

# Show rules

for the international alpaca shows "Alpaka Schau Süd" and "Welt der Alpakas"

Owners:

- Please follow the instructions of the judge and the ring assistants.
- Please wear uniform clothing in show ring . The animal handlers should wear white on top and black on the bottom. Wearing name tags, appliqués that refer to the farm, etc. is not permitted!
- Please find out about your start times in good time, as changes may occur during the event! The animal handlers should arrive at the preliminary ring with their animal around 5 minutes before the competition.
- People who have a business relationship with the judge are not allowed to show their animals in the ring themselves.
- We also ask that the animal handlers concentrate in the ring and have eye contact with the judge as often as possible. Animals:
- All animals exhibited must be registered in a European register.
- Only animals that meet the official veterinary requirements may be exhibited. (Official veterinary certificate/buoyancy regulations/confirmation)
- The alpacas should wear black, well-fitting halters and leads.
- The animals should be used to the halter and to having their ears, back line, tail, genitals and fleece felt! Practice opening your animals' lips with two fingers so that the position of their teeth can be checked. Also train your animals to walk loosely on the halter. The better your animal presents itself, the freer its gait, the more presence it shows, the better the judge can assess the proportions, leg positions, etc., which of course, apart from assessing the fleece, also influence the placement!
- The alpacas should be clean (especially the genital area), but otherwise presented in their natural form!
- Cutting the fiber tips (guard hairs) on the body is not permitted 2 months before the show.
- Cutting the fiber tips on the head is permitted up until the show.
- The hair around the alpacas' eyes must be cut so that the animals have a clear view.
- Animals with serious faults can be excluded from the competition. Competitions: Animal awards: Huacaya/Suri
- The participating animals are divided into ring groups according to age, gender, color and breed (Huacaya/Suri).
- If only 1 animal competes in a group and there is no other suitable group into which it can be divided, the judge will judge the animal in relation to a group of equivalent age/gender that has already been judged. He reserves the right not to award 1st and 2nd place if he feels it is not justified.
- The animals are divided into the following color groups: – white – beige/lfawn – mfawn/dfawn – lbrown/mbrown/dbrown – lsgrey/msgrey/dsgrey/lrgrey/mrgrey/drgrey – roan – bblack/tblack – multicolor – appaloosa

Color pattern classes Alpacas with color patterns can vary greatly in their appearance. The pattern's appearance depends primarily on the base color. However, alpacas can carry a color pattern genetically (genotype) without this being recognizable from the outside (phenotype). The rings are therefore classified exclusively based on clearly recognizable characteristics.

- **Classic Grey:** Typical of Classic Grey is a white pattern on the head, which begins clearly demarcated at the top of the head, runs forwards/downwards and can reach down the front/lower side of the neck to the chest (tuxedo). The white fleece area does not extend around the neck. The fleece appears grey, with solid-coloured and/or lighter spots or areas of varying sizes, particularly on the neck and body. White fleece areas are usually visible on the feet and legs.
- **Roan:** In contrast to Classic Grey, alpacas with the Roan pattern do not have a tuxedo. The Roan pattern causes the fibres to lighten to varying degrees - from individual lighter fibres to a uniform grey colour across the entire body.
- **Appaloosa:** The Appaloosa pattern shows different characteristics in colour and pattern and can be similar to piebald patterns. The difference can be seen in the fact that Appaloosas have a beige or darker to greyish base colour with at least six irregularly shaped dots and/or spots, usually around 3-12 cm in size, that can be distributed across the entire body. Spots and blotches often appear in large numbers in the lower body area and are sometimes more clearly visible there, especially with a grey or darker base colour. In contrast, the piebald pattern creates more or less large white fleece areas over the body and on the head with demarcated dark fleece areas on the mouth and nose, in the shape of glasses around the eyes and on the feet.
- **Multicolor:** Alpacas with patterns that cannot be classified as Classic Grey, Roan or Appaloosa, and alpacas whose patterns indicate different color patterns, are judged in the Multicolor color class. Alpacas with up to two individual smaller darker or lighter spots or slight deviations in the colors are judged with solid-colored alpacas.
- If there are more than 7 animals in a color class, the rings are divided.
- If an animal is too light for the assigned color group, the judge can move it back one ring and include it in the next appropriate ring.
- **Fiber length:** Huacaya – min. 3 cm, max. 15 cm
- **Suri** – min. 6.0 cm in length. Unfortunately, animals with insufficient fiber length cannot compete in this show, as there is no competition for “shorn animals”.
- The following scale of values is used for judging: – solid (single color) 40% body type, 60% fleece – multicolor and appaloosa 40% body type, 30% fleece and 30% color
- For the Huacayas, a 1st color champion and a 2nd color champion are chosen from the 1st and 2nd placed animals in the colors white, beige/lfawn, mfawn/dfawn, brown, gray, black, roan, multicolor, appaloosa. If there are fewer than 3 alpacas in a color group, no color champion is chosen. The 1st and 2nd placed animals from these rings can, however, take part directly in the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion election. The judge reserves the right not to award champions if he feels it is not justified.
- A Grand and a Reserve Champion are chosen from the Huacaya Color Champions. Also separated by stallions and mares.
- A “Best of Show Huacaya” is chosen from all Grand Champions Huacaya.
- For the Suris, a Grand Champion/Best of Show Suri and a Reserve Champion are chosen directly from the 1st and 2nd placed animals (no color champion).

#### Fleeces:

- Only the last sheared fleece from the previous year can take part per animal.
- The color group classification for the fleeces is the same as for the animals (see above). However, the color distribution only has to be present in the fleece.
- From the color classes, the fleeces with the most points become 1st Color Champion and 2nd Color Champion
- The prizes for Best Hand; Best Crimp; Best Brightness and Best Fleece are also awarded according to the highest number of points. If there is a tie, other characteristics are included in the evaluation.

#### Offspring competition:

- All animals must present DNA proof of ancestry when registering for the offspring competition.
- male can take part if at least three offspring from different mothers are presented at the show. The male themselves do not have to take part in the show.
- female can take part, of which at least two offspring from different fathers are presented at the show. The female themselves do not have to take part in the show.
- All registered offspring are listed, but only 2 of them are allowed to enter the ring if they are male offspring or 3 if they are female offspring.

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