

Alpacas

(AGE CHAMPIONSHIP HALTER)

Venue: BOOROWA SHOWGROUND, Ballyryan Road, Boorowa

Judging of Halter Classes to **commence at 9.30 am on Saturday 1st March 2025**

Alpacas are to be **penned by 8.30 am** in readiness for inspection.

Entries Close: Monday 24th February 2025

Judge, Halter Classes: Kurt Parker

Head Steward: Paul Maslen

Convenor: Carolyn Austin – Mobile 0410 693 802

Entries and Fees: \$25.00 per Alpaca, via eAlpaca www.ealpaca.com.au

General Conditions of Entry:

The Show is conducted under the rules & conditions of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd, as set out in the current version of the "Showing Rules"

Entry is via "eAlpaca" and exhibitors must comply with those conditions before completing their entry form.

A separate health declaration "South American Camelid Waybill" is required to be completed and returned prior to the Show date. Alpacas traveling interstate must comply with that State's relevant Department requirements.

Period of Exhibition: Alpacas must be penned by 8.30 am on Show day and cannot leave until all judging is completed. Penning the previous night is possible - however no security is provided. Please contact the convenor if this is required.

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 Promotional material is permitted within the bounds of the standard pen height for that show. For sale signs are not permitted. Display/promotional alpacas are not permitted. Ribbons won at any other previous show are not 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. Guide Dogs are exempt

Inspection of Exhibits:

All alpacas must be registered with the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd. And carry an approved tag showing either an IAR or NLIS number. No animal shall be eligible for exhibition if it is not entire. All genitalia shall be complete, properly formed and proportioned for normal reproduction.

The Convenor, with the consultation of the Show Committee of a Show conducted under the Association Rules, shall appoint a person, or persons, as a qualified inspector, or inspectors, who shall inspect all alpacas for colour, gender and IAR/NLIS number to ensure they are entered in the correct class. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure their exhibit does not have any disqualifying faults.

NOTE: If there is no IAR/NLIS tag present in the ear of an exhibit, official Association confirmation either in hard copy or electronically 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 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 upon arrival or no later than 8.30 am on Show Day. 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. **The exhibitor or their agent is to bring each animal to be inspected to the side of the pen to facilitate inspection. Inspectors are not to enter the pens of any exhibitor unless they follow strict biosecurity measures (eg. disposable booties or proper use of disinfectant mat).**

Exhibitors' Meeting - Chief Steward

The Chief Steward requests that all exhibitors attend a meeting in the show ring at 8.50 am on Show Day to be briefed on Show procedures.

Judging

Judging will commence at 9.30 am on Saturday 1st March 2025.

The Judge's decision shall be final. He/she may choose not to award a prize or prizes in a class. A judge may award a first ribbon in a class but choose not to award a Championship and/or Reserve Championship ribbon. A handler/exhibitor may not discuss with the Judge their alpacas or proposed exhibits prior to, or during the Show judging. All handlers leading stock in the judging ring or parade shall wear the official show ring uniform which comprises the AAA black shirt/Polo Shirt and/or the AAA black vest. The vest may be worn over the AAA shirt or a plain black shirt (with either long or short sleeves). These are worn with black trousers or a long black skirt and clean brown or black closed-in shoes. 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 and animal exhibit card numbers from the Shed Steward, unless previously forwarded to them. The animal exhibit number card of the exhibit must be worn and clearly displayed by the handler whilst in the show ring. The age of the alpaca and the age of 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

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.

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.