

HUACAYA FLEECE JUDGING

Cameron's "GOOD / AVERAGE / POOR" (GAP) Principle

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Fineness:

Reflects the average degree of fineness (in micron) for the fleece entered - must encompass representative samples of the main body of the fleece presented.

Handle

Very Soft	5
Soft	3 - 4
Average	2.5
Hard	2
Harsh	0 - 1

Uniformity of Micron across entire fleece

Extremely uniform micron, very little variation	8 - 10
Above average uniformity of micron, some variation	6 - 7
Average/Below average uniformity of micron, quite variable	3 - 5
Very poor uniformity of micron, very irregular	0 - 2

Uniformity of Micron within staple

(Lack of Guard Hair or micron variation within staple)	10 points
Free/nearly free from guard hair, very low micron primary fibres	8 - 10
Light content of guard hair, some micron variation within staple	6 - 7
Average/Significant content guard hair or micron variation	3 - 5
Heavy content guard hair, very variable micron within staple	0 - 2

Uniformity of Length

Extremely Uniform in Length across the fleece presented (All staples within $\pm 10\%$ of average length - total 20% variance)	5
Good Uniformity of Length across the fleece presented (Most staples (>75%) within $\pm 10\%$ of average length)	3 - 4
Average/Below Average Uniformity of Length across $\geq 50\%$ of fleece (Noticeable variation in staple length outside $\pm 10\%$ parameter)	2 - 2.5
High level of variation in length Significant variation across most of the fleece presented	0 - 1

Uniformity of Colour

(Lack of colour contamination or variation within staple and throughout fleece)	5 points
Totally free from colour contamination/variation	5
Good Uniformity , very little colour contamination/variation (a small patch, slight shading in coloured fleeces or just a few staples with differently coloured fibres)	3 - 4
Differently coloured fibres in $\geq 50\%$ of staples across $\geq 50\%$ of fleece, or significant shading in coloured fleeces	2 - 2.5

Note:

Uniformity of Micron within the staple

All colour classes should be treated similarly in **Uniformity of Micron within staple**, including greys/roans, which may show a significant difference in micron between dark and light fibres

Tender Fleece will impact **Uniformity of Micron within Staple** - see note next to **Impurities**

Remember: 1 point may be deducted in **Uniformity of Length** for **excessively short fleeces** with poor growth for age of fleece in months.

Note: **Second Cuts** (previously assessed in **Uniformity of Length**) are now included as a deduction under **Effective Skirting**

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Note: Uniformity of Colour for Fancies

More points are allocated to those fancy fleeces with the best and clearest expressions of their colour pattern.

Note: Uniformity of Colour for Grey/Roans

Grey or Roan fleeces are accepted colours in their own right. They should be treated as for solid coloured fleeces, allowing for the fact that they are by definition made up of different coloured fibres, which may vary in type within each staple. **Colour variation within the staple that is made up of significantly different and inferior quality fibre types may be penalised at the judge's discretion**

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Character & Style

(Crimp definition & alignment within staple and throughout the fleece)

Excellent/Elite/Superior	9 - 10
Very Good	7 - 8
Average/Good	5 - 6
Poor/Below Average	2 - 4
Inferior	0 - 1

10 points

Placings: A fleece which achieves less than 60 points should not be awarded a first place in its class, except in extenuating circumstances.

A fleece which achieves less than 50 points should not be awarded any placing in its class, except in extenuating circumstances.

Density of Staple

(Staple Density & Definition; alignment and solidity throughout the fleece)

Superior/Elite staple density/definition	5
Very Good/Advanced staple density/definition	4 - 4.5
Average/Good staple density/definition	2.5 - 3.5
Below Average/Poor staple density/definition	1 - 2

5 points

Brightness

Excellent/Brilliant Shine	9 - 10
Very Good	7 - 8
Average/Good	5 - 6
Poor/Below Average	2 - 4
Inferior	0 - 1

10 points

Impurities

(Lack of Tenderness and Impurities such as cotting, VM, dirt, seed, stain, dung etc.)

Sound fleece, mainly free from impurities	5
Sound fleece, with light level of impurities	4
Sound fleece, with moderate level of impurities	3
Sound fleece, with high level of impurities, some cotting	1 - 2
Very weak, Tender fleece (rotten) OR excessive level of other impurities, heavy cotting	0

5 points

Effective Skirting

(Effective removal of coarse fibre, second cuts, tender fleece and other contaminants)

A well skirted fleece	5
Small presence of non-skirted material	3 - 4
Poorly skirted	1 - 2
No evidence of skirting attempted, Fully Tender Fleece	0

5 points

Impurities Note: Tender Fleece **(Judge to note Tender on Fleece Worksheet)**

When fleece is **Tender**, make the following changes in:

- **Impurities (out of 5)**
- **Uniformity of Length (out of 5)**
- **Uniformity of Micron Within Staple (10)**
- **Skirting (out of 5)**

Fully tender midway along staple, throughout most of the fleece, deduct the full points awarded in each of the above categories.

Partially tender, midway along staple, (through some of the fleece), deduct half of the available points in each of the above categories.

Some level of Tenderness throughout some of the fleece presented, deduct up to half of the points awarded, depending on the point of break, at the judge's discretion, in each of the above categories.