

SCHEDULE FOR RED HILL A & H SOCIETY SHOW

ALPACAS

TO BE JUDGED: Saturday 24th March 2012
ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 24th February 2012
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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The General Regulations of the Red Hill Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc. appearing in the main Schedule form part of these AAA 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 (July 2009). 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 must be a financial member of the AAA Ltd. Alpacas travelling interstate must comply with that State's Department of Industry requirements. All conditions subject to change without prior notice.

PERIOD OF EXHIBITION - alpacas must be penned by **8am on judging day** in readiness for immediate inspection 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 of Huacaya must carry a minimum fleece length of 50mm and a recommended maximum length not exceeding 130mm. Exhibits of Suri must carry a minimum fleece length of 75mm. fleece length will be assessed by the judge. 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.**

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).

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.

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. 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.

OWNERS LIABILITY INSURANCE - Owners or persons responsible for animals are indemnified for their legal liability for bodily injury or damage to property of third parties as a result of an occurrence caused by animals (livestock) whilst attending and participating in Red Hill Show events. This is covered upon receipt of the appropriate Entry Fee.

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

Entry to and remaining on the Red Hill Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc. 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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