

SSLA SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: The SSLA Sweepstakes Award program's objective is to encourage participation at SSLA Supported/sponsored shows. Therefore, points are accumulated only at shows approved and listed below. Eligibility for participation is exhibitors must be a current SSLA member before Jun 15th of each year. Points for shows will be credited only after SSLA dues have been paid with no retroactive points. At the annual SSLA Conference, awards will be given to the highest points winner of each Sweepstakes Point Division.

Each show manager is to send Vicki Sundberg (or current Sweepstakes Manager) at least the top 10 results in each class of their show so that all llamas participating acquire Sweepstakes points. The superintendent will email the show results to Vicki Sundberg within 2 weeks after the show's conclusion. If the show is multi-sanctioned and/or open, the results from each will be provided. The results need to show the number of animals in a Sweepstakes supported class, the placements of the top ten animals in that class, the animal's full name (please use consistent, accurate and full name throughout the show season), and the owner at the time of showing. The report also needs to include the names of the Grand and Reserve Champions in each Division. The show superintendent may receive two reminders from the Sweepstakes team upon failure to send the results within 2 weeks after the show's conclusion and could eliminate that show's inclusion in the Sweepstakes calculations. If the results will not be included, the membership will be notified of the show manager's failure to provide results. If the Sweepstakes manager does not receive a show's results within 30 days of the show's conclusion and the two reminders, the show can lose the SSLA Judge's Choice Trophy and the SSLA Performance Trophy and plates. The show manager will need to then reapply to the SSLA Board for future inclusion.

Sweepstakes Point System

Sweepstakes points are accumulated in any class, except the Special Needs, regardless of number of entries, as follows: first place will get 10 points, second gets 9 points, and subsequently down until there are no points or llamas left. Halter classes' Grand Champion will get an additional 5 points and the Reserve Champion will get 3 points.

Double points will be awarded at two SSLA funded shows, the spring SSLA Hillbilly Llama Show and the fall Georgia National Fair Llama Show. If any of these shows are double shows (i.e. two judges), the double points are applied to each judge's placement.

Points will be accumulated from other wool divisions for llamas that participated in different wool classes at different shows. The collective points will be awarded to the wool division in which the majority of showing was done. Example: Show A, B & D - animal is shown in medium wool. Show C - animal is entered in medium wool but bumped by judge to heavy wool. Thus, 3 shows in medium wool class; 1 show in heavy wool - all points would be combined into medium wool class for that llama.

One Sweepstake ranking is used per judge. In the case of dual sanctioning under a single judge (for instance ALSA and ILR, or ILR and non-sanctioned), one Sweepstake entry is made using the higher placing. Example, llama A is entered as only ALSA, llama B is only ILR, and llamas C & D are both

ALSA and ILR. The judge scores them as follows: A-57, C-52, B-48 and D-21. The ALSA ribbons would be 1st-A, 2nd-C, 3rd-D. The ILR ribbons would be 1st-C, 2nd-B, 3rd-D. The Sweepstakes would be A-10, C-10, B-9, and D-8. If a Produce of Dam, or Get of Sire has two scores from a judge on different sets of offspring, only the higher point will be used.

Showmanship classes receive no extra points for Grand or Reserve Champion.

Points are awarded for the three Llama Performance, three Alpaca Performance and two Driving classes but the points are added up and only one Masters llama, one Advanced llama, one Novice llama one Masters alpaca, one Advanced alpaca, and one Novice alpaca will each receive a Performance award and one Cart Driving award. Open performance points will be determined from the llama's or alpaca's previous eligibility. Any Alpaca participation will be recorded in their alpaca level even if the Alpaca competes in one of the llama performance levels. No extra points are earned for Performance or Driving Grand or Reserve Champion placement.

Youth classes are divided into Junior, Intermediate and Senior whenever possible; however if the class is Open Youth, points will be determined from previous classes in which the youth has entered. For youth that fall into one age group under ALSA sanction and a different age group under ILR sanctions, the resulting placements are recorded under the appropriate age groups. Just as llamas in different wool types, collective points will be awarded in the age category in which the majority of the showing was done. At the end of the year, these youth will have only one standing per show attended. The exception is the Open Youth Alpaca classes. All Youth age groups accumulate points in the single Open Youth Alpaca.

Open Special Needs classes accumulate 10 points for participation by the handler throughout the year for the three Performance Classes and, separately, for Showmanship. There are no placement levels, only 10 points.

Sweepstakes Divisions

Halter Classes

- Suri (Male and Female)
- Silky (Male and Female)
- Light Wool (Male and Female)
- Medium Wool (Male and Female)
- Heavy Wool (Male and Female)
- Alpaca (Male and Female)
- Non-Breeder (Llama and Alpaca)
- Produce of Dam (Llama)
- Get of Sire (Llama)

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Performance:

- Llama and Alpaca Masters, Advanced and Novice:
 - One award for each level: top accumulated from Pack, Public Relations and Obstacle
 - Any Open Pack, Public Relations, Obstacle points will be used for the llama or alpaca at the level where they would otherwise perform.

- Each Youth Age Group Performance:
 - One award: top accumulated from Pack, Public Relations, and Obstacle.
- Open Special Needs Performance:
 - One award: top accumulated from Pack, Public Relations, and Obstacle.
- Open Youth Alpaca Performance:
 - One award: top accumulated from Pack, Public Relations, and Obstacle.

Cart Driving:

- One award: top accumulated Pleasure Driving and Obstacle Driving.

Showmanship: Adult, Novice Adult, Open Special Needs, Senior Youth, Intermediate Youth and Junior Youth.

Versatility Champion

The SSLA Versatility Champion will be awarded to the Master or Advanced Llama who accumulated the most Sweepstakes points from a combination of their halter and performance points.

Current Qualifying Shows

Florida State Fair Halter and Performance Open Show - Tampa, FL
SSLA Hillbilly/Spring Show - Perry, GA
Mellow Yellow Llama Show - Cumming, GA
SSLA Northeast Tennessee Lama Show - White Pine, TN
SSLA Heart of Dixie Llama & Alpaca Show - Ringgold, GA
White Lightning Llama Show - Ellijay, GA
SSLA Georgia National Fair Llama Show - Perry, GA
Southeast Regional Show - Perry, GA (as long as there are no qualifying restrictions)

(note, the locations shown may be temporarily different in some years)