

National Champions' Alpaca Show
Shorn Fleece Show Information and Rules
Anthony Stachowski, DVM - Judge

Fiber Entry: Prime fiber only, defined as blanket area, shorn between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. Entry must be made in the name of the alpaca and owner as matched to the ARI registration papers or "Permission to Show" forms.

Entry Fee: \$25 per shorn fleece entered. Add \$30.00 ALSA non-member fee if not a member, this is per farm, not per fleece.

Awards: Rosette ribbons for 1st through 6th place. Ribbons for Champion & Reserve Champion Huacaya and Suri Fleeces will be awarded if there are at least 8 entries in the fleece type division.

Class Divisions: Classes to be divided into color groups: white, light, fawn, brown, black, grey, multi, if possible. Classes may be divided further into specific color designations with appropriate number of entries. Colors with less than four entries may be combined and judged by Light, Dark and Mixed, or by the age division. Final determination of class divisions and entry colors will be made by the Fleece Show Superintendent.

Age Divisions: Classes to be divided into 5 age groups: 5 to 12 months, 12 to 24 months, 24 to 36 months, 36 to 60 months, and 60 months and older at time of shearing.

Submitted Fiber: Prime blanket fleece, full & intact, skirted and displayed cut side out and submitted in a clear, unmarked, plastic bag with the completed Shorn Fleece Entry Tag, placed inside the bag with the fiber. Please do not write on the plastic bag or insert any owner identification in the bag. Fiber shall not be carded, combed, washed or otherwise enhanced; however, it should be handpicked of debris and vegetable matter. Fiber will be judged by entry number only.

Sample Length: Minimum fleece length to be 3" with no maximum for alpacas under 12 months of age at the time of shearing. For alpacas over 12 months of age at the time of shearing, fleece samples with more than 7 inches growth for Huacaya or 14 inches for Suri are not eligible for entry.

Disqualification: The Judge may disqualify a fleece that is unsound, contains tender breaks, mats, excessive debris, parasites, fails to meet minimum length or exceeds maximum length, or fails to follow entry rules. The reason for disqualification must be recorded on the score card.

Judging Criteria: Shorn Fleece entries are evaluated as follows: Style – Fineness, Handle, Brightness or Luster; Uniformity – Micron, Length, Color; Character – Staple Formation, Crimp, Density of Staple in Huacaya; Lock Formation/Uniformity and Independence, Density of Lock in Suri; Preparation, Lack of Skirting Impurities and Guard Hair, Tensile Strength and Condition; and Density, annualized weight..

Fleece entries may be picked up at the show after 3:00pm on Sunday, October 2, 2011.