

**Nick Harrington-Smith**  
(BAS and AOBA alpaca judge)



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**Judging Qualifications (Alpaca)**

**BAS Certified Judge** (qualified February 2003, recertified November 2006)

I was the first qualified judge in the UK and am qualified to judge both fleece and halter classes.

**AOBA Qualified Alpaca Judge** (qualified December 2005)

Certified judge for Halter, Fleece & Performance.

**BAS Approved Judge Trainer** (from 2005)

Instruction of breeders and individuals from across Europe seeking 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.

This includes:

**2009**

UK: BAS National – fleece  
Australia: Strathalbyn, halter and fleece

**2008**

UK: SWAG – halter  
Devon County – halter  
Germany: AZVD Show – fleece and halter  
France: National Show – halter  
Sweden: National Show – halter

**2007**

UK: Bath & West Show – halter  
Canada: Manitoba Show – halter  
Ontario Show – halter

**2003–2006**

At least 10 shows judged both in the UK and Europe  
USA: Indianapolis Futurity, MAPACA, Coastal Classic and Empire Alpaca Extravaganza Shows (apprenticed to either Amanda Vanden Bosch or Mike Safely, both AOBA Senior 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. Since then I have formed The Alpaca Stud with my business partner John Potts and currently have a herd of in excess of 600 alpacas, both Suri and Huacaya. I was the first judge to qualify under the British Alpaca Society training scheme and I am the only resident European to have gained qualification as an AOBA Halter Judge, as well as for Fleece Judging and Performance classes. I have been involved in the selection and purchase of breeding stock both in North and South America, and have assessed many thousands of animals 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 experience an enjoyable and informative event.