

**GREAT WESTERN ALPACA SHOW 2009**  
**HANDCRAFTER'S SPIN-OFF**  
*The National Western Complex, Denver, CO*  
*May 1-3, 2009*

**Information & Guidelines (AOBA Certified Fleece Show)**

**Deadline for entries must be postmarked February 1, 2009, but please send as soon as possible to facilitate judging.**

**Entry Requirements** *(must accompany all entries)*

1. Entry Form
2. Minimum 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber (note "Fiber Requirements/Limitations" below)
3. Completed Spin-Off Entry Tag
4. Copy of ARI Registration Certificate and Buyer's Permission to Show Form (if applicable)
5. 4x6-inch COLOR photograph (no larger photo will be accepted) of the alpaca producing the fiber entered. Please attach photograph to the ARI Registration Certificate. **For display purposes, please do not fold certificate or photograph.**

*As noted in the AOBA Show Division Handbook, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, Entries must be entered by current owner, farm or member of partnership as shown on ARI Registration Certificate, unexpired ARI Contract Buyer Certificate or Buyer's Permission to Show Form and must accompany exhibitor's entry signed by current owner of record.*

**Entry Limitations**

Entries are limited to 3 samples per farm/owner/partnership, per breed type, per age division at time of shearing, per color designation.

*Example: You can enter a maximum of 3 LF Huacaya entries in the same age class per farm/owner/partnership.*

**Fiber Requirement/Limitations** *Fleece must have been shorn after January 17, 2008.*

1. 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber must be submitted in a clear, unmarked, gallon-size zipper lock bag with the completed GWAS 2009 Handcrafters' Spin-Off Entry Tag" placed *inside the bag with the fiber*. Please send only 2 ounces of fiber. There is no advantage to sending more than 2 ounces.
2. **DO NOT WRITE ON THE ZIPPER LOCK BAG**
3. Fiber shall not be carded, combed, washed or otherwise enhanced; however, it should be handpicked of debris and vegetable matter.
4. Fiber must be at least 3" long (see Huacaya and Suri below).

**Huacaya:** No maximum length if shorn prior to 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, with a maximum of 8" for 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and older

**Suri:** No maximum length if shorn prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, with a maximum of 9" for 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and older

**Class Division**

Classes will be divided according to the number of entrees, Fleece Show Level and class division rules in the order listed below.

1. Breed type
2. Age of alpaca at time of shearing and by gender if Fleece Show Level IV
3. Color group
4. Color designation

*Final determination of class divisions and entry colors will be made by the Spin-Off Show Superintendent.*

**Judging Criteria**

1. Judge will card and spin an equal portion of the fiber from each sample entered.
2. Scoring will be based on first impression, staple length, cleanliness, lack of second cuts, lack of guard hair or medullated fiber, lock structure, luster (suris) or brightness (huacayas), ease of spinning, ease of preparation, softness of yarn, loft and texture.
3. Fiber that is unsound, felted, contains tender breaks, mats, or excessive debris **will be discounted** accordingly but **will not be disqualified**.
4. Fiber samples of less than the 3" minimum or longer than show rules allow and those showing parasitic infestation **shall be disqualified**. The reason for disqualification shall be recorded on the score card and the Judge's Worksheet.
5. Points may be deducted for failure of exhibitor to submit at least 2 ounces of fiber for proper and adequate sampling and judging. Point deduction would result in one point deducted for every 0.1 ounce short of the two ounce sample.
6. When more than 4 ounces of fiber is submitted, point deduction would result in one point deducted for every 0.1 ounce over the 4 ounce sample.
7. Entries postmarked after February 1, 2009 will not be judged.
8. Fiber will be judged by entry number only, with no exhibitor information visible or available to the judge (s).
9. Results of judges' spinning and placing of entries will be on display at the 2009 Great Western Alpaca Show, May 1-3.

**Awards** Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place, High Score in a Color Group, and Judges Choice

**Entry Fee** \$20.00 per 2-ounce sample entered. Add \$75.00 non-member fee if not an AOBA Show Division Member.

**Entry Returns** You must include a one-time \$7.00 shipping fee to have your entries and awards shipped back to you following the Great Western Alpaca Show. You, or a representative that you designate, may also pick up the fleece entries after noon (12:00p) Sunday, May 3.

*Entries not picked up or those without the shipping fee **prepaid** will not be returned.*

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