

Part N. Alpaca Performance

Section 1. Approved Performance Classes

For shows offering separate llama and alpaca performance classes, alpacas must be shown only in the alpaca performance classes. However, if only llama performance is offered at a show, then alpacas may be shown in the llama performance classes, except for Driving classes. Alpacas may not be shown in any Driving classes. Alpacas competing in llama performance classes must complete the same course as competing llamas. Jumps are lower in standalone alpaca shows.

A. Class Divisions

1. Open

- a. Open to all entries that meet specific criteria for that respective class
- b. To be offered when only one division is available
- c. To be replaced with both Advanced and Novice class Divisions

2. Advanced

- a. Open to all entries that have at least three ribbons in either first, second or third place in Open or Novice division of the respective ALSA approved class
- b. Must be offered in conjunction with the respective Novice Division
- c. Must not be offered in conjunction with the respective Open division

B. Alpaca Public Relations Class. The purpose is to demonstrate the well-trained alpaca's ability and willingness to complete the activities involved with public relations events.

1. Equipment and Conduct of Class

- a. The alpaca must be shown in a clean, well-fitted halter and lead.
- b. If there is just one Judge, the competitors will work through the course one at a time.
- c. If there is more than one Judge for the course, the next competitor begins the course as soon as the Judge is ready and the first section of the course is clear.

2. Course

- a. The Novice division must use 8 obstacles, the Open and Advanced divisions must use 10 obstacles.
- b. All courses must include the mandatory obstacles described for this class.
- c. The obstacle course must differ from the Youth Public Relations and Youth Pack course by at least 4 obstacles.
- d. Obstacles in Open or Advanced divisions must reflect a higher degree of difficulty than the Novice division.

e. Mandatory Obstacles:

- (1) Stairs or ramp
- (2) Petting
- (3) Backing
- (4) Picking up a foot or showing teeth
- (5) Load in vehicle

f. Other Obstacles

- (1) Go over a bridge
- (2) Do a change of pace (jog or run) at marked intervals
- (3) Maneuver around objects
- (4) Go through a doorway, gate or similar passage
- (5) Meet other people, animals or strange objects
- (6) Tolerate loud noises
- (7) Jumps: To be negotiated over heights from 14" - 20" maximum depending upon class level ability and safety.
- (8) Go under rail or limbo bar
- (9) Go through dangling or hanging curtain, or streamers
- (10) Walk over tarp or plastic, or through water
- (11) Walk through tires
- (12) Haunch turn inside a square or circle
- (13) Demonstrate willingness to complete any other safely required activity

C. Obstacle Class. The purpose of the obstacle class is to demonstrate the well-trained alpaca's obedience and willingness to complete the activities requested by the handler.

1. Equipment and Conduct of Class

- a. The alpaca must be shown in a clean, well-fitted halter and lead.
- b. If there is just one Judge, the competitors will work through the course one at a time.
- c. If there is more than one Judge for the course, the next competitor begins the course as soon as the Judge is ready and the first section of the course is clear.

2. Course

- a. The Novice division must use 8 obstacles, the Open and Advanced divisions must use 10 obstacles.
- b. All courses must include the mandatory obstacles described for this class.
- c. The obstacle course must differ from the Youth Obstacle and Youth Pack course by at least 4 obstacles.
- d. Obstacles in Open or Advanced divisions must reflect a higher degree of difficulty than the Novice division.

e. Mandatory Obstacles

- (1) Bridge or ramp
- (2) Jumps
- (3) Flexibility and maneuvering
- (4) Change of pace
- (5) Backing

f. Other obstacles:

- (1) May use a combination of activities from the Public Relations class; should include different obstacles and a different level of difficulty from the Public Relations class.
- (2) Should try to use obstacles that demonstrate an alpaca's special abilities.

D. Pack Class: This class is designed to present or simulate the conditions and obstacles actually encountered when packing alpacas on the trail. Alpacas must be at least 5 months to compete in Pack Classes

1. Age Requirements

- a. 5 to 36 months (no weight – this section, D-2a)
- b. 36 months and over (carry weight –this section, D-2b)

2. Requirements for Pack

- a. Alpacas 5 to 36 months and of age must carry a pack system or training pack with two cinches, complete with fill material to simulate a full pack loaded for an actual packing trip. It is not required that the panniers be removable. These alpacas must not carry measurable weight beyond negligible fill materials in their packs. The packs must be proper scale for animal's size.
- b. Alpacas 36 months and over must carry a pack system with a total of 5 pounds of weight added to each pannier for a total of 10 pounds weight. It is not required that the panniers be removable. The packs must be proper scale for the animal's size.
- c. All exhibitors must provide their own saddle and panniers, or training pack as specified above.
- d. Exhibitors showing alpacas that are to be carrying weight are responsible for having their panniers weighed and noted as directed by Show Management

3. Equipment for Pack Alpacas 36 months of age and over

- a. Halters, lead ropes and pack should be sound and practical for use in the backcountry.
- b. The halter shall be adjusted to allow the alpacas to graze and comfortably chew.
- c. The handler shall wear clothing, including footwear, suitable for packing.
- d. Pack systems as described in this section, D-2b.

4. Equipment for Alpacas 5-36 months of age, same as D-3a, D-3b, D-3c and D-2a in this

section.

5. Conduct of the class

- a. Conduct is the same as in the obstacle class.
- b. Show Management shall provide a scale for weighing packs.

c. Show Management shall check all packs before classes, and may use a marking system (such as a colored tag or strip of tape) by which the Ring Steward and/or gatekeeper can see that the pack has been officially weighed. Young alpacas not carrying weight can have their packs marked with an alternative color or type of marking.

6. Course

a. The Novice division must use 8 obstacles, the Open and Advanced divisions 10 obstacles.

b. When possible, the course should be set in natural conditions.

c. When necessary, a course simulating natural conditions may be set up in an arena.

d. The course must include the mandatory obstacles described for this class.

7. Mandatory Obstacles

a. Bridge or ramp

b. Step over 10" maximum height when carrying 10 pounds

c. Manageability

d. Take off the pack

e. Flexibility and maneuvering

Section 2. Performance Champion and Reserve Performance Champion.

This class is a tabulated award that shall be given at Level III shows. Level I and II shows may offer the class when there are sufficient entries. The show must offer Obstacle, Public Relations and Pack classes.

A. Requirements

1. Animals must be shown in both of the following approved Performance classes.

a. Open or Advanced Obstacle

b. Open or Advanced Public Relations

2. There must be at least 8 entries shown in the Open or Advanced Division of the Obstacle class for this award to be given.

3. Show management should combine the Novice and Advanced Obstacle courses to make a large combined (Open Obstacle) class, in order for a Performance Champion to be awarded.

B. Tabulation

1. The number of points accumulated from each class must be determined by the ALSA point chart.

2. The alpaca meeting all requirements and having the most points wins Performance Champion and the animal with the second largest number of points wins Reserve Performance Champion.

3. All ties will be broken by noting the animal placing highest in the Open or Advanced Obstacle class.

4. The Judge(s) shall audit the tabulated work sheet and sign the final class placings. Upon the Judge's signature the class results are final.