



RED HILL A & H SOCIETY 95TH ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 2023

**Red Hill Recreation Reserve
194 Arthurs Seat Road, RED HILL**

ALPACA SECTION SCHEDULE (A HALTER CLASS SHOW)

JUDGING DAY - SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 2023

ENTRIES CLOSE: MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

GENERAL

This Show will be conducted as an Age Championship Show under the rules of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd., (the Association), as set out in the current Showing Rules Manual of the Association, with amendments up to and including those effective from 1st January 2021. All amendments, where relevant to the Show, have been included in this Schedule.

The Show will incorporate a Best of Colour competition for Halter Classes, both Suri and Huacaya, the judging of which will follow the declaration of the Supreme Champion in each of the respective competitions

All alpacas (including wethers) must be registered on the International Alpaca Registry (IAR) and be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

All exhibitors must be financial members of the Association.

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

FLEECE LENGTHS

Exhibitors are to note that under special transitional arrangements approved for the Red Hill Show, by the Association in 2017, **the nominal minimum fleece lengths** usually applying to Halter Classes at all standard Age Championship Shows were amended to those of a **short fleece** Age Championship Show. This to accommodate the closeness in timing of the Regional alpaca show events at Berwick (*short fleece*) in late February and Red Hill (*standard Age Championship*), early in March.

Further, in order to assist with the delays and difficulties in shearing experienced by many members in the lead-up to the 2022/23 Show Season, the AAA has approved the trial of an adjusted minimum fleece length for the 2023 shows at Berwick and Red Hill - details as follows:

- **Huacaya exhibits must carry a minimum fleece length of 20mm.** (Pre-trial 30mm)
- **Suri exhibits must carry a minimum fleece length of 30mm.** (Pre-trial 50mm)

The **maximum fleece length** for the Red Hill Show is to remain as for a standard Age Championship show. Rule 56 notes the **maximum** fleece lengths as follows:

- **Huacaya exhibits:** under 14 months fleece growth
- **Suri exhibits:** - In 1st fleece: under 18 months fleece growth
- In 2nd & subsequent fleece: under 14 months fleece growth

ENTRY & HERD HEALTH DECLARATION FORMS - All exhibitors should note the Declaration on the eAlpaca entry form, and ensure that they can comply with all the conditions, particularly those dealing with animal welfare - refer Rule 11.

PERIOD OF EXHIBITION - Alpacas must be penned by **8.00 am** on Judging Day, in readiness for steward inspection and subsequent judging and may not be removed from the grounds until notified by the Chief Steward.

All exhibitors must place their alpacas in the pens allocated by the Show Stewards and ensure that they are not repositioned or removed, except by order or permission of the Chief Steward.

Alpacas not in their allotted pens and available for inspection at the official time as noted above, may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Judging is scheduled to commence at **9.00am**.

PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS & CLEANLINESS OF STALLS - Exhibitors must keep the stalls allocated to their alpacas clean and give proper attention to their stock throughout the show.

Exhibitors must provide stockfeed for their alpacas, and appropriate feed and water containers. At the completion of the show it may be necessary to clean up the exhibit area - more details will follow from the Chief Steward on show day.

Note: *All exhibitors and visiting public entering the Alpaca Pavilion on Show Day will be required to use the shoe sanitiser mats at the pavilion doorways in support of our commitment to bio-security.*

ADVERTISING - A4 folders attached to the front of the show pen are permitted for promotional purposes, otherwise no advertising, sales material, or notices (except with the permission of the Chief Steward) are permitted on or in any pens, stalls or buildings. Display and/or promotional alpacas and for sale signs are not permitted. Stud names are permitted, but must be contained within the bounds of the show pen and to a height of 1500mm. Display of Show ribbons awarded at a Show held at another venue is prohibited. A handler shall be deemed to be incorrectly attired if his/her clothing, 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 entry form, otherwise no companion alpacas will be permitted.

It is to be noted that in relation to companion alpacas, which expression is to include cria at foot, Rule 57 reads as follows: "No animal is permitted to enter the show ring unless it is being judged in a current class. This includes cria of a female being judged; the cria must be left either in the pen or supervised outside the ring."

No dogs are permitted into the precinct or where show alpacas are being penned or shown in the ring. Guide dogs and/or Assistance dogs, including those under instruction, excepted.

INSPECTION OF EXHIBITS - The Convenor, in consultation with the Show Committee of a show conducted under the rules of the Association, shall appoint an inspector, or inspectors, who shall inspect all alpacas for IAR number, gender, fleece length and colour classification.

The inspection of all alpacas will commence at 8.00am on Judging Day.

Exhibitors, or their agent, must be in attendance at the time of inspection and will be required to assist.

Alpacas not in their allotted pens and available for inspection at the official time, may be disqualified by the Chief Steward.

Note: *Under Rule 32 all pre-show inspections are to be conducted with the exhibitor (or the nominated representative) standing in the pen while the inspecting steward and scribe remain outside the pen - this to better assist stewards while, at the same time, taking bio-security matters into account.*

Exhibitors, prior to entering a show, should be aware of the appropriate conformation requirements of their alpacas, as outlined in the current Showing Rules Manual. Judges will be discreet should they find a disqualifying fault in an animal in the show ring and will quietly inform the exhibitor of why their alpaca will not be ribboned.

All alpacas must be registered with the Association, and carry an approved brass ear tag showing the alpaca's IAR number. The only person or stud eligible to exhibit an animal is the owner listed on the register of the Association, or the agent of the registered owner.

Note: *If there is no IAR tag present in the ear of an alpaca 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 tag has been ordered and paid for. **Failure to present such advice at inspection will result in disqualification of the alpaca.***

No male alpaca 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 Inspector or Chief Steward will classify all entries for colour and has the power to transfer an exhibit to the class in which, in his/her opinion, it should have been entered. The Chief Steward will combine or split classes as he/she sees fit.

Any alpaca found to have lice/mite infestation or for any other reason requires isolation on bio-security grounds, must be removed from the venue IMMEDIATELY along with any other alpacas present that belong to the same exhibitor.

EXHIBIT NUMBERS - Exhibitors shall, on the day of the Show, obtain their exhibit numbers from the Registration Desk in the Alpaca pavilion.

Exhibit numbers are not to be displayed on the animals but must be worn by the handler whilst in the show ring. It is recommended that exhibit numbers be displayed in armbands (worn on left arm).

The ages (in whole months) of the exhibiting alpaca and of the fleece on that alpaca, must each be displayed on the exhibit number card.

EXHIBITORS' MEETING - Prior to the commencement of judging of the halter classes, all exhibitors are asked to attend a meeting in the show ring. to be briefed by the Chief Steward on Show procedures. All exhibitors are bound by the Exhibitors' Code of Conduct.

DRESS CODE - Show-ring uniform is to include the AAA logo on either the AAA black shirt or the AAA black vest. The vest may be worn over the AAA shirt or a black shirt (with either long or short sleeves). These are worn over black trousers or a long black skirt and clean brown or black closed in shoes.

Note: *Shorts, open shoes or hats are not permitted in the show ring.*

Clothing, displaying information capable of being construed as advertising of any person or stud, is not permitted in the show ring.

JUDGING - A competitor may not discuss their alpacas, or proposed exhibits with the Judge prior to, or during the show judging. The Judge's decision shall be final. The Judge may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class.

Note: *Judges may award a first place ribbon in a class but may choose not to award a Championship and/or Reserve Championship ribbon, in that class.*

CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS - Exhibitors of Champion and Reserve Champion alpacas are to make their animal available for photographs at the conclusion of championship judging.

EXERCISING OF ALPACAS - All alpacas shall remain in their allotted pens, except as permitted by the Chief Steward.

CORRECT COLOUR CLASSIFICATION - An alpaca is to be shown in the appropriate colour class, when it is predominantly that colour. Any colour variations will be assessed at time of inspection.

Exhibitors 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.

*Note: eAlpaca will automatically allocate animals to the appropriate class, based upon its registered birth date, gender and **colour**.*

BEST SURI / HUACAYA COLOUR CLASSES - To be drawn from the winners of respective age groups/colour classes, both male and female - example: Best White, Best Fawn, Best Brown and so on.

- To be in addition to the standard age group Championship events and will be judged after the Supreme Championship.

SECTIONS AND CLASS NUMBERS

- Alpacas will be entered in the correct class for their age on Judging Day.
- Classes will be split or joined if numbers warrant.
- No Suri is eligible to compete for Championships in the Huacaya classes.
- No Huacaya is eligible to compete for Championships in the Suri classes.

WETHERS - It is a requirement for wethers to be registered on the IAR to compete at Association run shows. No wether may have any visible genetic faults or visible physical disfigurement. All wethers must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, who must also be a financial member of the Association.

Wethers are not eligible to compete for a Supreme Championship - Suri or Huacaya.

JUNIOR HANDLER

A Junior Handler event will be run in conjunction with the Alpaca Youth Groups' competition forming part of Stage 1 - the Introductory element. Two classes, based on age of the handler, will be offered at the Show viz., 6 to under 11 years and 11 to under 15 years. Participants may be invited to attend relevant segments of Stages 2 & 3, being the Showmanship and Stockmanship elements of the Youth Groups' competition. All three stages will be judged on Show Day.

SIRES' PROGENY CLASS - There shall be at least two entries in the Sires' Progeny class before the class will take place.

The progeny class is for two progeny by one sire. A Sires' 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 the 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 Sires' Progeny.

Only one progeny from any one dam may be shown in each sire's progeny group unless the progeny have been born at least eleven months apart. Only one entry fee per group (\$10) is required. In addition to displaying the Progeny Group entrant number, each member of the Progeny Group is to display the exhibit number from the relevant halter class in the same show.

Note: Sires' Progeny Class may be entered on the day of the Show.

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.

PROTESTS - 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 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 National Secretary, c/- the National Office of the Association, accompanied by a \$50 fee, which will be refunded in the event that the complaint is upheld.

The protests and all matters arising there-from shall be determined conclusively and shall not be the subject of any appeal to any court or any order for review or of a similar nature.

OWNERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE - a Red Hill A & H Society Inc initiative.

Upon receipt of the appropriate Entry Fee, owners or persons responsible for alpacas are indemnified for their legal liability for bodily injury or damage to property of third parties as a result of an occurrence caused by livestock whilst attending and participating in Red Hill Show events.

Notwithstanding the above referred Owners' Liability Insurance, **all exhibitors are advised to have their own Public Liability Insurance in place and current to a date at least to include Judging Day.**

Entry to and remaining on the Red Hill Showgrounds (the venue) is entirely at the risk of the exhibitor, and, to the maximum permitted by the law.

The exhibitor releases the Association (which term includes in this clause the Association's officers, employees, and agents) from all claims and demands of every kind resulting from any accidents, damage or injury, occurring at the venue.

Without limitation, the exhibitor acknowledges:

- a) The Association has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to or caused by any exhibit.
- b) The Association has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to or caused by any exhibitor, his or her family, invitees and agents.
- c) The Association has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to a motor vehicle or any of its contents while it is located within the grounds of the venue.

ORDER OF EVENTS - Show Program.

HALTER CLASSES Alpaca Pavilion	FLEECE CLASSES Not Available
<p>8.00am Inspection of Exhibits by Stewards 8.45am Meeting - Exhibitor/ Stewards 9.00am Judging Commences</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SURI Classes - All Sections Class Championships</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supreme Champion Best of Colour Best Wether Sires' Progeny</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HUACAYA Classes - All Sections Class Championships</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supreme Champion Best of Colour Best Wether Sires' Progeny</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm Award Presentations</p>	<p>An Alpaca Fleece Show will not be held at Red Hill in 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUTDOOR SITE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alpaca Youth Groups' Competition <i>(formerly known as Paraders)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">AN ALL-DAY EVENT incorporating Junior Handler</p> <p>8.00am Registration 9.00am Judging Commences - Youth Group <i>Post Lunch:</i> Judging Commences - Junior Handler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm Award Presentations (Alpaca Pavilion)</p>
5.00PM - ALPACA SECTION SHOW CONCLUDES	

