



Australian Alpaca
ASSOCIATION

New Breeders - what to expect at your first Show:

The first step is show entry, which is done through [eAlpaca](#).

- Go through your alpacas and choose your best alpacas to show.
- Print out the Show Rules from the [AAA Website](#) to have as a reference
- You will need to check the following:
 - o IAR tag
 - o Confirmation (check with the breed standard in the [Showing Rules](#))
 - o Alpaca's front teeth - aligned with the gum
 - o Alpaca's toenails - trimmed and not overgrown
 - o Ears - correct and not banana shaped or folded in
 - o In a male, two testicles should be present
 - o Tail - straight and not be kinked
 - o Fleece should be burr free and as free from vegetation as possible

When you arrive at your show:

- Park and find out where your pens are
- Walk your alpacas in and set them up with food and water
- Wait at your pens until your animals are checked by a Steward
- When the Steward arrives, bring each alpaca separately to the front of the pen so the Steward can check the IAR tag, fleece colour, length & sex
- Ask the Steward where you collect your bag and showing numbers from
- Collect your bag
- Prepare your numbers in your arm bands
- Check the Catalogue and make sure your alpacas are all in the correct classes

At the show

- Speak to as many breeders as possible, you will learn so much from fellow breeders through conversation
- Sit back, relax, watch, learn and enjoy your first show. Don't hesitate to ask people anything you're not sure of - the show ring is an extremely enjoyable, social aspect of breeding alpacas.