



2019 MURWILLUMBAH ALPACA SHOW
Showground, Queensland Road, Murwillumbah
Saturday 29th June 2019
Show Convenor: Rosemary Eva
Judge: Mrs Angela Preuss



SHOW SCHEDULE

- Closing Date:** Entries close 8th June. No faxed or late entries will be accepted
- Age of Exhibit** Animal age calculated as at 29th June 2019
- Entries:** All entries and electronic payment are via ealpaca www.ealpaca.com.au
- Penning:** Alpacas may be penned from 4.00 pm on Friday 28th June or no later than 7.30 am on Saturday 24th June. If unavoidable delays occur please contact Convenor on 0427344476. Inspections will start from 4.00 pm Friday and 7.30 am Saturday. Exhibitors to remain at pens until inspections have been completed.
- Judging:** **The Chief Steward will hold an exhibitors' meeting at 8.45 am in the show ring.**
Alpaca judging to commence at 9.00 am sharp on Saturday 29th June 2019.
Judging of the Suri and Huacaya classes will alternate. Full details will be in the Show program
- Canteen:** Refreshments are available onsite at The Branding Rail opposite the show ring on Saturday
- Overnight:** **No entry to showground for campers or animals after 7.00pm Friday 28rd June**
All alpacas are to be removed from Showgrounds by 10 am Sunday 25th June
Overnight security will be provided, but animals are left at the owner's risk.
- Camping:** Powered campsites are available onsite at the Showground \$25/night/stud
- Dinner:** A celebratory dinner will be held at the Murwillumbah Services Club in Commercial Rd at 7.30pm . All welcome.

Note 1: Exhibitors are reminded that good Bio-Security practices are your responsibility.

Note 2: Exhibitors from Queensland are reminded that compliance with the DPI requirements for the border crossing are mandatory

GENERAL REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Conditions of Entry

The General Regulations appearing in this schedule form part of the 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 effective 1st January 2019. These amendments, where relevant to this show, have been incorporated into this Schedule. In summary, these amendments relate to: *Halter Classes* – a revised judging criteria: Fleece 60%; Conformation 40% (formerly 35% with Presentation 5%) – suri class age structure to match huacaya class age structure – the relevant suri or huacaya section is to **be cancelled as a show competition where less than 10 entries for suri or huacaya are received**, with breeders given the option to attend as a breed display [Rule 35 – refer note below]- the judging of the suri and huacaya classes is to alternate in the Show Program, where numbers are sufficient. [Rule 55]- companion alpacas including cria at foot, are not to enter the show ring. [Rule 53 -] revised colour classifications relevant to grey and fancy alpacas [Rule57]

Note: *Rule 35 as amended – effective 1st January 2018, reads as follows: “If actual entries received are 20 or more the full range of colour or age classes should be implemented. Insufficient entries or late withdrawal may render it necessary to combine showing classes. It is at the discretion of the Chief Steward, in consultation with the Judge, to combine showing classes. (Note: A minimum of 3 entries per class is recommended)*

Entry & Herd Health Declaration Forms

All exhibitors should note the Declaration on the eAlpaca entry form, and ensure that they can comply with all conditions, particularly noting those dealing with animal health.

Alpacas travelling interstate must comply with the NSW Department of Industry requirements. A health certificate and travel permit must be obtained prior to entry into NSW for interstate breeders. All Queensland exhibitors must travel with a waybill or travel permit. Contact your local DPI.

Period of Exhibition

Alpacas must be penned by 7.30 am on Saturday 29th June at the Murwillumbah showground and may not be removed from the showgrounds until after the completion of judging for the day. The Convenor must be advised if exhibits need to leave the grounds earlier and **MUST** have a genuine reason for earlier departure.

Preparation of Exhibits and Cleanliness of Stalls

Exhibitors must keep the stalls allotted 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.

Advertising

Stud sign banners may not exceed 1500mm in height and must be contained within the bounds of the pen. An A4 folder attached to the front of the animal/s pen is permitted for stud promotional use only.

‘FOR SALE’ signs will not be permitted. 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 the entry form, otherwise **NO COMPANION ALPACAS** will be permitted. **NO DOGS** are permitted into the precinct of where show animals are being penned or shown in the ring. **ASSISTANCE DOGS**, and other **AUTHORISED THERAPY ARE EXEMPT**.

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. No wether may have any visible genetic faults or visible physical disfigurement.

No 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.

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 ear tag has been ordered and paid for. Replacement tag orders and payments must be lodged with the National Office a minimum of one week before the date of the show. Failure to present such advice at inspection will result in disqualification of the animal.

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

The inspection of all alpacas will commence at 4.00 pm Friday 28rd June and 7.30 am Saturday 29th June.

Alpacas not in their allocated pens and available for inspection at the official time may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Exhibitors must be in attendance at the time of the 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. The minimum fleece length for Suris is 75mm and fleece length will be assessed by the judge.

Any alpaca found to have lice infestation must be removed from the showgrounds immediately along with any other alpacas present that belong to the same exhibitor.

Exhibitor's meeting- Chief Steward

The Chief Steward requests that all exhibitors attend a meeting in the show ring at 8.45am on Saturday 29th June to be briefed on show procedures.

Judging

Judging will commence promptly at 9.00 am on Saturday 29th June. The judge's decision shall be final. She may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class.

A handler/ exhibitor may not discuss with the Judge their alpacas or proposed exhibits prior to, or during the show judging.

All handlers leading alpacas in the judging ring shall wear a white coat over long BLACK trousers or long BLACK skirt, with clean black or brown shoes (enclosed) /boots. Black pants or skirt is the compulsory attire for all QLDNNSW shows. An AAA logo is the only logo to appear on the back of coats. The Chief Steward may disqualify an exhibitor for incorrect attire of the handler.

All handlers showing animals must be competent in the handling of their exhibit, or removal from the ring may be requested by the Judge. It is recommended that small children not exhibit large animals that they cannot control.

All exhibitors shall, on the day of the show, obtain their pen position from the Shed Steward. The animal exhibit number card must be clearly displayed in the armband on the left arm by the handler whilst in the show ring. The age of the alpaca and the age of the fleece, in months, will be displayed on the card.

All exhibitors must place their animals in the pens allotted by the Show Stewards and must not be moved or removed except by order of the Chief Steward.

Correct Animal Colour Classifications

An alpaca is to be shown in the appropriate colour class, when it is predominantly that colour. Any colour variations will be assessed at the time of inspection.

Exhibitors are to note that amendments, effective 1st January 2018, have been made to the AAA Show Rules relevant to grey and fancy alpacas (Rule75,) which rule now refers as follows:

Grey: A grey alpaca may be either rose grey or silver grey in light, medium and dark variants. A "grey" is visually grey from the exterior (or on opening the fleece). A grey alpaca may or may not have other white markings. A predominantly grey alpaca is to be shown in a grey class regardless of colour variations. A predominantly grey alpaca may be entered in a fancy class if it is registered with the APP (appaloosa) prefix and displays six or more evenly sized spots throughout the blanket area.

Fancy: A fancy alpaca is to be shown in a fancy class if it has an unusual or striking distribution or two or more colours on the saddle, neck and/ or legs on or above the knee. This includes pintos and tuxedo fronts where the primary colour is not grey and appaloosas including grey, as defined under Grey above.

Roan: A roan is one that is, brown, black, medium or dark fawn with a significant amount of clearly visible white fibres consistently distributed throughout the entire fleece, once the fleece is opened. Any colour inconsistencies will be assessed at the Judge's discretion.

Note: Ealpaca will automatically allocate animals to the appropriate class, based upon its registered birth date, gender and colour

Age of Alpaca

Alpacas must be entered into the correct class for their age (i.e. **Age in full months**, on the day of the show (29th June 2019)

Sire's Progeny Class

The class is for two progeny by one sire. There shall be at least two entries in the sire's progeny class before the class will take place.

A sire's 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 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 Sire's Progeny.

Only one progeny from any one dam may be shown in each Sire's Progeny Group.

In addition to displaying the Progeny Group entrant number, all members of the Progeny Group are to display their initial exhibitor number from their halter class in the same show, including the number of the exhibit, age of exhibit and months of fleece growth.

Wethers

It is a requirement for wethers to be registered on the IAR to compete at AAA Ltd. run shows.

Protests

Only an exhibitor may lodge a protest against another exhibitor or 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 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.

