



Akoonah Park, Princess Hwy, Berwick

ALPACA SECTION SCHEDULE

(AGE CHAMPIONSHIP HALTER and COLOUR CHAMPIONSHIP
FLEECE CLASSES)

JUDGING

Fleece Classes – FRIDAY 21st February 2020
Halter Classes - SATURDAY 22nd February 2020

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 3rd FEBRUARY 2020

JUDGE:

HEAD STEWARD:

CONVENOR:

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ENTRIES & FEES PER:

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

GENERAL

This Show will be conducted as a Halter and Fleece Colour Championship Show under the rules of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd., (the Association), as set out in the current Showing Rules Manual of the Association.

All amendments, where relevant to this Show, have been incorporated into this Schedule.

Exhibitors are to note that Berwick is a short fleeced show
The amended minimum fleece lengths for the Show are as follows:
Huacaya exhibits must carry a minimum fleece length of 30mm.
Suri exhibits must carry a minimum fleece length of 50mm.

The recommended maximums are to remain as for a standard Colour Championship show, noting that from the 1st January 2019 the following maximum fleece ages are to apply. Details as follows:

- Huacaya exhibits: Not more than 14 months maximum
- Suri exhibits :
 - In 1st Fleece: Not more than 18 months maximum
 - In 2nd & subsequent Fleece:
 - Not more than 14 months maximum

The Show will incorporate Supreme Champions of each colour for both fleece and halter classes. A Best of Show Suri and Best of Show Huacaya (halter classes only) will be awarded, the judging of which will follow the declaration of the Supreme Champion in each of the respective competitions.

All exhibitors must be financial members of the Association.

All alpacas (including wethers) must be registered on the International Alpaca Registry (IAR) and be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

All handlers showing animals must be competent in the handling of their exhibit, or removal from the show ring may be requested by the Judge.

ENTRY & HERD HEALTH DECLARATION FORMS -

All exhibitors should note the Declaration on the eAlpaca entry form, and ensure that they can comply with all the conditions, particularly noting those dealing with animal health.

PERIOD OF EXHIBITION - Alpacas must be penned by 7.30 am on Judging Day, in readiness for steward inspection and subsequent judging and may not be removed from the grounds until notified by the Chief Steward.

All exhibitors must place their alpacas in the pens allocated by the Show Stewards and ensure that they are not repositioned or removed, except by order or permission of the Chief Steward.

Alpacas not in their allotted pens and available for inspection at the official time as noted above, may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Judging is scheduled to commence at 9.00am.

PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS & CLEANLINESS OF STALLS -

Exhibitors must keep the stalls allocated to their alpacas clean and give proper attention to their stock throughout the show.

Exhibitors must provide stockfeed for their alpacas, and appropriate feed and water containers. At the completion of the show it may be necessary to clean up the exhibit area - more details will follow on show day from the Chief Steward.

ADVERTISING - A4 folders attached to the front of the show pen are permitted for promotional purposes. Stud names are permitted, but must be contained within the bounds of the show pen. Display of Show ribbons awarded at a Show held at another venue is prohibited. A handler shall be deemed to be incorrectly attired if his/her clothing, or the animal being led, displays any information capable of being construed as advertising for any stud.

COMPANION ANIMALS AND DOGS - Special permission to bring a companion alpaca must be obtained from the Convenor or Chief Steward prior to submission of entry form, otherwise no companion alpacas will be permitted.

It is to be noted that in relation to companion alpacas, which expression is to include cria at foot, an AAA Showing & Judging Rule, effective 1st January 2018, reads as follows: " No animal is permitted to enter the show ring unless it is being judged in a current class ".

No dogs are permitted into the precinct or where show alpacas are being penned or shown in the ring. Guide dogs excepted.

INSPECTION OF EXHIBITS -

The Convenor, in consultation with the Show Committee of a show conducted under the rules of the Association, shall appoint a person, or persons, as an inspector, or inspectors, who shall inspect all alpacas for colour, age and sex for class, IAR number, length of fleece.

The inspection of all alpacas will commence between 7.00 - 8.30am on Judging Day.

Alpacas not in their allotted pens and available for inspection at the official time, may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Exhibitors or their agent must be in attendance at the time of inspection and will be required to assist.

Note: Under New Rules coming into effect for Show Season 2019, all pre-show inspections will now be conducted with the exhibitor (or the nominated representative) standing in the pen with the inspecting steward and scribe remaining outside the pen - this to better assist stewards while, at the same time, taking bio-security matters into account. Exhibitors will be informed when entering a show what they need to check with their alpacas before they arrive. Judges will be discreet if they find a fault in an animal in the show ring and will quietly inform the exhibitor of why their alpaca will not be ribboned.

All alpacas must be registered with the Association, and carry an approved brass ear tag showing the alpaca's IAR number. The only person or stud eligible to exhibit an animal is the owner listed on the register of the Association, or the agent of the registered owner.

Note: If there is no IAR tag present in the ear of an alpaca exhibit, official Association confirmation must be provided by the owner to the Chief Steward that the ear tag has been recently lost and that a new tag has been ordered and paid for. Failure to present such advice at inspection will result in disqualification of the alpaca.

No male alpaca shall be eligible for exhibition if it is not entire (except for wethers). All genitalia shall be complete, properly formed and proportioned for normal reproduction.

The Inspector or Chief Steward will classify all entries for colour and has the power to transfer an exhibit to the class which, in his/her opinion, it should have been entered. The Chief Steward will combine or split classes as he/she sees fit.

Any alpaca found to have lice/mite infestation or for any other reason requires isolation on bio-security grounds, must be removed from the venue IMMEDIATELY along with any other alpacas present that belong to the same exhibitor.

EXHIBIT NUMBERS -

Exhibitors shall, on the day of the Show, obtain their exhibit numbers from the Registration Desk in the Alpaca pavilion. Exhibit numbers are not to be displayed on the animals but must be worn by the handler whilst in the show ring. It is recommended that exhibit numbers be displayed in armbands (worn on left arm). The ages (in whole months) of the exhibiting alpaca and of the fleece on that alpaca, must each be displayed on the exhibit number card.

WETHERS - It is a requirement for wethers to be registered on the IAR to compete at Association run shows. No wether may have any visible genetic faults or visible physical disfigurement.

All wethers must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, who must also be a financial member of the Association.

EXHIBITORS MEETING - Prior to the commencement of judging of the halter classes, all exhibitors are asked to attend a meeting in the show ring to be briefed by the Chief Steward on Show procedures. All exhibitors are bound by the Exhibitors' Code of Conduct.

DRESS CODE - Under New Rules coming into effect for Show Season 2019, show ring uniform is to include the AAA logo on either the AAA black shirt or the AAA black vest. The vest may be worn over the AAA shirt or a black shirt (with either long or short sleeves). These are worn over black trousers or a long black skirt and clean brown or black closed in shoes.

- DRESS CODE (cont'd)

Note: Shorts, open shoes or hats are not permitted in the show ring. The Chief Steward may disqualify an exhibitor for incorrect attire. Clothing, displaying information capable of being construed as advertising of any person or stud, is not permitted.

JUDGING - A competitor may not discuss their alpacas, or proposed exhibits with the Judge prior to, or during the show judging. The Judge's decision shall be final. The Judge may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class.

The judging of the Wether Classes, both Suri and Huacaya, will be held following firstly, the declaration of Supreme Champion in the respective categories and then the judging of their Best of Colour competitions.

CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS - Exhibitors of Champion and Reserve Champion alpacas are to make their animal available for photographs at the conclusion of championship judging.

EXERCISING OF ALPACAS - All alpacas shall remain in their allotted pens, except as permitted by the Chief Steward.

CORRECT COLOUR CLASSIFICATION - An alpaca is to be shown in the appropriate colour class, when it is predominantly that colour. Any colour variations will be assessed at time of inspection. Exhibitors shall not have fleece of a different colour to that of the blanket removed from an animal to a level below that of the blanket fleece.

Note: E-alpaca will automatically allocate animals to the appropriate class, based upon its registered birth date, gender and colour.

BEST SURI / HUACAYA COLOUR CLASSES - To be drawn from the winners of respective age groups/colour classes, both male and female - example: Best White, Best Fawn, Best Brown and so on. To be in addition to the standard age group Championship events and will be judged after the Supreme Championship.

PROTESTS - Only an exhibitor may lodge a protest against another exhibitor or a Show Official.

The protest shall be lodged in writing together with a deposit of \$50, which shall be refunded if the protest is upheld.

The sole grounds for a protest shall be a breach of the Show Rules. Protests shall be lodged with the Chief Steward or Show Convenor within one hour of the end of the day's showing (when the last animal leaves the ring).

The Chief Steward or Show Convenor shall set up a Protest Committee prior to the commencement of the Show. The Committee shall comprise the Chief Steward as the Chair and two ordinary members not associated with the alleged incident. If an alleged incident occurred resulting in a protest in a class where the Chief Steward was exhibiting and his or her exhibit may have some bearing on the outcome of the protest then the Chief Steward would stand aside and be replaced by the Show Convenor or another suitable member. A meeting will be convened within 30 minutes of the protest being received.

The Protest Committee shall immediately investigate the protest and if found to be valid, initiate appropriate action.

Complaints against Judges are to be put in writing, within one week of the alleged incident, addressed to the National Secretary, c/- the National Office of the Association, accompanied by a \$50 fee, which will be refunded in the event that the complaint is upheld.

The protests and all matters arising there-from shall be determined conclusively and shall not be the subject of any appeal to any court or any order for review or of a similar nature.

EXCESS ENTRIES - In the event of more entries being received than can be accommodated, alpaca entries may be reduced. If necessary the number of alpacas from any one exhibitor may also be reduced to a figure determined by the Show Convenor. The exhibitor will have the right to nominate the alpacas to be withdrawn should this reduction be necessary.

LIABILITY

-All exhibitors are advised to have their own Public Liability Insurance in place and current to a date at least to include Judging Day.

Entry to and remaining on the Berwick Showgrounds (the venue) is entirely at the risk of the exhibitor, and, to the maximum permitted by the law, the exhibitor releases the Association (which term includes in this clause the Associations officers, employees, and agents) from all claims and demands of every kind resulting from any accidents, damage or injury, occurring at the venue.

Without limitation, the exhibitor acknowledges:

- a) The Association has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to or caused by any exhibit.
- b) The Association has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to or caused by any exhibitor, his or her family, invitees and agents.
- c) The Association has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to a motor vehicle or any of its contents while it is located within the grounds of the venue

Fleece Classes

This Show will be conducted as an Colour Fleece Championship Show under the rules of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd., (the Association), as set out in the current Showing Rules Manual of the Association.

The introduction of a requirement for a minimum entry of 20 fleeces to hold a fleece show, with a minimum of 10 fleeces of either type (ie 10 huacaya /10 suri). [Rule 2]

The exhibit must be the bona fide property of a financial member of the Association who had ownership when the fleece was shorn.

[Rule 43]

All exhibitors must be financial members of the Association.

All fleece exhibits (including wethers) must be from alpacas registered on the IAR and be the bona fide property of the exhibitor who had ownership when the fleece was shorn. [Rule 43]

Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months prior to the show, may be shown from any animal, which, at the time of shearing, belonged to the exhibitor.

PERIOD OF EXHIBITION [Fleece Classes](#)

Fleeces are to be dropped off at the designated drop off sites prior to 15/2/2020. See e-alpaca for drop off points. Fleeces not received by the Fleece Stewards at Berwick Showgrounds by 8.00 am on the 21/02/2020 will be disqualified. Judging is scheduled to commence at 9am

Fleeces to be collected immediately following the completion of the Alpaca Show, unless other arrangements have been made.

EXHIBIT NUMBERS [Fleece Classes](#)

Please ensure your alpaca fleeces are labelled with the VER Alpaca Fleece Competition Identification Form or the Berwick Show Fleece Exhibit Number which will have been emailed to you