



2012 IAO Show Rules

Preamble:

The International Alpaca Odyssey show was originally created to bring the International Show Rules to North American Alpaca breeders in an active setting. The founding members of the IAO committee believed that the International Show Rules needed to be utilized in such a way that the North American Alpaca Industry could see and experience those rules first hand and then adopt those facets of the International Rules that made sense for our industry moving forward. At the heart of the IAO managing committee's motivation was to be an idea house and proving ground for new innovative show rules that could possibly benefit the North American Alpaca Industry as a whole. Moving forward, now that a majority of the facets of the International Rules have been adopted into the North American Alpaca Judging Systems, the IAO managing committee will continue to showcase new innovative Alpaca Judging Rules for the North American Industry to experience first hand.

As an industry we acknowledge that while it is important for continued improvement in our national herd in pursuit of a commercial fiber market, there needs to be equal recognition for the alpaca that is serving the existing small processor market today and into the future. The basis for these rules is the idea that the current North American Alpaca herd can be seen as two sectors. One sector is focused on breeding goals whose outcome is the best possible alpaca for large-scale fleece production to a commercial mill. The other sector is focused on our current cottage industry model where it is the value of today's fleece to the cottage industry processor [hand spinner to the mini-mill].

There exist in the world alpaca industry a number of quality breed standards. Each year the show will choose a set of established breed standards to judge to. The choice of breed standard will be published with the exhibitor entry forms. Ranking of traits in the IAO rules will supercede any rankings listed in the breed standards.

Commercial [Large Processor]: The Commercial Show Division is focused on those attributes of the sound alpaca, which will be of benefit to a future commercial grower supplying alpaca fiber to a North American commercial mill industry. This division shall be judged on fleece traits valued in commercial fleece processing with emphasis on fineness and uniformity. Fineness is important because the most elite products are made from the finest fleece and thus command the highest \$ per kilo. Uniformity, for the North American herd is paramount, to reduce the cost of sorting the fleece as North American labor costs are higher. Conformational structure will remain a significant emphasis, as the fiber producer cannot afford ill health and ill thrift in a commercial herd. The color divisions within this judging system are based on the projected color groups that commercial fleeces will be sorted into.

Cottage [Small Processor]: The Small Processor Division is focused on those attributes of a sound alpaca whose fleece will be valued in our Cottage/ Craft Market, as it exists today. This division shall be judged on fleece characteristics that are valued by hand spinners, hand processors and small scale mill operators, with no judgment on uniformity of color. Emphasis is placed on fine fleeces with excellent handle, absence of guard hair, and uniformity of micron, length and style. Since all colors are valued equally in the Small Processor marketplace, the color divisions will not be yarn based but base fleece coat color, with smaller lots being processed they will produce one of a kind end products which will promote higher revenues.

IAO HALTER SHOWS

Commercial [Large Processor]:

JUDGING Halter Show Commercial

- Multiple judge panel
- Consensus judging
- All Judges will be accredited in a nationally recognized judging system And chosen for the best judging skills and highest ethical standards

The fiber attributes are ranked as follows:

Huacaya

- Fineness
- Uniformity/Consistency of micron
- Primary to Secondary Ratio (no halo)
- Density
- Uniformity of Crimp (Huacaya)
- Brightness
- Uniformity/Consistency of color
- Uniformity of staple length

Suri

- Luster
- Uniformity/Consistency of micron
- Primary to Secondary Ratio
- Fineness
- Uniformity/Consistency of color
- Uniformity of Lock Style (Suri)
- Density
- Uniformity of staple length

CLASS FORMATION Halter Show Commercial

All classes shall be organized by Color GROUPING, Breed, Gender and then Age and finally Fleece Length for Suris.

* The Mitchell Color Chart is used for color checking..

Color Groupings

BRIGHT WHITE BALE

- Bright White - Fleece color: Bright White 100(B)

CREMELLO BALE

- Cremello - Fleece colors: White 100(B), Solid Beige 101(BMC), 102(BMN), & all shades lighter than 201.

FAWN BALE

- Light Fawn (any fleece that is colored on the top line, but white mid-side is classed as Cremello) – Fleece colors 201(LFX), 202(LF2) all colors lighter than 203.
- Medium Fawn - Fleece color 203(LFY) and shades lighter than 204.
- Dark Fawn - Fleece colors 204(LF4), 205(LFZ) and shades lighter than 209.

BROWN BALE

- Light Brown - Fleece colors 209(GCC) and shades lighter than 301.
- Medium Brown - Fleece colors 301(CC) and 302(COM) and shades lighter than 410.

DARK BALE

- Dark Brown - Fleece colors 410(G) and shades lighter than 350.
- Bay Black - Fleece colors 350(COM/N) and 360(CON) and all shades not true black.

BLACK BALE

- True Black - Fleece color: True Black 500(N)& 501(NM)

GREY/ROAN BALE *

- Fawn Grey – Fleece colors 207 267 206
- Rose Grey – Fleece colors 408 326 306 700 489 211 208
- Silver Grey – Fleece colors 401 402 403 510 404 409

*Any alpaca who is deemed to be not solid colored may move to the Cottage division OR may remain in the Commercial division with the knowledge that the alpaca will be disadvantaged, at the judge's discretion. The entire alpaca is evaluated for consistency of color, the exception is GREY, any alpaca who is in the GREY BALE color class may or may not have white markings on the extremities.

Color Compliance checking will be at the discretion of the exhibitor. Color checking shall conform to the Mitchell color chart except for Bright White. There will be trained compliance checkers available for use at exhibitor request. Exhibitor is solely responsible for exhibiting their alpaca in the correct class AND the correct Show Division. Any alpaca in the incorrect color class will be disadvantaged, at the judge's discretion. Any alpaca not meeting the fleece minimums or over the fleece maximums will be disadvantaged, at the judge's discretion.

BREED

Huacaya & Suri

GENDER

Male & Female

AGE

- Weanling: Age 6.5 mo to 13 mo
- Yearling: Age 14 mo to 24 mo
- Prime: Age 24 mo to 36 mo
- Mature: Age 36 mo + (females must have registered offspring)

FLEECE LENGTH

Suri only: Yearling, Prime & Mature only: Previously shorn suris shall show in a suri commercial processing length class – alpaca must have been shorn within 380 days of first day of show. Never shorn or shorn more than 380 days of the first day of the show suris shall show in a long style class.

HALTER CLASS RULES Commercial

- Classes will be organized by Fleece Color.
- Classes may be combined within a COLOR BALE when there are less than 5 entries in a Fleece Color.
- Championships will be organized by COLOR BALE.
- Class sizes will be a maximum of 20; When class size exceeds the maximum 20 it shall be split equally by birth-date – oldest to youngest.
- Classes of 15 or more shall be awarded ribbons to 8th place, less than 15 shall be awarded ribbons to 6th place.
- Alpacas may be judged 70% fleece & 30% conformation or judged 60% fleece & 40% conformation..
- All classes are full fleece and must have a min of 2.5” of staple length

Color Championships:

- One Championship class per Breed, Gender, COLOR BALE.
- Championship awards shall state Commercial Color Champion and Commercial Reserve Color Champion.
- Minimum number to award color championship in a COLOR BALE shall be 20 Huacayas or 12 Suris per COLOR BALE /Gender.
- All first and second place alpacas in their respective breed, gender and COLOR BALE shall reenter the ring to compete for the color championship

Suri Commercial Processing Length Champion

- One Championship per Gender.
- All first and second place alpacas in their respective gender from the Commercial Processing Length classes shall reenter the ring to compete for the Commercial Processing Length Championship. Championship awards shall state Suri Commercial Processing Length Champion and Suri Commercial Processing Length Reserve Champion.

Supreme Champion

All entries that place Color Champion or Suri Commercial Length Champion shall be eligible for the Supreme Champion award. In the case where a championship was not awarded in a color bale group, all first place winners in that color bale group may compete. One Award per Gender/Breed.

Production Classes:

Get of Sire:

- 3 progeny from at least 2 different dams.
- One group per sire.
- Class will be divided by Light and Dark (color of herdsire based on registration certificate) Where Light is Bright White/Cremello/Fawn and Dark is Brown/Dark/Black/Grey.
- Progeny must be entered in their respective Commercial halter classes

Produce of Dam:

- 2 progeny.
- Progeny must be entered in their respective Commercial halter classes

Breeders Production Best:

- 4 entries – most consistent in all attributes, conformation & fleece. Any sire, any dam. Progeny must be entered in their respective Commercial halter classes.

Small Processor[Cottage]:

JUDGING Halter Show Cottage

- 1 or 2 judge panel
- Judges can be accredited in a nationally recognized judging system
- OR a recognized expert in the Alpaca Textile Industry
- And chosen for the best judging skills and highest ethical standards

The fiber attributes are ranked as follows:

Huacaya:

Uniformity/Consistency of micron

Uniformity of staple length

Fineness

Primary to Secondary Ratio (no halo)

Brightness

Uniform crimp expression within its style

Density

Suri:

Luster

Uniformity/Consistency of micron

Uniformity staple length

Fineness

Primary to Secondary Ratio

Uniform lock expression within its style

Density

CLASS FORMATION Halter Show Cottage

All classes shall be organized Color Groups, Breed, Gender and then Age and finally Fleece Length for Suris.

Color Groups

- Light – hue of the overall blanket fleece is light colored, or white based
(based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is beige or lighter on the ARI color chart)
- Medium – hue of the overall blanket fleece is medium colored or fawn based
(based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is light brown or lighter, light fawn or darker on the ARI color chart)
- Dark – hue of the overall blanket fleece is dark colored or brown/black based
(based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is black or lighter, medium brown or darker on the ARI color chart)
- Grey/Variiegated – hue of the overall blanket is grey (matches any of the ARI color chart grey colors) – or a mix of colors that does not match a single color on the ARI color chart

Compliance checking will be at the discretion of the exhibitor. There will be trained compliance checkers available for use at exhibitor request. Exhibitor is solely responsible for exhibiting their alpaca in the correct class AND Show Division. Any alpaca in the incorrect color class will be disadvantaged, at the judge's discretion. Any alpaca not meeting the fleece minimum rules will be disadvantaged, at the judge's discretion.

Breed groupings

Huacaya & Suri

Gender groupings

Male & Female

Age groupings

- Weanling: Age 6.5 mo to 13 mo
- Yearling: Age 14 mo to 24 mo
- Prime: Age 24 mo to 36 mo
- Mature: Age 36 mo + (females must have registered offspring)

SURI FLEECE LENGTH

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HALTER CLASS RULES Cottage

- Class sizes will be a maximum of 16; when class size exceeds the maximum 16 it shall be split equally by birth-date – oldest to youngest. Gender may be combined to meet a minimum for Color Championship
- Ribbons shall be awarded to 6th place.
- Alpacas will be judged 60% fleece & 40% conformation.
- *all classes are full fleece and must have a min of 2.5" of staple length

Color Championships:

- Minimum of 5 to award color championships.
- One championship class per Breed, Gender, Color Group.
- All first and second place alpacas in their respective breed, gender and color group shall reenter the ring to compete for the championship
- Championship awards shall state Small Processor Color Champion and Small Processor Reserve Color Champion.

Suri Processing Length Champion

- One Championship per Gender.
- All first and second place alpacas in their respective gender from Suri Processing Length classes shall reenter the ring to compete for the Suri Processing Length Champion.
- Championship awards shall state Cottage Suri Processing Length Champion and Cottage Suri Processing Length Reserve Champion.

Spinners Dream, Breed

All entries, regardless of Gender, that place, as Champion and the Suri Processing Length Champions , shall compete for Spinners Dream. In the case where a championship was not awarded in a color group, all first place winners in that color group may compete. One Award per Breed.

IAO DISPLAY CLASSES

These classes are for display only and as such are not held under a particular division, any alpaca entered in either the Commercial Division or the Cottage Division may compete in these classes.

Display Halter Classes:

Best Head:

One award per Breed/Gender.

IAO FLEECE SHOWS

FLEECE SHOW Commercial

JUDGING Fleece Show Commercial

- 1 judge panel
- Judge will be accredited in a nationally recognized judging system
- And chosen for the best judging skills and highest ethical standards

The fiber scorecard is as follows:

Huacaya

Fineness	15
Uniformity/Consistency of micron	15
Primary to Secondary Ratio(no halo)	15
Fleece Weight	15
Uniformity of Crimp	10
Brightness	10
Uniformity/Consistency of color	10
Uniformity of staple length	5
Impurities, stain and tip damage	5

Suri

Luster	15
Uniformity/Consistency of micron	15
Primary to Secondary Ratio	15
Fineness	15
Uniformity/Consistency of color	10
Uniformity of Lock Style	10
Fleece Weight	10
Uniformity of staple length	5
Impurities, stain and tip damage	5

CLASS FORMATION Fleece Show Commercial

All classes shall be organized by Color, Breed and then Age. ** Gender is not considered in the fleece classes.

Color Groupings

BRIGHT WHITE BALE

- Bright White - Fleece color: Bright White

CREMELLO BALE

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BROWN BALE

- Light Brown - Fleece colors 209 and shades lighter than 301.
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DARK BALE

- Dark Brown - Fleece colors 410 and 302 and shades lighter than 350.
- Bay Black - Fleece colors 350 and 360 and all shades not true black.

BLACK BALE

- True Black - Fleece color: True Black 501

GREY BALE

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- Rose Grey – Fleece colors 408 326 306 700 489 211 208
- Silver Grey – Fleece colors 401 402 403 510 404 409

Breed groupings

- Huacaya & Suri

Age groupings

- Weanling: Age 6 mo to 12 mo
- Yearling: Age 12 mo to 24 mo
- Prime: Age 24mo to 36 mo
- Mature: Age 36 mo to 59 mo
- Senior: 60 mo +

FLEECE CLASS RULES Commercial

- No Maximum class size for Commercial Fleece Show.
- Classes will be organized by Fleece Color.
- Classes may be combined within a Fleece Color BALE.
- Championships will be organized by Fleece Color BALE.
- In order for a fleece to achieve a first place award in a class the judge must award a MINIMUM score of 60 points. If no fleece in a class accumulates the minimum of 60 points, the class shall begin with a second place award.
- The exhibitor shall be solely responsible for claiming their fleeces at the end of the show.
- Fleece must be from the most recent shearing of the alpaca..
- Fleeces with less than 2.5 inches staple length shall be disqualified.
- Fleeces older than 14 months since shorn shall be disqualified.

Maximum fleece length:

Weanling Class: There is no maximum staple length for this age category.

ALL OTHER AGE CATEGORIES - maximum of 6.5 inches Any fleece that exceeds maximum staple length will be disqualified.

Color Championships:

- No minimum number competing in order to be awarded color or reserve champion.
- One Championship class per Breed, Color BALE. These fleeces will have to have achieved the minimum score of 65 to compete for color champion.
- All first and second place alpacas in their respective breed and color Bale shall compete for the color championship – highest score wins.
- Championship awards shall state Commercial Color Fleece Champion and Commercial Reserve Color Fleece Champion.

Longevity of Fineness Champion

- One Champion per Gender/Breed
- All 1st and 2nd placing fleeces in the Senior Classes will compete. Highest fineness score wins Champion, next highest is Reserve Champion. Award will state Commercial Longevity of Fineness Champion and Commercial Longevity of Fineness Reserve Champion. Ties will be broken by age, oldest entry will win.

Supreme Champion

All entries that place Champion shall be eligible for the Supreme Champion award. One award per Breed. These fleeces will have to have achieved the minimum score of 70 to compete for supreme. There must have been 30 fleeces competing in Huacaya and 20 fleeces in Suri to award a Supreme.

PRODUCTION FLEECE CLASSES Commercial: Fleece must have shown in the commercial division fleece show.

Get of Sire:

3 individual progeny from at least 2 different dams. One group per sire.

Score Card

Average of the 3 progeny scores for

Fineness

Uniformity/Consistency of micron

Uniformity/Consistency of color

Uniformity of staple length

Primary to Secondary Ratio (Huacaya/Suri)

Brightness(Huacaya)/Luster(Suri)

Fleece Weight

Consistency of Character(Huacaya)/Style(Suri) across 3 Progeny 15 points

Produce of Dam:

- 2 individual progeny. One group per dam.
- Same score card as Get of Sire, with the avg of the 2 progeny.

Most Uniform Breeding Program:

4 entries. For each of the 4 entries, total the Fineness, and the 3 Uniformity Scores. Then average the totals from the 4 entries. Highest average total score wins. Ties broken in Fleece Attribute order.

FLEECE SHOW Cottage

JUDGING Fleece Show Cottage

- 1 judge panel
- Judge can be accredited in a nationally recognized judging system OR a recognized expert in the Alpaca Textile Industry And chosen for the best judging skills and highest ethical standards

The fiber scorecard is as follows: *A 1 oz portion of the fleece will be spun beforehand and scored.

Huacaya

Uniformity/Consistency of micron	15
Fineness	15
Uniformity of staple length	10
Primary to Secondary Ratio(no halo)	15
Brightness(Huacaya)	10
Fleece Weight	5
Uniform crimp expression within its style	5
*Spinning Score	25

Spinning Score Card:

Ease of Preparation:	(5)
Cleanliness	
Lack of second cuts	
Lack of guard hair	
Ease of Spinning	(10)
Fineness	
Handle	
Uniformity of staple length	
Hand feel, softness & appearance of resulting yarn	(10)
Handle	
Brightness	
Uniformity/Consistency of micron	

Suri

Luster(Suri)	20
Uniformity/Consistency of micron	15
Uniformity of staple length	10
Fineness	10
Primary to Secondary Ratio	10
Uniform lock expression within its style	5
Fleece Weight	5
*Spinning Score	25

Spinning Score Card:

Ease of Preparation:	(5)
Cleanliness	
Lack of second cuts	
Lack of guard hair	
Ease of Spinning	(10)
Fineness	
Handle	
Uniformity of staple length	
Hand feel, softness & appearance of resulting yarn	(10)
Handle	
Brightness	
Uniformity/Consistency of micron	

CLASS FORMATION Fleece Show Cottage

All classes shall be organized by Color Groups, Breed and then Age. ** Gender is not considered in the fleece classes.

Color Groups

- Light – hue of the overall blanket fleece is light colored, or white based
- (based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is beige or lighter on the ARI color chart)
- Medium – hue of the overall blanket fleece is medium colored or fawn based
- (based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is light brown or lighter, light fawn or darker on the ARI color chart)
- Dark – hue of the overall blanket fleece is dark colored or brown/black based
- (based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is black or lighter, medium brown or darker on the ARI color chart)
- Grey/Variiegated – hue of the overall blanket is grey (matches any of the ARI color chart grey colors)
- colors) – or a mix of colors that does not match a single color on the ARI color chart.

Breed groupings

Huacaya & Suri

Age groupings

- Weanling: Age 6 mo to 12 mo
- Yearling: Age 12 mo to 24 mo
- Prime: Age 24 mo to 36 mo
- Mature: Age 36 mo +

FLEECE CLASS RULES Cottage

- Fleeces with less than 2.5 inches staple length shall be disqualified.
- Fleeces older than 14 months since shorn shall be disqualified.
- Maximum fleece length: - No Maximum
- Class sizes will be a maximum of 16; when class size exceeds the maximum 16 it shall be split equally by birth-date – oldest to youngest.
- In order for a fleece to achieve a first place award in a class the judge must award a MINIMUM score of 60 points. If no fleece in a class accumulates the minimum of 60 points, the class shall begin with a second place award.
- Ribbons shall be awarded to 6th place.

Color Championships:

- No minimum to award color championships.
- One championship class per Breed, Color Group.
- Color champion minimum score 65
- All first and second place alpacas in their respective breed, gender and color group shall compete for the championship – highest score wins.
- Championship awards shall state Cottage Fleece Color Champion and Cottage Fleece Reserve Color Champion.

Fleece ~ Spinners Dream Breed

All entries that place Color Champion shall be eligible for the Cottage Fleece ~ Spinners Dream Breed award. One award per Breed. These fleeces will have to have achieved the minimum score of 70 to compete. Judge may choose from among all the color champions in breed.

WALKING FLEECE SHOW COTTAGE

- JUDGING Walking Fleece Show Cottage
- 1 judge panel
- Judge can be accredited in a nationally recognized judging system
OR a recognized expert in the Alpaca Textile Industry
- And chosen for the best judging skills and highest ethical standards

The fiber scorecard is as follows:

Huacaya

Uniformity/Consistency of micron	25
Fineness	20
Uniformity/Consistency of staple length	15
Lack of Guard Hair(no halo)	20
Brightness(Huacaya)	15
Uniform crimp expression within its style	5

Suri

Luster(Suri)	25
Uniformity/Consistency of micron	25
Uniformity/Consistency of staple length	15
Fineness	15
Lack of Guard Hair	15
Uniform lock expression within its style	5

CLASS FORMATION Fleece Show Cottage

All classes shall be organized by Color Groups, Breed and then Age. ** Gender is not considered in the fleece classes.

Color Groups

- Light – hue of the overall blanket fleece is light colored, or white based
- (based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is beige or lighter on the ARI color chart)
- Medium – hue of the overall blanket fleece is medium colored or fawn based
- (based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is light brown or lighter, light fawn or darker on the ARI color chart)
- Dark – hue of the overall blanket fleece is dark colored or brown/black based
- (based on a mid-side fleece view where the sample is black or lighter, medium brown or darker on the ARI color chart)
- Grey/Variiegated – hue of the overall blanket is grey (matches any of the ARI color chart grey colors) – or a mix of colors that does not match a single color on the ARI color chart.

Breed groupings

Huacaya & Suri

Age groupings

- Weanling: Age 6.5 mo to 13 mo
- Yearling: Age 14 mo to 24 mo
- Prime: Age 24 mo to 36 mo
- Mature: Age 36 mo +

WALKING FLEECE CLASS RULES Cottage

- Fleeces with less than 2.5 inches staple length shall be disqualified.
- Maximum fleece length: - No Maximum
- Class sizes will be a maximum of 16; when class size exceeds the maximum 16 it shall be split equally by birth-date – oldest to youngest.
- In order for a fleece to achieve a first place award in a class the judge must award a MINIMUM score of 60 points. If no fleece in a class accumulates the minimum of 60 points, the class shall begin with a second place award.
- Ribbons shall be awarded to 6th place.
- Maximum of 5 entries per farm regardless of breed, gender or color.

GRAND CHAMPION AWARD:

HIGHEST SCORING FLEECE – WALKING FLEECE SHOW COTTAGE

The highest scoring fleece shall be recognized. This fleece will have to have achieved the minimum score of 70 to eligible.