**ALPACA SHOW**

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**ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN**
Friday, September 30, 2022  
9am to 7pm  
All Fleece Show entries must be received by 12pm  
Youth Exhibitors Only - Saturday October 1, 2022 (Optional-Youth Exhibitors may arrive on Friday and stay through Sunday)  
7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**SHOW DATES**
Friday, September 30, 2022  
Fleece Judging begins at 1pm  
Saturday, October 1, 2022  
Exhibitors meeting at 9am  
Classes begin at 9:30am (time may be adjusted based on entries)  
Arena 4A Open Halter Classes  
Sub-Junior Obstacle  
Junior Youth Obstacle  
Intermediate Youth Obstacle  
Senior Youth Obstacle  
Adult Obstacle  
Sub-Junior PR  
Junior Youth PR  
Intermediate Youth PR  
Senior Youth PR  
Adult PR  
Sub-Junior Showmanship  
Junior Youth Showmanship  
Intermediate Youth Showmanship  
Senior Youth Showmanship  
Adult Showmanship  
Costume  
Lead Line-Youth and Adult  
Sunday, October 2, 2022  
Halter Classes begin at 9am  
Walking Fleece  
Release by Show Management

**RELEASE**
Youth Only Exhibitors may be released on Saturday, October 1, 2022, upon direction of Show Management  
All Open Show Exhibitors-Sunday, October 2, 2022, Upon direction of Show Management

**SHOW DONORS**

**PREMIUM SCHEDULE** (per class)
Halter, Performance, & Lead Line Classes

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(If available, premiums for class champions come from funds raised by alpaca enthusiasts)

**ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 15**
Late entries close August 31 and late entry fee is $70.

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. **Read General Rules.** All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules. Where Special Rules conflict with General Rules, Special Rules will prevail.

2. **Entry Process.** Entries may be made on The Big E website, www.TheBigE.com, or by printing the entry form and mailing it with payment to Agriculture & Education Department, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield MA 01089. Entry deadline is August 15 with late entries until August 31. For Open Show participants, all copies of AOA Alpaca Registry certificates showing the official seal along with shearing dates for each alpaca should be sent to Peg Stephens at pegstephens@earthlink.net or snail mail to 707 Castetter Rd, Henryville, IN, 47126. Entry deadlines are still in effect. No pending papers are allowed. Copies of the AOA certificates are acceptable as long as they show the official AOA Alpaca Registry seal. **Entries will not be considered complete until animal information and payment is received. You do not need to be a member of any show organization to participate in this show. Youth Only Entries are not required to be AOA registered.**

3. **Identification.** Identification MUST be via microchip. The microchip number must match the health certificate presented to the inspector for admission to the facility, this applies to all Open Show and Youth Show alpacas. Alpacas with numbers that cannot be read or that don’t match the health certificate will not be allowed off the trailer. **DO NOT ASSUME THAT THE MICROCHIP IS STILL WHERE IT WAS PUT – CHECK IT WITH A READER BEFORE THE VET ARRIVES. THE EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING OR HAVING AVAILABLE, APPROPRIATE READERS TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF THE ANIMALS THEY ARE TRANSPORTING.**

4. **Passes.** Upon receipt and acceptance of entry, each exhibitor will receive two entry passes and two parking passes. Passes are intended to provide initial entry and parking for exhibitors working directly with animals. Passes are required each day you will be entering the grounds. An additional two passes per day (if needed) will be available from your superintendent upon arrival for exhibitors 19 and over. Additional passes will be provided by your superintendent for all youth exhibitors under 19 years of age. See General Rule 5 regarding the availability of Reduced Rate Tickets.

5. **Age Restriction.** All alpacas must be at least 6 mos. old. Nursing crias may not accompany dams into the show ring.

6. **All exhibitors must meet the appropriate state regulations for movement of livestock. Even if state regulations do not require the veterinary certificate of inspection, exhibitors shall have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) completed not more than 30 days prior to the last date of the show for each alpaca transported to the show.**

7. **Additional Health Check.** Additional Health Test suggested for entrance into the Show. Please contact Elena Hovagimian with any questions concerning this test at (413)205-5011 or aginfo@TheBigE.com. It is suggested that a negative PCR test for the Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVDV) be done for all alpacas entering the facility and the results of the test be noted on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The test can be performed at any time during the alpaca’s life.
**8. Check-In.** Halter show check-in ENDS at 7pm on Friday, September 30, to allow time to complete changes before show time. Youth only check-in ends at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday October 1st. **ALL ANIMALS MUST ARRIVE BEFORE THE END OF CHECK-IN.**

**9. Stall Numbers** are limited. Stall reservations are for exhibitor use only. Stalls not used by entering exhibitor are automatically reassigned by ESE Superintendent only. Entries are accepted on a first received basis and will be cut off when capacity is reached. Different farms sharing stalls is not encouraged. See General Rule 11.

**10. Stall Capacity.** Stalls MAY NOT be subdivided to accommodate a farm display. Alpacas per stall limits ~ Juveniles/Yearlings and Adults

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**11. Display Stall.** One display stall is allowed per exhibiting farm for $25. **Display stalls shall be the same size as a single animal stall.** There will be no display or tack storage allowed in front of or behind stalls. If you do not wish to purchase a display stall, you may use existing space within your animal stalls for tack storage ONLY.

**12.** Only alpacas that are entered in the show are allowed to remain on the show grounds.

**13.** Alpacas may not be substituted or changed without the consent of the ESE Show Superintendent.

**14.** Open Halter Show entries must be made in the name of the alpaca and owner as stated on the AOA Registration Certificate. Entry is made in the name of the owner. Juvenile entries should be made in the name of the youth.

**15.** Fleece Show entries must be made in the name of the alpaca and owner or youth entering the fleece and ARE NOT required to be AOA Registered. See Fleece Show Section below for further details.

**16. OWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ACCURATE SHEARING DATES FOR ALL HALTER ANIMALS (MONTH, DATE & YEAR) **

**17.** Owners may enter up to three alpacas per breed type (Huacaya or Suri), per gender, per age division, per color designation in the Open halter classes. If a show combines color designations or Color Groups, then properly entered alpacas may still exhibit although the owner would have more than three alpacas in the combined class.

**18. Stalling.** Stall fee includes initial bedding. No paper products will be allowed for bedding purposes.

**EXHIBITOR RULES Open Halter Show**

1. Exhibitors may be any age, Alpacas must be AOA Registered.
2. Class sizes will be determined based on the number of entries. Color Championships will be awarded if color groups by type and gender have 10 or more entries for Huacayas or 8 or more entries for Surs.
3. Classes will be determined by the following criteria and combining/splitting of colors/classes may be done based on the number of entries:
   a. Gender
   b. Age
   c. Color group
   d. Full Fleece and Shorn
4. The individual or individuals that contract for employment (or actually employ a Judge), Show Managers, and Show Superintendents shall not personally show their animals before the Judge in the show.
5. Huacaya and Suri will be shown separately.
6. Huacaya staple length must be a minimum of 2" to be considered Full Fleeced; Suri staple length must be a minimum of 3" to be considered Full Fleeced. Any alpaca that doesn’t meet these minimums will be entered in a Shorn class. Full fleeced classes will be judged on 60% fleece, 40% conformation. Shorn classes will be judged 100% on conformation.
7. Age divisions will be as follows and alpacas will enter the ring oldest to youngest. Age is based on the age of the alpaca on the first day of the show:
   - Juvenile 6 to 12 months
   - Yearling 1st birthday to 24 months
   - 2 Year Olds 2nd birthday-36 months
   - Adult 3 and 4 year olds (up to end of 4th year)
   - Classic 5th birthday and older

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- **8. All geldings must be 18 months or older and gelding status verified by the vet on the health certificate or as stated on the AOA certificate. We will offer full fleece and shorn gelding classes.**

- **9. The following production classes will be offered:**
  - **Get-of-Sire** - three alpacas shown in a group that are the offspring of the same sire and three different dams. All alpacas in the group must be Full Fleeced and will be evaluated for the sire's ability to transmit positive traits uniformly. Entry is made in the name of the sire.
  - **Produce of Dam** - two alpacas that are the offspring of the same dam. All alpacas in the group must be Full Fleeced and will be evaluated for the dam's ability to transmit positive traits uniformly. Entry is made in the name of the dam.

- **Bred &Owned** - three Full Fleeced alpacas owned by the exhibitor resulting from breeding decisions made by the owner. Entry is made in the name of the owner.

- **Bred and Owned** - a single yearling alpaca that is owned by the exhibitor and was born from a dam owned by the exhibitor at the time of the breeding. The alpaca must be Full Fleeced and can be shown in the regular halter class as well as this production class.

- **10.** An alpaca shall enter only one individual halter class and may show in any optional halter classes for which it qualifies. **ALPACAS MAY NOT GO THROUGH THE SAME CLASS MORE THAN ONE TIME.**

- **11.** Alpacas shall be shown with a plain halter and lead.

- **12.** Nursing alpaca mothers shall not be accompanied in the ring by their babies.

- **13.** Exhibitors may not wear clothing or other articles in the show ring that contain logos of any kind, handler names, ranch names or alpaca names.

- **14.** Handlers may only wear closed toe and heel shoes in the show ring.

- **15.** Alpacas should stand quietly for examination of the teeth and fleece by the Judge in the ring. Unruly alpacas may be dismissed or placed lower in class if they cannot be evaluated adequately. Handlers in halter classes must be able to control their alpacas with minimal assistance from the Ring Steward.

- **16.** Alpaca must be clean. Cleanliness is the absence of contaminants in the fleece such as excessive mud, dung or vegetable matter.

- **17.** Should an exhibitor protest the inclusion of another exhibitor's animal in a color class according to the AOA Color Chart, the dispute shall be brought to the attention of the Show Superintendent before entering the ring. At that time, the animal's color will be determined by the Show Superintendent using the AOA Color Chart. All decisions are final. The Judge shall have the final say regarding color of an alpaca.

- **18.** First and second place animals from each age/color class for that color group will progress into the color championship.

- **19.** Colors and classes will be as follows (all regular Halter classes will offer a Sash as well as Full Fleece class if needed- including the Golding classes):
Walking Fleece
The Walking Fleece class is for Full Fleeced alpacas of 6 months or older. In this class the Judge evaluates the fleece on the animal, conformation is not considered. Points are awarded based on Fineness and Handle, Uniformity, Style, Brightness, and Absence of Guard Hair. Depending on the number of entries, the class may be split.

Class 25 - Walking Fleece

Performance Classes - Youth and Adult

Public Relations Classes. The PR Class demonstrates a team effort between the handler and their alpaca through a variety of obstacles associated with public events, public appearances or parades. The alpaca participates with the handler during the class to demonstrate its level of training, poise and willingness to cooperate with its handler, and is a partner in the handler’s score over the course.

Obstacle Classes. The Obstacle Class demonstrates a team effort between the handler and their alpaca through a variety of obstacles.

Showmanship Classes. The showmanship class demonstrates the handler’s ability. The alpaca is not judged. The handler is evaluated on their preparation and presentation.

Costume. Both handler and alpaca are in costume. Judging criteria should include originality, consistency with theme, training, time and energy involved. A short story to describe the characters the exhibitor and alpaca are representing is to be prepared by the exhibitor and handed in to the clerk’s table prior to the class and will be read by the announcer while the exhibitor and their alpaca parade around the ring.

Lead Line. The Lead Line Class demonstrates the elegance, versatility and beauty of alpaca fiber to the public as well as the ease with which alpacas can be handled. It consists of three areas of judging: garment(s), exhibitor display of pre-judged garment in the ring, alpaca in the ring. Rules for this competition are as follows:
1. Garments must be handmade. The exhibitor can make the garment(s) or they can be made by someone else.
2. Garments must be made of least 50% alpaca and can contain other natural fibers.
3. Garments must be checked in at the alpaca show ring by 9:30am on Saturday, October 1, 2022, for pre-judging. They must be labeled with the contestant name and age division. Garments should be on a hanger or in a bag. Garments will be released when pre-judging is completed.
4. For the ring portion, exhibitors will lead an alpaca over 6 months of age. The alpaca should be in a properly fitted halter, be clean (fleece should not contain excessive mud, dung or vegetable matter), be well controlled, and presented in the most attractive manner possible. Exhibitors will wear the garment or garments (made of at least 50% alpaca as noted in #2 above) that were pre-judged earlier in the day. The alpaca shown may be a Huacaya or Suri and may be owned, leased or borrowed by the exhibitor.
5. The exhibitor must supply a typed, double spaced commentary with their name, city, state, name of the alpaca, and whether the animal was trained by the exhibitor. State if the exhibitor made the garment(s) and provide a description of the garment and any facts about the exhibitor they would like to share (e.g., how long they have been knitting, weaving, etc.). Commentary should be limited to 100 words, approximately 50 words about the exhibitor and 50 about the garment.

Youth Performance Classes

1. Exhibitor Eligibility
   a. Youth must have written permission (signature on entry forms) of a parent, project leader, 4-H advisor or FFA advisor to participate.
   b. Youth must show in the appropriate age division.
   c. Divisions may not be combined regardless of the number of entries in each age class.
   d. All showmanship entries must be in the name of the youth, and youth may only show once in a showmanship class. Obstacle and public relations entries must be made in the name of the registered animal.

2. Alpaca Eligibility
   a. Must belong to or be leased or loaned to the youth, their family, the project group or the 4-H/FFA Club. Alpaca is not required to be AOA registered.
   b. Rules of ownership through 4-H or FFA programs may override The Big E Alpaca Show guidelines.
   c. More than one youth may show the same alpaca in performance classes.
   d. Alpacas entered in the Open halter show maybe be shown in the youth performance classes.

3. Youth Exhibitor Age Divisions
   Age divisions for youth classes are as follows (age as of January first), youth under 9 years of age may show only in Sub-Junior classes until their birthday at which time they may begin to show in Junior classes:
   Performance Classes:
   a. Sub-Junior Youth: Under 8 years
   b. Junior: Ages 8 through 11
   c. Intermediate: Ages 12 through 14
   d. Senior: Ages 15 through 17

4. Youth may show alpacas that are not entered in the Open halter classes (a farm/family/youth does not have to be entered in the Open halter classes for a youth to show).

Adult Performance Classes

1. Exhibitor Eligibility
   a. Exhibitors must be 18 years or older.
   b. All showmanship entries must be in the name of the adult and the adult may only show once in a showmanship class. Obstacle and public relations entries must be made in the name of the registered animal.

2. Alpaca Eligibility
   a. Alpaca is not required to be AOA registered and is not required to be entered in the Open halter classes.
   b. Alpaca shown by adult may also be used in youth performance classes.
Performance Classes will be as follows:

30. Sub-Junior Youth Obstacle (handler under age 8)
31. Junior Youth Obstacle (handler age 8-11)
32. Intermediate Youth Obstacle (handler age 12-14)
33. Senior Youth Obstacle (handler age 15-17)
34. Adult Obstacle (handler age 18 & up)
35. Sub-Junior Youth Showmanship (handler under age 8)
36. Junior Youth Showmanship (handler age 8-11)
37. Intermediate Youth Showmanship (handler age 12-14)
38. Senior Youth Showmanship (handler age 15-17)
39. Adult Showmanship (handler age 18 & up)
40. Sub-Junior Youth Public Relations (handler under age 8)
41. Junior Youth Public Relations (handler age 8-11)
42. Intermediate Youth Public Relations (handler age 12-14)
43. Senior Youth Public Relations (handler age 15-17)
44. Adult Public Relations (handler age 18 & up)
45. Youth Costume (17 and under)
46. Adult Costume (18 and over)
47. Youth Lead Line (17 and under)
48. Adult Lead Line (18 and over)

Fleece Show

1. Fleeces must be entered in the name of the owner or the youth that is raising the alpaca and be from the current year's shearing for Huacayas and within the last two years for Suris. An alpaca whose fleece is entered in the fleece show, does not have to be AOA registered.
2. Fleeces must be submitted in a clear plastic bag with an index card containing the name of the owner (as submitted on the entry form), alpaca date of birth, age of the alpaca on the date this fleece was shorn, date this fleece was shorn, date of shearing prior to this one, method of shearing (electric or hand), days of growth (# of days from prior shearing to this shearing), and clearly note "Alpaca Fleece and the class # entered" (this is important especially if you are shipping fleece as there are also llama and sheep fleece being sent to The Big E).
3. Fleeces submitted shall be from the blanket area only and should be unwashed and skirted (removal of any belly or leg fiber, second cuts, tags).
4. Delivery/Return of Fleeces. Fleeces may be delivered in person on Thursday, September 29, or Friday September 30, but must be received by 12pm Friday. Fleeces may be delivered by mail or UPS and must arrive by Friday, September 30, at 12pm. Send Fleeces to: Agriculture & Education Department, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield MA 01089. If you will not be picking up your fleece in person at the end of the show and would like it shipped back to you or to another location (e.g., another show), please include a pre-paid shipping label for return. Mailed items will be sent by the end of the week following the Exposition.
5. Each exhibitor will receive a written evaluation of their fleece. Fleeces will be put on display until the end of the Alpaca Show. First place winners have the option of offering their fleeces for sale. The exhibitor will provide the price and a 10% handling fee will be charged.
6. Fleeces will be judged based on the Fineness and handle, Uniformity, Style, Luster/Brightness, lack for guard hair, lack of contamination/damage/impurities, annualized weight. Fleeces will be judged anonymously. The judge will only be provided with a number, and the exhibitor identifying information will be hidden.
7. Classes will be determined by the following criteria and combining/splitting of colors/classes may be done based on the number of entries:
   a. Age
   b. Color group
8. Class sizes will be determined based on the number of entries. Color Championships will be awarded if color groups by type have 10 or more entries.