

##Alpaca Department

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Rules and regulations(Revised 2019)

1. All general rules and regulations for the CMR Farm Show apply to the Alpaca department. Only active 4H club members enrolled for an alpaca project in Culpeper, Madison, or Rappahannock counties are eligible to exhibit.
2. CMR board members and club/department leaders assume no responsibility for safety of the animal while on show premises. Mandatory show halters and lead ropes are required. Animals must be controlled at all times. If 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 for that alpaca. All alpacas will be observed for any signs of illness prior to entry onto the premises. Each animal must be free of mange, lice, and parasites. Department chair reserves the right to require any animal deemed unfit and/or unhealthy be removed from premises immediately. Evaluations are completed by dept chair or designate prior to entry into the barn. Decision of leader is final. All participants are encouraged to have individual health records with veterinarian approval prior to show entry.
3. All alpacas are non-sale/market entries. The entry fee is \$8 per animal. Entry form and fee must be submitted and received by deadline posted. Late or onsite entries will not be accepted.
4. The alpaca may be owned, leased/borrowed through host farm by an exhibitor for show entry. Proof of ownership and host agreements must be in place (copy to department chair) by April 1st prior to the show. Only exhibitors with self/family ownership as of April 1st of the show year may enter halter confirmation classes. Co-owned alpacas must reside with youth/family for a minimum of 90 days prior to show. Crias not born prior to April 1st may also be shown if born on youth/family farm to the dam with ownership/residence prior to April 1st. Non-owners and owners alike may enter showmanship and obstacle classes. Showmanship class is required for all exhibitors.
5. Exhibitor may enter no more than eight alpaca total with no more than two entries per class.
6. All animals will be exhibited on the date of show. All alpacas must be checked in by 8am on Sunday and remain on premises until 4pm on Sunday.
7. Exhibitors are expected to respect the dignity and personality of the alpaca treating it with care at all times. Should the department chair and/or judge determine that this expectation is not met at any time then the exhibitor will be disqualified from all alpaca show activities and forced to forfeit his/her entry fee.
8. It is necessary that the exhibitor and the alpaca build a sense of trust prior to entering the show ring. The youth must submit a signed/written contract agreement from the responsible owner stating that he/she has met the minimal criteria for class entry. The criteria are as follows: 5 contact hours for showmanship with an additional minimum 5 contact hours for obstacle training. 'Training' must include hands on contact with the assigned alpaca with education r/t daily and routine maintenance of raising the alpaca. **See host farm agreement.** The adult owner/host responsible for the alpaca reserves the right to require additional hours of contact if indicated prior to show entry in order for the host to feel that both the exhibitor and the alpaca will be considered 'safe' in the show ring. The signed record of training hours must be submitted to department chair the week prior to show.
9. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to prepare their project animal prior to the show as well as arrange transportation to and from the show, provide safe guarded area for alpaca prior to and after the show until transported off premises. Exhibitor must keep stall area clean and animals watered/fed throughout the event. Each pen will be 8x8 housing no more than 4 alpaca each. Set up and pen supplies ie fans, water buckets and hay feeders are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Pen area shall be decorated by exhibitor with specific alpaca education and fiber production display is encouraged. A barn display award will be judged and awarded at the awards ceremony to follow the event.
10. Age divisions apply for showmanship classes where the individual is being judged and the relationship with the animal is taken in to consideration. Junior division ages 9-12, intermediate division ages 13-15, and senior division 16-19. Novice division will consist of all new showmanship exhibitors of any age. Ages are calculated as of September 30 of each show year. Department chair reserves the right to consolidate classes for any division having less than three entries. Two exhibitors in different age divisions may share the same alpaca for the showmanship entry if needed.
11. Obstacle/Performance class entry is optional, judged by completion and accumulation of points. There is no division of age for of the alpaca however the class may be divided into senior and junior according to exhibitor age dependent on number of entries. The competition will be timed with only 3 attempts per obstacle.
12. Halter conformation classes are divided by the age of the alpaca at the time of the show. Cria: up to 1yr, Juniors: ages 1yr through 3yrs, Intermediate: 4yrs through 6yrs, and Seniors: ages 7yrs and over. Each animal is judged on conformation and fiber quality. If the alpaca has been sheared w/in 4 months of the show it is encouraged that the fiber be submitted for consideration in order for the judge to make an accurate assessment of the animal's quality and production. Grand champion and reserve grand champion will be awarded from the winners of the halter classes combined huacaya and suri. Best in show fiber will be awarded for overall entries.
13. All alpaca entries must be female. NO intact males will be considered and are not allowed on the premises. Exception will be considered for nursing cria under 6 months of age as companion to dam being shown shall stall room permit. Special

consideration for gelded males for showmanship class only may be allowed if approved by department. Please submit in writing for special consideration by April 1st prior to show.

14. Premiums awarded for showmanship (in each division) and obstacles classes are as follows: 1st \$12, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$8, 4th \$6, 5th \$4 and 6th \$2. For halter conformation classes, premiums are: 1st \$6, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$4, 4th \$3, 5th \$2 and 6th \$1. Additional sponsorship premiums offered for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, and Best of Show/Fiber.
15. Additional awards will be recognized at awards ceremony to include: Outstanding Exhibitor award (determined by combined placing in showmanship, obstacle and halter classes) Herdsmanship Excellence (recognized for general appearance, conduct, community service, club involvement, and attitude voted on by club members), Novice of the year, and overall best barn display.

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Classification: Huacaya and Suri. Halter classes will be combined to award grand champion and reserve champion and include both conformation and fleece quality. Best of show fiber however will be awarded separately again combined for all ages, colors, and breeds. Age of exhibitors (as well as alpaca) are combined for obstacle performance class. Exhibitor ages are based on age as of September 30th of show year. Alpaca age is calculated by age at time of show date. The department leaders will reserve the right to combine any class with less than three exhibitors. Each exhibitor may enter up to a total of 8 alpacas with no more than 2 alpaca entries per class. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Showmanship Classes

- G-00 Senior (16-19 yrs)
- G-01 Intermediate (13-15 yrs)
- G-02 Junior (9-12 yrs)
- G-03 Novice (13 yrs and under who have **not** shown prior)

Obstacle/Performance Class

- G-04 Exhibitor w/alpaca

Halter Classes (must show ownership as of April 1st of show year/crias born after this date must be born on farm to dam owned by this date) Classes are divided by age and classification of alpaca. There is no division for color.

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| G-05 Senior, Huacaya | G-06 Senior, Suri | (7yr and older) |
| G-07 Intermediate, Huacaya | G-08 Intermediate, Suri | (4 - 6yr) |
| G-09 Junior, Huacaya | G-10 Junior, Suri | (1 - 3yr) |
| G-11 Criia, Huacaya | G-12 Criia, Suri | (up to 1yr) |

Grand Champion Reserve Champion Best of Show/Fiber

Special Awards:

- Outstanding Exhibitor
- Herdsmanship Excellence
- Novice of the Year
- Barn display Award