



Berwick Show
Akoonah Park, Princes Hwy, Berwick

ALPACA SECTION SCHEDULE
(AGE CHAMPIONSHIP HALTER and FLEECE CLASSES)
Short Fleeced Show Rules

JUDGING

Fleece Classes – FRIDAY 24th February 2023
Halter Classes - SATURDAY 25th February 2023

ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday 7th February 2023

JUDGE: Halter Classes – Adrienne Clarke
Fleece Classes – Adrienne Clarke

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The General Regulations of VER Celebration Show appearing in this Schedule form part of these AAA Ltd. approved conditions of entry. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Regulations and these conditions, the General Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless the General Regulations provide otherwise. This Show will be conducted under the Rules of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd. as set out in the current AAA Ltd. Showing Rules Manual.

All exhibitors should read the conditions on the entry form and ensure that they can comply with those conditions before signing the entry form, particularly noting the condition dealing with animal health. A separate health declaration will be provided for signature and return with the entry form. Failure to sign the entry form will render all alpacas of an exhibitor ineligible to be exhibited. Please note that only the registered owner of an exhibit, or his/her authorised agent may sign an entry form. The registered owner of an exhibit must be a financial member of the AAA Ltd. Alpacas travelling interstate must comply with that State's relevant Department requirements.

Period of Exhibition - Alpacas must be penned by 7.30am on 25th February 2023 at Acoonah Park, Princess Hwy, Berwick.

Preparation of Exhibits and Cleanliness of Stalls Exhibitors must keep the stalls allotted to their animals clean, and give proper attention to their stock throughout the Show. Exhibitors must provide their own feed, and feed and water containers.

Advertising Promotional material is permitted within the bounds of the standard pen height for that show. For sale signs are not permitted. Display/promotional alpacas are not permitted. Ribbons won at any other previous show are not permitted.

A handler shall be deemed to be incorrectly attired if his/her dress 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 the entry form, otherwise no companion alpacas will be permitted. No dogs are permitted into the precinct of where Show animals are being penned or shown in the ring. Guide Dogs are exempt

Inspection of Exhibits

All alpacas must be registered with the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd. And carry an approved brass tag showing the alpaca's IAR number. No wether may have any visible genetic faults or visible physical disfigurement. No animal 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 Convenor, with the consultation of the Show Committee of a Show conducted under Association Rules, shall appoint a person, or persons, as a qualified inspector, or inspectors, who shall inspect all alpacas for colour, gender and IAR number to ensure they are entered in the correct class. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure their exhibit does not have any disqualifying faults.

NOTE: If there is no IAR tag present in the ear of an exhibit, official Association confirmation either in hard copy or electronically 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 animal.

The Inspector or Chief Steward will classify all entries for age, sex and 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.

The inspection of all alpacas will commence upon arrival or no later than 7.30am or on 25th February 2023. Alpacas not in their allocated pens and available for inspection at the official time may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Exhibitors must be in attendance at the time of the inspection and will be required to assist. **The exhibitor or their agent is to bring each animal to be inspected to the side of the pen to facilitate inspection. Inspectors are not to enter the pens of any exhibitor unless they follow strict biosecurity measures (eg. Disposable booties or proper use of disinfectant mat).**

Short Fleeced Show Rules Exhibits of Huacayas must carry minimum fleece length of **30mm**. The minimum fleece length for Suris is **50mm** and up to 18 months of growth for first fleece and up to 14 months of growth for subsequent fleeces.

Exhibits 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. Any alpaca found to have lice infestation must be removed from the showgrounds, or if this is not possible, be placed into an isolation pen set up for this purpose, along with any other alpacas present that belong to the same exhibitor.

Animal Welfare

- a. A declaration is to be included on show entry paperwork: i.e. 'I have inspected my exhibits and have determined that they are of sound health and are fit to attend this show'.

- b. If an alpaca at a show exhibits signs of ill health, as determined by the exhibitor or a steward, the Chief Steward must be notified immediately.
- c. If a judge has concerns about the condition or health of an alpaca that presents in the show ring, they must advise the Chief Steward as soon as is practicable.
- d. The Chief Steward will liaise with the exhibitor in evaluating the need for veterinary assistance, which, in the event of an obviously sick alpaca, will be called immediately. The Chair of SJC will decide as to whether all other exhibitors should be notified of the cause of illness.
- e. If an alpaca dies during the event the exhibitor will be required to obtain a post mortem report as to the cause of death. This report will be forwarded to the Chair of the Showing and Judging Committee as soon as possible. The Chair of SJC will decide as to whether all other exhibitors should be notified of the cause of death.
- f. At any time that a vet is called to an alpaca during a show the Chief Steward or Convenor will include details of this in their Post Show Report submitted to the Showing and Judging Committee.

Exhibitors' Meeting - Chief Steward

The Chief Steward requests that all exhibitors attend a meeting in the show ring at 8.20 am on 25th February 2023 to be briefed on Show procedures.

Judging

Judging will commence at 8.30am on 25th February 2023.

The Judge's decision shall be final. He/she may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class. A judge may award a first ribbon in a class but choose not to award a Championship and/or Reserve Championship ribbon. A handler/exhibitor may not discuss with the Judge their alpacas or proposed exhibits prior to, or during the Show judging. All handlers leading stock in the judging ring or parade shall wear the official show ring uniform which comprises the AAA black shirt and/or the AAA black vest. The vest may be worn over the AAA shirt or a plain black shirt (with either long or short sleeves). These are worn with black trousers or a long black skirt and clean brown or black closed in shoes. All handlers showing animals must be competent in the handling of their exhibit, or removal from the ring may be requested by the Judge. It is recommended that small children not exhibit large animals that they cannot control.

All exhibitors shall, on the day of the Show, obtain their pen position and animal exhibit card numbers from the Shed Steward, unless previously forwarded to them. The animal exhibit number card of the exhibit must be worn and clearly displayed by the handler whilst in the show ring. The age of the alpaca and the age of fleece, in months, will be displayed on the card. All exhibitors must place their animals in the pens allotted by the Show Stewards and must not be moved or removed except by order of the Chief Steward

Fleeces

All fleeces being exhibited (including wether fleeces) must be from alpacas registered on the IAR and be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. All exhibitors must be AAA Ltd. financial members.

Fleeces are to be lodged with the Fleece Steward at the showgrounds by 7.30am on 25th September 2023. If you are unable to do this, please ensure you drop off prior to one of the designated fleece drop off points. Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months prior to the Show may be shown from any one animal. It is recommended that fleeces be placed in bags, made of satin or similar material, or heavy duty plastic. Plastic garbage bags should be avoided.

Exhibitors, when submitting fleeces at the Show, must attach to the fleece the number supplied for that class (no names).

Age of Alpaca Alpacas must be entered in to the correct class for their age(i.e.age on the day of the Show unless otherwise specified).

Wethers

It is a requirement for wethers to be registered on the IAR to compete at AAA Ltd. Run shows.

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 AAA Ltd. National Secretary, c/-AAA Ltd. National Office accompanied by a \$50 fee, which will be refunded in the event that the complaint is upheld.

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.