satisfactorily the Field Officer will put their names forward to the November Board meeting for appointment to the Provisional Judges Panel.
- (iii) During their period on the Provisional Panel, judges must attend as many judges' seminars and regional events as possible and not less than one seminar every three years.
- (v) After three years on the Provisional Panel, judges will be automatically considered by the Board for appointment to the Main Panel.
- (vi) Judges on the Provisional Panel should not accept appointments to judge at Royal Shows, major county shows or Official Shows and Sales. If in doubt about the status of a show the judge should consult the Field Officer.
- (vii) If for any reason a Provisional Judge is not up-graded within 5 years their name will be removed from the Provisional Panel. That member will be eligible to reapply to become a member of the Provisional Panel after a further 3 years.

