



What to expect at your first alpaca show

The first step is show entry, which is done through [eAlpaca](#).

- Go through your alpacas and choose your best alpacas to show.
- Print out the Show Rules from the members' portal of the AAA Website to have as a reference
- You will need to check the following:
 - IAR tag
 - Conformation (check the breed standard in the Showing Rules)
Alpaca's front teeth - aligned with the top pad
 - Alpaca's toenails - trimmed and not overgrown Ears - correct and not banana shaped or folded in
 - In a male, two testicles should be present
 - Tail - straight and not be kinked
 - Fleece should be burr free and as free from vegetation as possible

When you arrive at your show:

- Park and find out where your pens are
- Walk your alpacas in and set them up with food and water
- Wait at your pens until your animals are checked by a Steward
- When the Steward arrives, bring each alpaca separately to the front of the pen so the Steward can check the IAR tag, fleece colour, length and gender
- Collect your bag and showing numbers
- Prepare your numbers in your arm bands
- Check the Catalogue and make sure your alpacas are all in the correct classes

At the show

- Speak to as many breeders as possible, you will learn so much from fellow breeders through conversation
- Sit back, relax, watch, learn and enjoy your first show.
- Don't hesitate to ask people anything you're not sure of - the show ring is an extremely enjoyable, social aspect of breeding alpacas.