

Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.

Judging Panel

Terms of Reference

1. The Judging Panel will consist of a Coordinator and up to twenty members who are financial members of the Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc. (QGSA).
2. A quorum of six members will be sufficient to conduct a business meeting.
3. Potential members of the Panel will be selected on the basis of their recognised standing in the quilt world
 - a. Quilt making skills and/or
 - b. Other related activities such as: quilt business, quilt writing, quilt teaching or national or international experience pertaining to quilting
4. New Panel members may be appointed when a vacancy occurs. Qualified applicants are to be sought in consultation with the Executive Committee of QGSA.
5. New Panel members must undergo Judges training and observe at least 3 judging sessions before becoming an approved member of the Panel.
6. Panel members must be impartial and act with integrity while maintaining strict confidentiality, and may be required by the event organisers to sign a Confidentiality Agreement.
7. Panel members should NOT judge a quilt in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest. While working in a group they will declare prior knowledge of a quilt entry.
8. Panel members working in a team, work as equals and the judges' decision is arrived at by consensus.
9. Panel members must maintain an awareness of current quilting trends and techniques by attending exhibitions, consulting with other quilters and reading quilt literature.
10. While every care will be taken, neither QGSA nor any Judging Panel member shall be responsible for any damage or loss while the quilts are in the judging process.
11. The Panel may be requested to provide a Critique Service. If and when a fee is charged for this service, it is to be nominated, received and retained by the requesting show organizers.
12. Panel members will not be paid. Some expenses may be reimbursed from QGSA in accordance with instructions from the Executive Committee.

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