

Alpaca Department

Department Chair:

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1. All general rules and regulations for the CMR Farm Show apply to the Alpaca department
2. Only active 4H club members enrolled for an alpaca project in the Culpeper, Madison, or Rappahannock counties are eligible to exhibit.
3. CMR board member and club/department leaders assume no responsibility for the safety of the animal while on show premises. Mandatory show halters and lead ropes are required. Animals must be controlled at all times. If an animal is unable to be controlled and deemed unsafe or unable to cooperate the department chair will ask the exhibitor to exit with the animal forfeiting the entry fee for that alpaca.
4. All alpacas will be observed for any signs of illness prior to entry onto the premises. Each animal must be free of mange, mites, lice, and parasites. Department chair reserves the right to require any animal deemed unfit/unhealthy to be removed from the premises immediately. Decision of the leader is final. All participants are encouraged to have individual health records with veterinarian approval prior to the show entry.
5. All alpacas are non-sale/market entries. The entry fee is \$8/animal. Entry form and fee must be submitted and received by the deadline posted. Late or onsite entries will not be accepted.
6. The alpaca may be owned or leased/borrowed by an exhibitor for show entry however host agreements must be in place with copy to department chair by April 1st prior to the show. Criteria for host/lease agreement below. Only exhibitors with self or family ownership as of January 1st of the show year may enter halter conformation classes.
7. Non-owners and owners alike may enter showmanship and obstacle performance classes. Showmanship class is required for all exhibitors.
8. Exhibitors may enter no more that 10 total alpaca with no more than three entries per class.
9. All animals will be exhibited on the day of the show only. All animals must be on the premises for check in and evaluation between 8-9am.
10. Exhibitors are expected to respect the dignity and personality of the alpaca treating it with care at all times. Should the dept chair or judge determine that this expectation is not met at any time then the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show and forced to forfeit the entry fee.
11. It is necessary that the exhibitor and the alpaca build a sense of trust prior to entering the show ring. All youth must submit a signed written contract from the responsible owner stating that he/she has met the minimal criteria for class entry. The minimal criteria are as follows: 5 additional (outside of club meetings) contact hours from April 1st to July 1st for showmanship with an additional and separate 5 contact hours for obstacle training. 'Training' must be hands on contact with the assigned alpaca using the prior education related to daily and routine maintenance, safety, nutrition, and raising the alpaca. The adult owner/host responsible for the alpaca reserves the right to require additional hours of contact if indicated prior to show entry when deemed necessary. The signed record of training hours must be submitted to the department chair the week prior to the show.
12. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to clean and groom their project animal prior to the show as well as arrange transportation to and from the show, provide safe guarded area for the alpaca prior to and after the show until transported off premises. It is recommended that each show pen be 8x8 with gate access housing no more than four alpaca in each pen. Set up and

- pen supplies are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Pen area may be decorated if desired. Exhibitor must keep stall area clean and animals watered throughout the event.
13. Age divisions apply to the exhibitor for showmanship classes. Junior division ages 9-12, intermediate 13-15, senior 16-19. Novice division will consist of all new showmanship exhibitors of any age. Ages are calculated as of September 30th of each show year.
 14. Department chair reserves the right to consolidate classes when needed for any division having less than three entries.
 15. Two exhibitors in different age divisions may share the same alpaca for the showmanship and obstacle performance entries if needed.
 16. Obstacle class entry is optional, judged by completion and accumulation of points. There is no division of age for the alpaca or exhibitor in this class however the class may be divided into seniors and juniors according to age of exhibitor dependent on the number of entries. Age division may vary. The competition is not judged on time. Each exhibitor has three attempts to complete the obstacle.
 17. Halter conformation classes are divided by the age of the alpaca. Color divisions do not apply. Cria: up to 1yr. Juniors: over 1yr through 3yrs; Intermediate: 4yrs through 6yrs; Seniors: 7yrs and over. Each animal is judged on conformation and fiber quality. If the alpaca has been recently sheared it is encouraged that the fiber from the recent shearing be submitted for consideration. The fiber must be submitted in a clear plastic bag and labeled with alpaca name and date of shearing. Grand champion and reserve champion alpacas will be awarded from the winners of all halter classes combined (huacaya and suri).
 18. All alpaca entries must be female. NO intact males will be considered and not allowed on the premises. Special consideration for gelded males may be given for showmanship and obstacle entries. Written request must be provided to department chair by April 1st prior to the show and will be reviewed for exception with decision granted within 30 days of receipt.
 19. Premiums awarded for showmanship and obstacle performance classes are as follows: 1st \$12, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$8, 4th \$6, 5th \$4, and 6th \$2. For halter confirmation class premiums are: 1st \$6, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$4, 4th \$3, 5th \$2, and 6th \$1. Additional sponsorship premiums may be offered for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners.
 20. Additional awards will be recognized at the awards ceremony to include: Outstanding Exhibitor determined by combined exhibitor points, and Herdmanship excellence recognized for the general appearance, conduct and attitude, community service and club involvement.

Alpaca Show
Sunday, July 15th at 11am
In the lower barn
