

SCHEDULE FOR BERWICK AGRICULTURAL SHOW

** SHORT FLEECE ALPACA SHOW **

ALPACAS

TO BE JUDGED: 10 AM Saturday 25th February 2012
ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 27th January 2012
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ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES TO: The Secretary - Berwick Show Society Inc.
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[Cheques to be made out to Berwick A&H Society Inc]



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The General Regulations of the Berwick A&H Society Inc appearing in the main Schedule form part of these AAA Ltd approved conditions of entry. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Regulations and these conditions, the General Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless the General Regulations provide otherwise. This Show will be conducted under the rules of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd. as set out in the current AAA Ltd Showing Rules Manual. All exhibitors should read the conditions (1-4) on the entry form, and ensure that they can comply with those conditions before signing the entry form, particularly noting the condition dealing with animal health. Failure to sign the entry form will render all alpacas of an exhibitor ineligible to be exhibited. Please note that only the registered owner of an exhibit, or his/her authorised agent may sign an entry form. The registered owner of an exhibit in the case of an entire animal must be a financial member of the AAA Ltd. It is not a requirement for exhibitors of wethers to be financial members of the AAA Ltd. Alpacas travelling interstate must comply with that State's Department of Industry requirements

PERIOD OF EXHIBITION - alpacas must be penned by **8am on judging day** in readiness for inspection at 8am and judging and may not be removed from the grounds until notified by the Chief Steward. Alpacas not in their allotted pens may be disqualified by the Chief Steward.

PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS AND CLEANLINESS OF STALLS - Exhibitors must keep the stalls allocated to their animals clean and give proper attention to their stock throughout the show. Exhibitors must provide their own feed, and feed and water containers. At the completion of the show it may be necessary to clean up the exhibit area; more details will follow on show day from the Chief Steward.

ADVERTISING - A4 Folders attached to the front of the animal pen is permitted for promotional and sales material otherwise no advertising or notices (except with the permission of Chief Steward) are permitted on or in any stalls or buildings. Sale signs are not permitted. Stud names are permitted, but must be contained to the bounds of the 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 dress 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. No dogs are permitted into the precinct or where show animals are being penned or shown in the ring. Guide dogs excepted.

INSPECTION OF EXHIBITS - All alpacas must be registered with the Australian alpaca Association Ltd. and carry an approved brass tag showing the alpaca's IAR number. **A copy of the pedigree certificate of each alpaca entered (both sides) must accompany the entry form.** No male animal 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 convenor, with consultation of the Show Committee of a Show conducted under the Association Rules shall appoint a person, or persons, as an inspector, or inspectors, who shall inspect all alpacas for genetic faults, colour class, IAR number and physical visible disfigurement. The Inspector or Chief Steward will classify all entries for colour and has the power to transfer an exhibit to the class which, in his/her opinion, it should have entered. The Chief Steward will combine or split classes as he/she sees fit. **The inspection of all alpacas will commence at 8am on judging day.** Alpacas not in their allotted pens and available for inspection at the official time, may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Exhibitors or their agent must be in attendance at the time of inspection and will be required to assist. Exhibits 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. **Huacaya 12 months & older must be shorn regularly so that no more than 15 months fleece is carried at the time of showing. Suri must be shorn regularly so that no more than 24 months fleece is carried at the time of showing.** Any alpaca found to have lice infestation must be removed from the venue IMMEDIATELY along with any other alpacas present that belong to the same exhibitor. The only person or stud eligible to exhibit an animal is the owner listed on the AAA register, or the agent of the registered owner. *NOTE: If there is no IAR tag present in the ear of an animal 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.*

Exhibits of Huacaya must carry a minimum fleece length of 30mm and a maximum length not exceeding 60mm. The minimum fleece length for Suris is 75mm and fleece length will be assessed by the judge.

WETHERS - It is a requirement for wethers to be registered on the IAR to compete at AAA Ltd. run shows. No wether may have any visible genetic faults.

EXHIBITORS MEETING - The Chief Steward requests that all exhibitors attend a meeting in the show ring prior to judging commencing, to be briefed on Show procedures. All exhibitors are bound by the Exhibitors' Code of Conduct.

DRESS CODE - All attendants leading stock shall wear a white coat over long black trousers or long black skirts and clean, closed toed black or brown dress shoes or boots. No shorts, open shoes or hats. The Chief Steward may disqualify an exhibitor for incorrect attire.

JUDGING - Huacaya, Suri and fleece judging will be on judging day. A competitor may not discuss with the Judge their alpacas, or proposed exhibits prior to, or during the show judging. The Judge's decision shall be final. He/she may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class. All exhibitors shall, on the day of the show, obtain their pen positions and class numbers from the Shed Steward. Class numbers of the exhibit must be worn and clearly displayed by the handler whilst in the show ring. The age of the alpaca, in months, must be displayed on the class number card. All handlers showing animals must be competent in handling of their exhibit, or removal from the ring may be requested by the judge. All exhibitors must place their animals in the pens allocated by the Show Stewards and must not be moved or removed except by order of the Chief Steward.

FLEECES - All fleeces being exhibited (including wether fleeces) must be the bona fide property of an AAA Ltd. financial member. All fleeces being shown must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. **Fleeces are to be lodged with Fleece Steward at the grounds by 8am on judging day, fleeces not in by 8am will be disqualified.** Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months prior to the show may be shown from any one animal. It is recommended that fleeces be placed in bags made of satin or similar material, or heavy plastic. Plastic garbage bags should be avoided. Exhibitors, when submitting fleeces, must attach to the fleece the number supplied for that class (no names).

EXERCISING OF ANIMALS - Once judging has commenced, all animals shall remain in their allotted pens.

CORRECT ANIMAL 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. A fancy alpaca is to be shown in a fancy class if it has an unusual or striking distribution of colour, eg. different coloured saddle markings. A non solid coloured animal with different colour markings on the head, chest or legs does not constitute a fancy alpaca. A predominantly grey alpaca (grey, rose grey/roan) is to be shown in a grey class, whether or not it has any other colour spots present, and any colour variations will be assessed at the Judge's discretion.

AGE OF ALPACA - alpacas must be entered into the correct class for their age (i.e. age on judging day).

SIRES PROGENY CLASS - 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 sires progeny group unless the progeny have been born at least eleven months apart. Name and details of sire only to be stated on the entry form. There shall be at least two entries in the sire progeny class before the class will take place. Only one entry fee per group is required \$10 in total. The exhibit may be entered on the day of the Show before 12 noon.

BEST HUACAYA COLOUR CLASS - For example: Best White, Best Fawn, Best Brown and so on. To be drawn from the winners of respective age groups / colour classes, both male and female. This will be in addition to the standard age group Championship events and will be judged after the Supreme Championship, time permitting.

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 AAA Ltd. National Secretary, c/- AAA Ltd. National Office 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.

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 alpaca to be withdrawn should this reduction be necessary.

LIABILITY - All exhibitors are advised to have their own PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Entry to and remaining on the Berwick Showgrounds (the venue) is entirely at the risk of the exhibitor and to the maximum permitted by the law, the exhibitor releases the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd. (with 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, and 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.

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HUACAYA SECTIONS AND CLASS NUMBERS

SECTION 1: Junior 6 to under 12 months Female			SECTION 2: Junior 6 to under 12 months Male		
Class	101	White	Class	201	White
	102	Fawn - Light		202	Fawn - Light
	103	Fawn - Medium, Dark		203	Fawn - Medium, Dark
	104	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark		204	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark
	105	Roan		205	Roan
	106	Grey		206	Grey
	107	Black		207	Black
SECTION 3: Intermediate 12 to under 18 months Female			SECTION 4: Intermediate 12 to under 18 months Male		
Class	301	White	Class	401	White
	302	Fawn - Light		402	Fawn - Light
	303	Fawn - Medium, Dark		403	Fawn - Medium, Dark
	304	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark		404	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark
	305	Roan		405	Roan
	306	Grey		406	Grey
	307	Black		407	Black
SECTION 5: Adult 18 months to under 30 months Female			SECTION 6: Adult 18 months to under 30 months Male		
Class	501	White	Class	601	White
	502	Fawn - Light		602	Fawn - Light
	503	Fawn - Medium, Dark		603	Fawn - Medium, Dark
	504	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark		604	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark
	505	Roan		605	Roan
	506	Grey		606	Grey
	507	Black		607	Black
SECTION 7: Senior 30 months & over Female			SECTION 8: Senior 30 months & over Male		
Class	701	White	Class	801	White
	702	Fawn - Light		802	Fawn - Light
	703	Fawn - Medium, Dark		803	Fawn - Medium, Dark
	704	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark		804	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark
	705	Roan		805	Roan
	706	Grey		806	Grey
	707	Black		807	Black
SECTION 11: Fancy Classes			SECTION 14: Wether Classes		
Class	1101	Junior 6 to under 12 months Male & Female	Class	1401	Wethers 6 to under 18 months
	1102	Inter. 12 to under 18 months Male & Female		1402	Wethers over 18 months
	1103	Adult 18 to under 30 months Male & Female	SECTION 15: Sires Progeny		
	1104	Senior 30 months & over Male & Female	Class	1501	Two progeny by one Huacaya Sire
SECTION 16: Huacaya Fleece			SECTION 18: Junior Handler		
Class	FH1	Skirted fleece 6 to under 12 months	Class	1801	6 to under 11 years
	FH2	Skirted fleece 12 to under 18 months		1802	11 to under 15 years
				1803	15 to under 18 years
	FH3	Skirted fleece 18 to under 30 months	<i>(Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months prior to the show may be shown from any one animal).</i>		
	FH4	Skirted fleece 30 months & over			

NOTE: Classes will be split or joined if numbers warrant. No Suri is eligible to compete for Championships in the Huacaya classes.

SURI SECTIONS AND CLASS NUMBERS

SECTION 20: Junior 6 to under 12 months Female			SECTION 22: Intermediate 12 to under 18 months Female		
Class	2001	White	Class	2201	White
	2002	Fawn - Light, Medium, Dark		2202	Fawn - Light, Medium, Dark
	2003	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark		2203	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark
	2004	Grey / Roan		2204	Grey / Roan
	2005	Black		2205	Black
SECTION 21: Junior 6 to under 12 months Male			SECTION 23: Intermediate 12 to under 18 months Male		
	2101	White		2301	White
	2102	Fawn - Light, Medium, Dark		2302	Fawn - Light, Medium, Dark
	2103	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark		2303	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark
	2104	Grey / Roan		2304	Grey / Roan
	2105	Black		2305	Black
SECTION 24: Adult 18 months to under 24 months Female			SECTION 26: Senior 24 months & over Female		
Class	2401	White	Class	2601	White
	2402	Fawn - Light, Medium, Dark		2602	Fawn - Light, Medium, Dark
	2403	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark		2603	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark
	2404	Grey / Roan		2604	Grey / Roan
	2405	Black		2605	Black
SECTION 25: Adult 18 months to under 24 months Male			SECTION 27: Senior 24 months & over Male		
	2501	White		2701	White
	2502	Fawn - Light, Medium, Dark		2702	Fawn - Light, Medium, Dark
	2503	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark		2703	Brown - Light, Medium, Dark
	2504	Grey / Roan		2704	Grey / Roan
	2505	Black		2705	Black
SECTION 28: Sires Progeny			SECTION 29: Suri Fleece		
Class	2801	Two progeny by one Suri Sire	Class	FS1	Skirted fleece 6 to under 18 months
<i>(Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months prior to the show may be shown from any one animal).</i>				FS2	Skirted fleece 18 to under 30 months
				FS3	Skirted fleece over 30 months

NOTE: Classes will be split or joined if numbers warrant. No Huacaya is eligible to compete for Championships in the Suri classes.