

Section O.

Section 2. Alpaca Fleece – Shorn Fleece Class

- A. The Judge is required to be a certified ALSA Alpaca Fleece Judge.
- B. For Shows totaling fewer than 50 alpaca fleeces, or fewer than 25 fleeces in a fleece type, Huacaya/Suri, the show format may be substantially altered with limited and combined classes.
 - 1. Fleece Type Divisions
 - a. Huacaya
 - b. Suri
 - 2. Must maintain three age divisions per fleece type (Huacaya or Suri) based on age at the time of shearing
 - a. 5 to 12 months
 - b. 12 to 24 months
 - c. 24 months and older
 - 3. May combine colors into one or two Color Groups: Solid (light and/or dark) and Mixed or Multicolored.
- C. For shows totaling 50 or more alpaca fleeces, and more than 25 fleeces per fleece type:
 - 1. Fleece Type Divisions
 - a. Huacaya
 - b. Suri
 - 2. Age Divisions for alpacas at time of shearing
 - a. 5 to 12 months
 - b. 12 to 24 months
 - c. 24 to 36 months
 - d. 36 to 60 months
 - 3. 60 months and older
 - 3. Length of fiber: Minimum fleece length to be 3” with no maximum for alpacas under 12 months of age at the time of shearing.
 - a. Huacaya: Maximum of 7 inches for 12 months and older at the time of shearing.
 - b. Suri: Maximum of 14 inches for 12 months and older at the time of shearing.
 - 4. Color Groups: Same as for halter classes (Part K, section A-1).
- D. Rules
 - 1. Entry made by an individual breeder or farm for fleece classes must be made in the name of the alpaca and owner as matched to the Registration papers or “Permission to Show” form.
 - a. Partnership investment on ARI Certificate will be considered as full ownership in determining show entry.
 - b. Partners in these alpacas are eligible to enter alpaca fleeces in their own names subject to these same restrictions.

2. Each owner may be limited by Show Management to a maximum of 2 fleeces per age (at shearing) and Color Group.
3. Each fleece entry shall be accompanied by the following:
 - a. Copy of registration certificate
 - b. Accurate date of shearing
 - c. Accurate total months' growth
 - d. Owner identification
4. Fleece shall consist of the prime fiber only (defined as blanket area, which may include neck) and shall be displayed full and intact, should be skirted and displayed cut side out. The fleeces may be displayed in clear, unmarked plastic bags or in an 18" x 18" white box supplied by the show.
5. Fleece entries shall be judged by exhibitor number only.
6. Fleeces with more than 7 inches growth for Huacaya or 14 inches for Suri are not eligible for entry.
7. Fleeces with a high degree of vegetable matter or contamination may not be well evaluated.
8. Fleece should not be washed.
9. Fleeces must be shown within 12 months of shearing date.
10. Shows should allow a minimum of one hour of judging per 15 fleeces and one hour of setup per 20 fleeces entered in the show.

E. Shorn Fleece Judging Criteria

The following are the judging criteria used and recorded on the ALSA Fleece Show Score Card for Huacaya fleeces:

1. Style
 - a. Fineness: 10 points
 - b. Handle: 10 points
 - c. Brightness: 10 points
2. Uniformity:
 - a. Micron: 8 points
 - b. Length : 7 points
 - c. Color: 5 points
3. Character
 - a. Staple formation/Crimp: 10 points
 - b. Density of Staple: 5 points
4. Preparation – Lack of skirting impurities
 - a. Tensile Strength & Condition: 10 points
 - b. Guard hair: 5 points
5. Density – Annualized weight: 20 points
6. 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.

The following are the judging criteria used and recorded on the ALSA Fleece Show Score Card for Suri fleeces:

1. Style
 - a. Fineness: 10 points
 - b. Handle: 10 points
 - c. Luster: 15 points
2. Uniformity:
 - a. Micron: 8 points
 - b. Length : 7 points
 - c. Color: 5 points
3. Character
 - a. Lock formation/Uniformity & Independence: 10 points
 - b. Density of Lock: 5 points
4. Preparation – Lack of skirting impurities
 - a. Tensile Strength & Condition: 10 points
 - b. Guard hair: 5 points
5. Density – Annualized weight: 15 points
6. 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. The reason for disqualification must be recorded on the score card.

F. Ribbons should be awarded in each class for the top 6 places.

G. Champion and Reserve Champion Huacaya and Suri Fleece may be awarded if there are at least 8 entries in the fleece type division.

H. Optional Awards: The Judge may give optional awards such as, but not limited to:

1. Best Hand
2. Best Crimp/Lock Structure
3. Best Uniformity
4. Best Brightness/Luster

Section 3. Alpaca Walking Fleece Class

This class provides an opportunity for alpaca owners to learn about fleece characteristics and management while receiving a professional evaluation.

1. The judge is required to be a certified ALSA Alpaca Fleece Judge
2. Alpaca halter rules apply
3. Fleece and age divisions are the same as for Shorn Alpaca Fleece Class
4. Exhibitors bring their alpacas to the judge during a designated time period.
5. The judge evaluates each alpaca fleece and discusses it with the owner while filling out a Walking Alpaca Fleece Class Score Card.
6. Fleece Judging Criteria are the same as for Shorn Alpaca Fleece Class.
7. After judging is completed, all handlers and alpacas are presented in the arena.

Results are announced and awards are presented at this time. Ribbons should be awarded to sixth place. Champion and Reserve Champion Huacaya and Suri Walking Fleece may be awarded if there are at least 8 entries in the fleece type division.