



Australian Alpaca
ASSOCIATION

AAA National Show 2022 Information, Regulations and Conditions

Information for Exhibitors

Show Entries

All show entries are via eAlpaca.

Arrival and Departure

Exhibitors may arrive between 8am and 7.30pm on Friday the 2nd of September 2022. All entries must be penned by 8pm on Friday the 2nd of September 2022. Any exhibitors not penned by this time may be disqualified.

Departures will commence after the conclusion of judging on Monday the 5th of September 2022 or early on Tuesday the 6th of September 2022. Departure may be organised for later on Tuesday the 6th of September 2022, by prior arrangement.

Age of Alpacas

Age of the animals will be calculated as of the 3rd of September 2022.

Judging times

Alpaca classes will be judged from Saturday 3rd of September 2022 through to Monday 5th of September 2022. The judge timetable will be announced after the closure of entries.

Companion Animals

No companion alpacas will be permitted in show pens without express approval of the Show Convener prior to submitting entries.

No dogs are permitted into the precinct of where the show animals are being penned or shown in the ring.

Guide dogs may be permitted access by prior arrangement with the Show Convener.

Security

An industry member will be present to safeguard your animals Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Veterinary

An experienced alpaca vet will be available on call throughout the weekend.

Regulations and Conditions

1. AAA Show Manual

This show will be conducted in accordance with the AAA Regulations set out in the current Showing and Judging Rules manual

2. Accommodation

In the event of more entries being received that can be accommodated, entries will be processed in order of receipt.

Additionally, the number of alpacas from one exhibitor may be reduced to a figure determined by the Show Committee. Should this be necessary the exhibitor will have the right to nominate the alpacas to be withdrawn.

3. Late entries

All entries must be done electronically through eAlpaca by midnight on the closing date. No late entries will be accepted.

4. Fleece, Product, Art and Photography Exhibits

All exhibits must reach the address provided on the entry form by the designated date. No late entries will be accepted.

All fleeces being show must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. All fleece entries will be grid tested.

Only one fleece that has been shorn from any one animal in the 18 months prior to the show may be shown.

5. Withdrawals

Event Cancellation and refunds will be in accordance with the events policy:

- An exhibitor/participant may withdraw/cancel in full or part from a show without penalty up until 10 days prior to the event.
- Withdrawals/cancellations at shows received less than 10 days before an event will incur a 30% administration fee (including GST if applicable). Cancellations received the day before, the day of, or after a show will not be eligible for a refund.
- For other types of events, unless there are extenuating circumstances, AAA will not provide refunds. Subject to the reason(s) provided in writing, monies may be refunded. However, any refund may be reduced where AAA is already obligated to pay for individual costs, (i.e. on a cost recovery basis for example for catering).

6. Age of Alpaca

Alpacas must be entered into the correct class for their age. (i.e. the age as at the 3rd of September 2022).

7. Preparation of Exhibits and Cleanliness of Stalls

Exhibitors must keep the stalls allocated to their animals clean, and give proper attention to their animals throughout the show.

Exhibitors must provide their own feed, as well as feed and water containers.

8. Alpaca Exhibit Numbers

All exhibitors shall, on arrival, obtain their pen position from the Shed Steward. Exhibit numbers will be issued on completion of the pen inspection.

The exhibit number of the exhibit must be worn and clearly displayed on the handler (rather than the alpaca), by using black arm bands, whilst in the judging ring.

9. Animal Handlers

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

10. Dress Code

All exhibitors and handlers leading animals into the judging ring shall wear a black shirt or black shirt and vest with the AAA logo, black trousers or skirt and dark solid shoes. No shorts, hats or open shoes will be permitted in the show ring. The Chief Steward may disqualify any exhibitor for incorrect attire.

11. Final Exhibitor Information

Colour checks for halter entries will be undertaken in the show ring prior to the commencement of judging on Saturday the 3rd of September 2022. This will be followed by an exhibitor meeting. Withdrawals and class changes will be posted prior to the commencement of judging.

12. Judging

The judges decision shall be final. The judge may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class. An exhibitor may not discuss with the judge/s their alpacas, prior to, or during the show judging.

13. Advertising and signage

Display on or around the pens is limited to signs that identify the stud, including contact details, location and ribbons awarded in 2022 AAA National Alpaca Show. Ribbons awarded at other shows and "For Sale" material is not permitted.

14. Junior Judging

Information to be included soon.

15. Most Valuable Huacaya Fleece Class

This class has been created to underscore the focus on the breeding aspects of producing quality alpaca fibre for commercial purposes.

Micron testing will occur for all fleeces entered.

This class will be judged on a commercial basis for overall dollar value of each fleece, based on current prices that can be obtained on local and international markets. The valuation is calculated taking into consideration, fineness, length, overall excellence (style), faults, yield (impurities) and fleece weight.

No fleece weight annualization will take place in this class as the fleece is judged solely on how it presents for commercial use.

Any Huacaya fleece shorn in the 18 months prior to this show may be entered into this class.

Any fleece entered into this class may also be entered into the standard Huacaya age/colour class provided it is clearly marked by two separate entries and the two separate fees are paid.

Most valuable Huacaya fleece will receive a distinctive Sash (not champion).

16. Protests

The Show Convener will have set up a Protest Committee prior to the commencement of the 2022 AAA National Show.

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 is a breach of the show rules.

Protests shall be lodged with the Chief Steward or Show Convener within one hour of the alleged incident occurring.

A meeting of the Protest Committee will be convened within 30 minutes of the protest being received. The Protest Committee will investigate the protest and if found to be valid initiate appropriate action. If found not to be valid the exhibitor who lodged the process will be informed of the outcome.

17. Liability Release

Entry to and remaining on Royal Adelaide Showgrounds is entirely at the risk of the exhibitor and to the maximum extent of the law, the exhibitor releases the Australia Alpaca Association Ltd (which term includes in this course the Associations officers, employees, and agents) from all claims and demands of every kind resulting from any incident/accident or damage occurring at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds, and without limitation, the exhibitor acknowledges:

- a) The Association has no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury to or caused by an exhibit.
- b) The Association has no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury to or caused by any exhibitor, their family, invitees or agents.
- c) The Association has no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury to a motor vehicle or any of its contents whilst located within the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds.