



## Benefits of Affiliating with the Australian Campdraft Association Inc.

- Affordable Comprehensive Public Liability cover for all campdraft competition, training days & working bees (including travel to and from)
- Voluntary Workers Personal Accident Cover for all volunteers at ACA affiliated events
- Access to an approved Judges Panel (which further covers the committee with respect to legal liability)
- Uniform Rules (including Codes of Practice for the handling of stock, conduct of competitors/officials) ensuring no confusion for competitors, judges and committees alike
- Access to the ACA council members to assist with the planning and establishment of your event, to ensure not only its success, but that issues with respects to safety and fairness are addressed well in advance.
- Provision of events that allow competitors to points towards an overall year championship in several different categories.
- Free website advertising of your program and your date/contact details
- Updates via social media and the ACA website of changes in your program or other issues such as delays, events full, still accepting nominations etc.

### **Background**

The ACA was formed as a governing body over 40 years ago to ensure a fair and balanced approach to the staging of campdraft events and to create an environment of honest competition. The focus has always been on ensuring competitors can compete in a sport with fair, open and transparent guidelines and rules. This has meant the imposing of certain standards which, whilst seen as restrictive in some quarters, have driven the steady, but continued growth in not only members of the ACA but in the participation of the sport more generally.

The Management Committee has constantly realized the need to keep the rules and guidelines reflective of current needs, without compromising the values or integrity of the ACA or the sport more generally. The rapid expansion in numbers in some Zones has seen the issues regarding attendance/participation at events rise to previously unprecedented levels. This has guided the ACA to introduce a range of options for committees to employ to restrict nominations whilst still allowing for fair outcomes for the competitors.

The ACA realizes that the issue is still a problem for a large number of committees and members in several areas of Australia. We welcome feedback and ideas on addressing this and any other area that members/committees may feel can be improved. Along with all other aspects of the sport, the Management Committee is open to approaches that represent different ideas and will consider suggestions in a fair and balanced manner, without prejudice.