



## *Berwick Show, Alpaca Competition Akoonah Park, Berwick*

### ALPACA SECTION SCHEDULE (*Age Championship Halter and Fleece.*)

#### **JUDGING**

**Fleece Classes – *Friday 21/2/2025***  
**Halter Classes - *Saturday 22/2/2025***

**ENTRIES CLOSE: *Monday 10/2/2024***

**JUDGE:** Halter Classes – *Peter Kennedy Gane*  
Fleece Classes – *Peter Kennedy-Gane*

**CHIEF STEWARD:** *Lynda Holdsworth*

**CONVENOR:** *Lynda and Nic Holdsworth*

**ENTRIES & FEES PER:** [eAlpaca.com.au](http://eAlpaca.com.au)

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

The General Regulations of *Berwick Show Alpaca Competition* appearing in this Schedule form part of these 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 documents and this schedule and ensure that they can comply with those conditions before signing the entry form, particularly noting the condition dealing with animal health. Failure to complete 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. Alpacas travelling interstate must comply with that State's relevant Department requirements.

**Period of Exhibition - Alpacas must be penned by 7.30am on 22/2/2025 at Akoonah Park, 2 Cardinal Street, Berwick, 3806 and may not be removed from the event grounds until the convenor advises at the end of the show. *The alpaca sheds are air conditioned.***

### **Biosecurity - Exhibitor / Competitor Responsibilities**

Exhibitors and competitors are responsible for understanding and discharging their obligations in relation to animal welfare, traceability and biosecurity of livestock and animals within their care.

- Exhibitors / competitors must not bring sick or injured livestock to an event.
- Livestock are loaded and transported in accordance with the [Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Land Transport of Livestock, including the Is the Animal Fit to Load guidelines](#).
- Livestock attending the event must be accompanied by the relevant state/territory movement document/s. Check if the [South American Camelid Health Declaration and Waybill is required in your area](#). [The South American Camelid Health Declaration and Waybill is required to be completed by all participating Alpaca CheQA studs](#). If required this document is to be provided either electronically to Lynda Holdsworth at [queries@auravalealpacas.com.au](mailto:queries@auravalealpacas.com.au) or hard copy on the day to a nominated person within the event committee.
- All alpacas must be appropriately identified according to state legislation, including IAR tag or NLIS tag as applicable.
- Livestock are not permitted to graze in shared areas. Grazing at the grounds is at the risk of the exhibitor.
- Do not allow livestock or companion animals to share common water sources (where practical).
- Ensure livestock and companion animals go into a clean yard or pen upon arrival.
- Facilities in which livestock and companion animals are housed are to be kept clean and free of manure for the duration of the event. This includes feeding and watering facilities.
- Exhibitor / competitor vehicles that are onsite should be clean of gross contaminants such as mud and manure

- Exhibitors must supply fit-for-purpose livestock feed for ruminants that does not contain restricted animal material (RAM).
- All exhibitors / competitors should minimise unnecessary contact with other exhibitors' / competitors' livestock and companion animals and should wash hands thoroughly after handling animals.
- Exhibitors should also limit sharing of equipment and tack. Any equipment brought onto the site must be brought to the event clean.
- Livestock and companion animals that become sick whilst at the showgrounds are to remain in their housed area or the dedicated isolation pen and must be reported to the Chief Steward/Event Biosecurity Manager or Event Veterinarian immediately. Keep other livestock, companion animals and people away from the animal until directed by the Event Veterinarian or Chief Steward/Biosecurity Event Manager.
- Livestock returning home should be isolated for 10-21 days and kept under observation for any signs of disease.
- Exhibitors are responsible for complying with NLIS, animal movement requirements and other biosecurity requirements where applicable.

At any time that a vet is called to an alpaca during a show the Chief Steward or Convenor will include details of this in their Post Show Report submitted to the Showing and Judging Committee.

### **Advertising**

Advertising/promotional material is permitted within the bounds of the standard pen height for that show. For sale signs are not permitted. Display/promotional alpacas are not permitted. Ribbons won at any other previous show are not permitted.

Paid commercial exhibits/sponsors are an exception to the above and are to be arranged in consultation with the relevant Show Committee.

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 – [Rule 53 Showing and Judging Rules Manual](#)**

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 [Rule 30 & 46 Showing and Judging Rules Manual](#)**

All alpacas must be registered with the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd. And carry an approved brass tag showing the alpaca's IAR number or NLIS Tag.

No alpaca 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, together with the Show Committee shall appoint a person, or persons, as a qualified inspector, or inspectors, who shall inspect all alpacas for colour, gender and IAR number to ensure they are entered in the correct class. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure their exhibit does not have any disqualifying faults.

**NOTE:** *If there is no IAR/NLIS tag present in the ear of an exhibit, official Association confirmation either in hard copy or electronically must be provided by the owner to the Chief Steward that the ear tag has been recently lost and that a new tag has been ordered and paid for. 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.

The inspection of all alpacas will commence upon arrival or no later than **8am Saturday 22/2/2025**. 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. **The exhibitor or their agent is to bring each animal to be inspected to the side of the pen to facilitate inspection. Inspectors are not to enter the pens of any exhibitor unless they follow strict biosecurity measures (eg. Disposable booties or proper use of disinfectant mat).**

#### Short Fleeced Show Rules

- a) suri fleece shall have a recommended minimum fleece length of 30 mm.**
- b) huacaya fleece shall have a recommended minimum fleece length of 20mm.**

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, or if this is not possible, be placed into an isolation pen set up for this purpose, along with any other alpacas present that belong to the same exhibitor.

#### **Exhibitors' Meeting - Chief Steward**

The Chief Steward requests that all exhibitors attend a meeting in the show ring at **8.30am Saturday 22/2/2025** to be briefed on Show procedures.

### **Use of Fans – *Please note: the alpaca shed is air conditioned***

However a limited number of powered pens will be available at a small cost. They will be allocated as requested “first in best dressed basis” See eAlpaca to order.

### **Judging**

Judging will commence at **8.45am Saturday 22/2/2025**

The Judge’s decision shall be final. He/she may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class. A judge may award a first ribbon in a class but choose not to award a Championship and/or Reserve Championship ribbon. 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 the official show ring uniform which comprises the AAA black shirt and/or the AAA black vest. The vest may be worn over the AAA shirt or a plain black shirt (with either long or short sleeves). These are worn with black trousers or a long black skirt and clean brown or black closed in shoes. All handlers showing animals must be competent in the handling of their exhibit, or removal from the ring may be requested by the Judge. It is recommended that small children not exhibit large animals that they cannot control.

All exhibitors shall, on the day of the Show, obtain their pen position and animal exhibit card numbers from the appropriate Steward, unless previously forwarded to them. The animal exhibit number card of the exhibit must be worn and clearly displayed by the handler whilst in the show ring. The age of the alpaca and the age of 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

### **Fleeces**

All fleeces being exhibited (including wether fleeces) must be from alpacas registered on the IAR/NLIS and be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. All exhibitors must be AAA financial members.

Fleeces are to be lodged **prior to Friday 21/2/2025 to Auravale Alpacas, 1557 Wellington Road, Belgrave South, 3160. Please contact Lynda on 0419334276 to arrange alternative drop off if this is inconvenient, please allow sufficient time.** Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months prior to the Show may be shown from any one animal. It is recommended that fleeces be placed in bags, made of satin or similar material, or heavy duty plastic. Plastic garbage bags should be avoided.

Exhibitors, when submitting fleeces at the Show, must attach the appropriate identification document as requested by the convenor.

### **All Rule Violation, Misconduct and Protests**

Refer **[Rule 39 & 40 Showing Rules Manual](#)**

## **EXCESS ENTRIES**

In the event of more entries being received than can be accommodated, alpaca entries may be reduced. If necessary, the number of alpacas from any one exhibitor may also be reduced to a figure determined by the Show Convenor. The exhibitor will have the right to nominate the alpacas to be withdrawn should this reduction be necessary.