



2019

Winter Wonderland Alpaca Show

Founders Pavilion at the Australian Rural Education Centre
Cassilis Road, Mudgee
Saturday 3rd August, 2019
Show Convenor: Sharon Dawson
Phone: 0410 461 343

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION, ENTRY FORM AND SHOW SCHEDULE

- Closing Date:** Entries close 1700 on Sunday 14th July, 2019. No faxed or late entries will be accepted
- Entries:** Via eAlpaca
- Convenors details:** Sharon Dawson
149 Eastview Drive
Orangeville NSW 2570
- Email Address:** jennjoley@bigpond.com
- Payment Options:** AAA NSW Region
- Halter Prizes:** Supreme Champions - Trophy
Best In Colour-Trophy
Age Championships - Ribbon
- Judge:** Adrienne Clarke
- Penning:** Alpacas can be penned between 2pm-6.30pm on Friday 2nd August. Alpacas not arriving on Friday must be penned by 7.30am on Saturday 3rd. Late arrivals may be disqualified. Please contact convenor directly advising of any delays. Inspections will start from 3pm Friday and 7.30am Saturday. Exhibitors to remain at pens until inspections have been completed.

- Judging:** Alpaca judging to commence at 9.00 am sharp on Saturday 3rd August, 2019
Suri classes will alternate with huacaya classes all day. Full Huacaya and Suri class sections will be available, with Sires Progeny for both
- Removal of Exhibits:** Exhibitors are to remain until the completion of all judging on Saturday, unless prior approval is granted by the convenor. Please respect the Judge, other exhibitors, volunteers, also the rules and stay until the end of the Show to support all exhibitors. If you need to leave early please speak to the Convenor first. At the completion of the show, wool bales will be made available please put all the straw from your pens into allocated bags for removal by volunteers, This assists with the final cleanup that is done by volunteers, so all help is appreciated.
- Canteen:** Morning and afternoon tea will be available
Coffee will be available throughout the day and Hot Food will be available for lunch.
- Overnight:** Alpacas may be penned from 2pm on Friday 2nd August
All alpacas are to be removed from the site by 1pm Sunday 4th August
Overnight security is not available and animals are left at the owner's risk, however the pavilion will be locked.
- Camping:** Campsites are available onsite at AREC. Camping is \$12 per night. Amenities available.
- Sponsorship:** Sponsorship is a vital means of raising funds to assist with running our show and ensure its' longevity as well as providing exhibitors with promotional opportunities.
A number of Sponsorships are available namely Gold, Silver, Best in Colour and Champion. Please contact Erin Marsden on 0408 553 157 for details.
- Dinner:** Exhibitors are invited to meet for dinner on Friday 2nd at 6:30pm
The Venue is the Lawson Park Hotel 1 Church St, Mudgee
- For Sale:** Official "For Sale" sign for pens will be supplied to studs at the cost of \$20
No other advertising allowed according to Rule 54 in the Showing and Regulations Manual
Only stud signs allowed on pens.

GENERAL REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Conditions of Entry

The General Regulations appearing in this schedule form part of the 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 Department of Industry requirements.

Period of Exhibition

Alpacas must be penned by 0730 on Saturday 3rd August at AREC and may not be removed from the showgrounds until after the completion of judging for the day.

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. **At the end of the show could exhibitors please clean out their pens.**

Information will be provided as to where straw should be placed at the end of the show.

Fans

Please contact the convenor if you wish to use a fan during the show as there are limited power points and planning is required to ensure pens requiring fans will need to be placed nearby same. Fans and any other electrical equipment must have a current compliance certificate attached. RCD protected device must be used. Extension leads cannot be rolled or bunched together. Cords must not be wrapped around metal.

Advertising

Promotional material is permitted within the bounds of the standard pen height for the show. For sale signs are not permitted unless they are the officially supplied "For Sale" signs. Display/ promotional alpacas are not permitted. Ribbons won at any other previous show are not permitted. Commercial exhibits or trade stalls are available and can be arranged in consultation with the Convenor.

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, sex and IAR number from outside the pen with exhibitor being in the pen and bringing the animals forward one by one being checked.

Note: If there is no IAR tag present in the ear of an animal 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 ear tag has been ordered and paid for. Replacement tag orders and payments must be lodged with the National Office a minimum of one week before the date of the show. 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.

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. Animals are not to be moved from their allotted pen without approval from the chief steward.

Exhibits of huacaya must carry a minimum fleece length of 50mm and a recommended maximum length not exceeding 140mm. The minimum fleece length for suris is 50mm and maximum for Juniors 18months fleece growth and older ages 14months fleece growth.

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 immediately along with any other alpacas present that belong to the same exhibitor.

Armbands

Armbands must be worn to display the animals number. Armbands are available for purchase as per entry form for \$15.00. Arm bands purchased at prior shows can be worn as long as they are black with clear window to show numbers.

Exhibitor's meeting- Chief Steward

The Chief Steward requests that all exhibitors attend a meeting in the show ring at 8:45am prior to commencement of judging on Saturday 3rd August to be briefed on show procedures.

Judging

Judging will commence promptly at 9.00 am on Saturday 3rd August. The judge's decision shall be final. She may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class.

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 a black AAA shirt or a white coat over long trousers or long skirts, with clean dress shoes or boots. The Chief Steward may disqualify an exhibit for incorrect attire of the handler.

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

All exhibitors shall, obtain their pen position and animal exhibit card numbers from the Shed Steward. The animal exhibit number card of the exhibit must be worn in an armband and clearly displayed by the handler whilst in the show ring. Exhibitors must supply their own armbands or purchase one for use. The age of the alpaca and the age of the 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.

Correct Animal Colour Classifications

An alpaca is to be shown in the appropriate colour class, when it is predominantly that colour. Any colour variations will be assessed at the time of inspection. The Chief Steward has the final decision as to what colour class an animal will be exhibited.

Sire's Progeny Class

The class is for two progeny by one sire. There shall be at least two entries in the sire's progeny class before the class will take place.

A sire's progeny entry cannot contain a wether, but may be a group of males, females or males and females. Progeny need not be owned or bred by the one exhibitor, but all must be the progeny of the one sire and drawn from ordinary classes. All progeny must have been entered as animal exhibits in the same show as that in which they are to be exhibited as Sire's Progeny.

Only one progeny from any one dam may be shown in each Sire's Progeny Group.

In addition to displaying the Progeny Group entrant number, all members of the Progeny Group are to display their initial exhibitor number from their halter class in the same show, including the number of the exhibit, age of exhibit and months of fleece growth.

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 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 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.

Note: Exhibitors are reminded that good Bio-Security practices are your responsibility

Wishing you all a great and enjoyable show!

