



RED HILL A & H SOCIETY INC - 96TH ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2024

Red Hill Recreation Reserve
194 Arthurs Seat Road, RED HILL

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Australian Alpaca
ASSOCIATION

ALPACA SECTION SCHEDULE (A SHORT FLEECE, HALTER CLASS SHOW)

JUDGING DAY - SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2024

ENTRIES CLOSE: MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

JUDGE: To be confirmed - per eAlpaca

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

GENERAL

The General Regulations of the Red Hill A & H Society Inc (the Society), form part of these Conditions of Entry. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Regulations of the Society and these Conditions of Entry, the General Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency, unless the General Regulations of the Society provide otherwise.

The Alpaca Section Show (the Show) will be conducted under the rules of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd., (the Association), as set out in the current Showing Rules Manual of the Association, effective 1st July 2023. The Show is proposed as a Halter Class, Short Fleece, Age Championship event, incorporating a Best of Colour competition.

A fleece competition will **not** be conducted.

GENERAL (Cont'd)

All alpacas (including wethers) must be registered on eAlpaca 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.

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 Showgrounds until notified by the Chief Steward.

Note: *Due to OH&S requirements, all livestock exhibits must remain on the Showgrounds until 5.00pm on Showday.*

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**.

FLEECE LENGTH (Minimum) and FLEECE AGE (Maximum) - Short Fleece Shows.

The **minimum fleece length** for the Show (refer Rule # 56) is as follows:

- *Huacaya exhibits: 20mm.*
- *Suri exhibits: 30mm.*

The **maximum fleece age** for the Show (refer Rule # 56) is as follows:

- *Huacaya exhibits:* Shall have a maximum fleece age of 14 months.
- *Suri exhibits:*
 - *In 1st fleece:* Shall have a maximum fleece age of 18 months.
 - *In 2nd & subsequent fleece:* Shall have a maximum fleece age of 14 months.

ENTRY & HERD HEALTH DECLARATION

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.

Among other things, the Declaration is to state words to the effect (quote): "I have inspected my alpacas and have determined that they are of sound health and fit to attend this Show".

BIOSECURITY: Exhibitor / Handler Responsibilities

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

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

The allotment of pens and movement of alpacas within the Show Pavilion is to comply with the requirements of the Alpaca CheQA and Q-Alpaca protocols. Assessed (both Q-Alpaca and CheQA) and non-assessed exhibits will be separated, for penning purposes, by a minimum distance of two (2) metres. Signage will also be used to identify the designated penning areas for both assessed and non-assessed alpacas.

Ahead of Judging Day, the Alpaca Pavilion will be subject to audit by an accredited veterinarian, and a Certificate of Compliance issued for the Alpaca Section, following audit approval. The Certificate will be available for viewing by exhibitors on the day of the Show.

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 course of the Show.

Exhibitors must provide stockfeed for their alpacas, and appropriate feed and water containers.

At the conclusion of the Show, exhibitors will be expected to assist in the clean-up of the Pavilion.

More details will follow from the Chief Steward on Show day.

ADVERTISING

Advertising/promotional material is permitted within the bounds of the standard pen height for the Show. Stud names are permitted, but must be contained within the bounds of the show pen and to a height of 1500mm.

The display of show ribbons and trophies awarded at any other previous show is prohibited.

For Sale signs are not permitted. Display/promotional alpacas are not permitted.

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 alpaca or other animal is permitted to enter the show ring unless it is being judged in a current class. Cria of females being judged shall remain in their designated pen or supervised outside the show 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 a person or persons, who shall inspect all alpacas for IAR number or NLIS numbered tag, age, sex, fleece length and colour classification.

Fleece lengths for the Show, to be in accordance with that of a Short Fleece Show, as referred on Page 2 of this Schedule, noting Minimum Fleece length as follows:

Huacaya exhibits: 20mm. Suri exhibits: 30mm.

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

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 in which, in his/her opinion, it should have been entered. The Chief Steward will combine or split classes as he/she sees fit.

Alpacas not in their allotted pens and available for inspection at the official time, may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Exhibitors, or the nominated representative, must be in attendance at the time of inspection and will be required to assist.

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 recorder remain outside the pen for bio-security reasons.*

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, effective 1st July 2023.

All alpacas must be registered with eAlpaca, and display the correct IAR or NLIS tag in the ear.

Note: *If there is no 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 may 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.

Any alpaca found to have lice/mite infestation or for any other reason requires isolation on bio-security grounds, will, on the order of the Chief Steward, be removed from the venue IMMEDIATELY, together with all other alpacas belonging to the exhibitor.

ANIMAL 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 / HANDLERS' ATTIRE

Whilst in the show ring, exhibitors are to wear attire to include the AAA logo on either the AAA black shirt, the AAA official black vest or coat/softshell jacket. The AAA vest may be worn over the AAA shirt or a black shirt (with either long or short sleeves). Long black trousers or a long black skirt and clean brown or black enclosed shoes, are to complete the required attire.

Note: *Shorts, open shoes or hats are not permitted in the show ring. Exhibitors must ensure that their feet are safely covered. Light material footwear such as boat or deck shoes, sand shoes, ugg boots or similar, present an unacceptable health and safety risk and are not permitted.*

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

JUDGING

Judging is scheduled to commence at **9.00am**.

An exhibitor 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.*

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. It is recommended that small children not exhibit large animals that they cannot control.

CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS

Champion and Reserve Champion alpacas are to be made available for photographs at the conclusion of the judging of their respective championship.

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, sex and colour*

BEST IN COLOUR - SURI & HUACAYA

All first place/blue ribbon winners - both male and female, are eligible to compete in the Best in Colour awards. 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 Group's competition to be held on an outdoor site on the Top Oval of the Showgrounds.

Subject to the programming of the Alpaca Youth competition on Show Day, the Junior Handler event is planned for a **post-lunch start at 12.30pm** and is to conclude at **1.30pm**, following which the afternoon session of the Youth Competition will commence.

Two show classes, based on the age of the Junior Handler at the date of the Show, will be offered, viz.,

6 to under 11 years and 11 to under 15 years.

Entries for the Junior Handler event will be taken on the day of the Show - no fee is payable.

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: *Sire's Progeny Class will be held open for entry until **2.00pm** on Judging Day, or such other time as nominated by the Chief Steward and as advised to all exhibitors, on the Day.*

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

The sole grounds for a protest shall be a breach of the Show Rules.

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.

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).

PROTESTS (Cont'd)

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 AAA SJC Chair sjcchair@alpaca.asn.au A fee of \$50.00 will be incurred. The fee to 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 Venue.

ORDER OF EVENTS - Show Program

Refer next page.

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HALTER CLASS COMPETITION ALPACA PAVILION	FLEECE CLASS COMPETITION NOT CONDUCTED
8.00am Inspection of Exhibits by Stewards 8.45am Meeting - Exhibitors / Stewards 9.00am Judging Commences	An Alpaca Fleece Show will not be held at Red Hill in 2024.
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>SURI & HUACAYA CLASSES TO ALTERNATE</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SURI Classes - All Sections Class Championships</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supreme Champion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Best of Colour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Best Wether</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sires' Progeny</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HUACAYA Classes - All Sections Class Championships</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supreme Champion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Best of Colour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Best Wether</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sires' Progeny</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm Presentation of Awards (Alpaca Pavilion)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALPACA YOUTH GROUP COMPETITION OUTDOOR SITE - TOP OVAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AN ALL-DAY EVENT incorporating Junior Handler Activities</p> <p>8.00am Pre Show Registration</p> <p>9.00am <i>Morning Session:</i> Youth Group Competition</p> <p>12.30pm <i>Post Lunch:</i> Junior Handler Activities (Classes: 6 yrs < 11 yrs & 11 yrs < 15 yrs.)</p> <p>1.30pm <i>Afternoon Session</i> Youth Group Competition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm Presentation of Awards (Alpaca Pavilion)</p>
5.00PM - ALPACA SECTION SHOW CONCLUDES	

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