

# SURI 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 points
Soft	5
Average	3 - 4
Hard	2.5
Harsh	2
	0 - 1

#### Note:

#### Uniformity of Micron within the lock

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

**Tender Fleece** will impact **Uniformity of Micron within Lock** – see note next to **Impurities**

### Uniformity of Micron across entire fleece

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

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

### Uniformity of Micron within lock

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

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

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### Uniformity of Length

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

### Uniformity of Colour

<b>(Lack of colour contamination or variation within lock and throughout fleece)</b>	5 points
<b>Totally free</b> from colour contamination/variation	5
<b>Good Uniformity</b> , very little colour contamination/variation (a small patch, slight shading in coloured fleeces or just a few locks with differently coloured fibres)	3 - 4
<b>Differently coloured fibres in <math>\geq 50\%</math> of locks</b> across $\geq 50\%$ of fleece, or significant shading in coloured fleeces	2 - 2.5
<b>Heavy colour contamination</b> or variation throughout	0 - 1

#### 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**

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### Style/Density of Lock

*(Well-defined lock formation & style, displaying solidity of lock throughout the fleece)*

Excellent/Elite/Superior lock style with Advanced Density	9 – 10
Very Good lock style with Good Density	7 – 8
Average/Good Lock Style with Average/Good Density	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.

### Lustre

Excellent/Brilliant Lustre	14 - 15
High Lustre	11 - 13
Good Lustre	9 – 10
Average Lustre	7 - 8
Poor/Below Average Lustre	4 - 6
Inferior/Very Dull	0 – 4

15 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) <b>OR</b> excessive level of other impurities, heavy cotting	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 Lock (10)**
- **Skirting (out of 5)**

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

**Partially tender, midway along lock, (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**

### 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