

ALPACA SHOW

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**ESE SUPERINTENDENT &
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**AOBA SHOW
SUPERINTENDENT**

Peg Stephens
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JUDGES

Helen Humphreys: Huacaya Females, all Suri Halter & Groups, Performance, shared judging of Huacaya Groups
Stephanie Glyptis: Huacaya Males, Performance shared judging of Huacaya groups

ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN

Thursday, September 29, 2011
5pm to 9pm
Friday, September 30, 2011
8am to 11am

SHOW

Friday, September 30, 2011

Classes begin at 2pm
Arena 4A Halter

Suri Shorn
Suri Full Fleece

Arena 4B Halter

Huacaya Shorn
Huacaya Full Fleece

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Classes begin at 8am

Arena 4A Sub-junior Obstacle

Junior Youth Obstacle

Int. Youth Obstacle

Sr. Youth Obstacle

Adult Obstacle

Sub-junior PR

Junior Youth PR

Int. Youth PR

Sr. Youth PR

Adult PR

Sub-junior Showmanship

Junior Youth Showmanship

Int. Youth Showmanship

Sr. Youth Showmanship

Adult Showmanship

Costume

Halter (time permitting)

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Classes begin at 8am

Completion of halter

RELEASE

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Upon direction of Show Management

PREMIUM SCHEDULE (per class)

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| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
| \$90 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 |

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

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 15

Late entries close August 31 and entry fee is \$75.

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. Certification Rules. Official rules for the 2011 Big E Alpaca Show are in the 2011 AOBA Show Division Handbook and the current changes and interpretations available at www.alpacashows.com. Rule Violations, Rule Interpretations and Protest Procedures will follow the rules in the AOBA Show Division Handbook.

3. Entry Process. All copies of registration, ARI certificates and mandatory exhibitor disclosures should be sent to Peg Stephens, 707 Castetter Rd, Henryville, Indiana, 47126. Entry forms with payment should be sent to Agriculture & Education Department, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield MA 01089. Entry deadlines are still in effect. Entry process is not complete until both payment and copies are received. No pending papers are allowed. Copies printed from the ARI website are not acceptable. **Entries will not be considered complete until animal information and payment is received.**

4. Identification. Identification **MUST** be via microchip. AOBA REQUIRES MICROCHIPS FOR ALL ANIMALS IN ALL AOBA SHOWS. The microchip number and the alpaca's name **must** be on the health certificate. If the owner does not have the sticker that comes with the microchip to put on both certificates the number must be written legibly and correctly on the ARI certificate and the health certificate. Animals with numbers that cannot be read or that don't match the registration paper will be disqualified from showing. **DO NOT ASSUME THAT THE MICROCHIP IS STILL WHERE IT WAS PUT – CHECK IT WITH A READER BEFORE THE VET ARRIVES.**

5. 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.

6. Additional Health Check. ADDITIONAL HEALTH TEST REQUIRED BY AOBA FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE SHOW. Please contact Donna Woolam with any questions concerning this test at (413)205-5011 or dwoolam@TheBigE.com. Do NOT contact the AOBA office or the AOBA show division concerning this test. A negative PCR test for the Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVDV) is required for all alpacas entering the facility. The results of the BVDV test **MUST** be on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The test can be performed at any time during the alpaca's life. A copy of the CVI will be retained by the show as part of our permanent records. The test required is PCR, no other test will be accepted. *Please note that this requirement will not eliminate the possible presence of BVDV at the show, but will reduce the risk by not allowing alpacas which are persistently infected (PI) with BVDV into the facility.*

7. Check-In ENDS AT 11am on Friday, September 30, to allow time to complete changes before show time. ALL ANIMALS MUST ARRIVE BEFORE THE END OF CHECK-IN.

8. Stall Numbers are limited and will fill quickly. Stall reservations are for exhibitor use only. Stalls not used by entering exhibitor are automatically reassigned by AOBA Event Manager 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.

9. Stalls MAY NOT be subdivided to accommodate a farm display.

Alpacas per stall limits ~ Juveniles/Yearlings and Adults

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| Single Stall | Double Stall | Triple Stall |
| 3/2 | 7/5 | 11/8 |

10. One display stall is allowed per exhibiting farm for \$50. **Display stalls shall be 4 feet by 5 feet** to accommodate more animal stalls. 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.

11. Only alpacas that are entered in the show are allowed to remain on the show grounds.
12. Alpacas may not be substituted or changed without the consent of the ESE Show Superintendent.
13. Entries must be made in the name of alpaca and owner as matched to the ARI Registration Certificate or "Owner of Record" form. Equity investment on "ARI Registration Certificates" will be considered as full ownership for the equity owner entering the alpaca.
14. **OWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ACCURATE SHEARING DATES FOR ALL HALTER ANIMALS (MONTH, DATE & YEAR)**
15. Owners may enter up to three alpacas per breed type (Huacaya or Suri), per gender, per age division, per color designation. 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. In the event that an alpaca's color designation is changed as a result of the color compliance process, the exhibitor rule of three entries still applies.
16. **Stalling.** Stall fee includes initial bedding. No paper products will be allowed for bedding purposes.

Exhibitor Rules

1. Suggested class size is four. Color Championships are not permitted if color groups do not maintain minimum requirements due to scratches/withdrawals.
2. Combining of Colors: Use these criteria for dividing classes already separated by breed:
 - a. Gender
 - b. Age
 - c. Color group
 - d. Color designation
3. Color designation (AOBA Show Division Handbook rules). If a class determined by color designation does not meet the suggested minimum of 4, the class may be combined.
4. The individual or individuals that contract for employment, or actually employ, a Judge shall not personally show their animals before the Judge in that show.
5. Show Managers and Show Superintendents shall not personally show their animals before the Judge in that show.
6. All alpacas entered in the show must be registered by the Alpaca Registry, Inc. (ARI)
7. Huacaya and Suri will be shown separately.
8. Gelded males in the Open Gelding Class will be combined or split according to the Color Combining Rules. All geldings must be 18 months or older. All geldings must be full fleece with the minimum and maximum lengths the same as halter classes. There will be one Gelding Champion & Reserve Champion each for Huacayas and Suris as stated in the AOBA Handbook pg. 50 & 51.
9. Performance, Youth and Showmanship classes may have Huacaya and Suri entries mixed in the class.
10. An alpaca shall enter only one individual halter class and may show in any optional halter class for which it qualifies. ALPACAS MAY NOT GO THROUGH THE SAME CLASS MORE THAN ONE TIME. Any alpacas shown in Youth obstacle and/or Youth public relation classes may not be shown in Adult obstacle and/or Adult public relation classes. Exhibitors may only enter a maximum of two alpacas per Adult class except showmanship which is limited to one entry. Youth may exhibit up to two entries per obstacle and/or public relations classes. Alpacas shown in Youth classes may be shown by more than one exhibitor in similar classes.
11. All alpacas shall be presented for judging with a plain halter and leadline. Additional ornamentation, tassels, pom-poms, etc., are prohibited.
12. Exhibitors shall have their entries at ringside ten minutes before the scheduled class time.
13. Nursing alpaca mothers shall not be accompanied in the ring by their babies.
14. Logos of any kind, handler names, ranch names or alpaca names shall not be displayed on the exhibitor or animal during the class.
15. Handlers' attire should be conservative, neat and appropriate for the class. Only closed toe and closed heel shoes are permitted to be worn in the show ring.
16. 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.

17. Information on “unethical fittings and preparation: the artificial enhancement or alteration of an alpaca to gain advantage in the show ring” can be found on pages 17-20 of the AOBA Show System Handbook.

18. Cleanliness is the absence of contaminants in the fleece; this includes excessive mud, dung or vegetable matter.

19. Should an exhibitor protest the inclusion of another exhibitor’s animal in a color class according to the ARI Color Chart or the AOBA Show Division Handbook Color Definitions, 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 ARI Color Chart. All decisions are final. The Judge shall have the final say regarding color of an alpaca.

Individual Halter Classes

1. Huacayas and Suris shall be shown in individual and separate classes for Intact Male and Female Halter Classes.

Age Divisions for Breeding Halter Classes

- a. Juvenile: 6 through 12 months
- b. Yearling: 1st birthday through 24 months
- c. Two-Year Old: 2nd birthday and older
- d. Optional: Mature - 3rd birthday and older (requires four or more mature alpacas)

2. If there are 16 or more alpacas in a class, the class will be divided chronologically into two equal age groups by date of birth, oldest to youngest. If a class is divided, separate awards shall be given.

3. On an alpaca’s date of birth, the alpaca moves up to the next older class. For example, if an animal is born 5/6/01, then on 5/6/02 the animal must be shown in the Yearling Class. The age of the alpaca is determined by the date of first day of scheduled judging of the show.

4. Sex (Gender) Divisions for Breeding Halter Classes. Males and females shall be shown separately.

- a. Female
- b. Male

5. Shorn Class (separate from Full Fleece Class)

- a. Huacaya and Suri will be shown separately, by gender
- b. Judged on conformation and type only
- c. Offers four age divisions
 1. Juvenile: 6 months through 12 months
 2. Yearling: 1st birthday through 24 months
 3. Two years: 2nd birthday and older
 4. Optional: Mature - 3rd birthday and older (requires four or more mature alpacas)

6. The older age divisions may be combined at the discretion of Show Management to form the suggested classes of four entries.

7. Classes of 16 or more shall be split into classes of equal size divided chronologically by age. If this option is exercised, separate awards must be given.

8. Shorn Classes shall be divided into color groups, following the same groups as listed for Full Fleece Class levels. Shorn Classes cannot be divided into color designations.

Gelded Male Halter Class

1. GELDING status to compete in GELDING halter classes must be verified by vet certificate that alpaca is gelded. MALE ALPACAS with NON-BREEDER status on their ARI certificate cannot show in halter class with INTACT MALES OR IN GELDING CLASSES.

2. All geldings must be 18 months or older.

3. Classes of 16 or more shall be split into classes of equal size divided chronologically by age. If this option is exercised, separate awards will be given.

4. Must be in full fleece

Championship Classes

1. If the minimum number of entries (10 for Huacaya and 8 for Suri) is met, there will be a female championship and a male championship in each of the color groups from the full fleece Huacaya and Suri. Males and females will not be combined to meet the minimum required. Championship classes will not be held for Non-Breeder classes.
2. Each of the eight color groups from Huacayas and Suris may be eligible for Color championships, i.e., Grey, Multi, Indefinite, Black, Brown, Fawn, Light and White.
3. Color Championship classes are always subject to the minimum number of ten entries for Huacaya and eight for Suri in each color group, breed and gender from the total entries in the Male and Female Juvenile, Yearling, Two-year old and Mature classes in order to award a championship in that color group. Color designations will combine as allowed by the 2011 handbook to combine in color groups for championship classes.
4. First and second place animals from each age/color class for that color group will progress into the color championship.
5. First and second place animals are lined up in the ring in two rows. The first place animals will be in the front row and the second place animals in the second row, directly behind the first place alpaca in its respective halter class.
6. Color Champion is then selected by the Judge(s) from the front row.
7. The corresponding 2nd place animal then moves up to the front row and the Judge(s) then selects the Reserve Color Champion from the entire front row.
8. Championship banners for classes added at the last minute will be mailed to the winners.

Group Halter Classes shall be shown in separate classes for Get-of-Sire and Produce of Dam. Get-of-Sire and Produce of Dam entries must be comprised of only full fleeced animals. The ARI certificate for each sire or dam must be presented along with an additional copy of the ARI certificates for each of the offspring.

Get-of-Sire and Produce of Dam

1. Get-of-Sire entry must include three offspring, of either sex, from the same sire and from three different dams. Limit one entry per sire name. Produce of Dam entry must include two offspring, of either sex, from the same dam. Limit one entry per dam name.
2. Sire or dam is not shown with this group entry.
3. If the exhibitor(s) is not the owner of the sire or dam, they must obtain written permission from the owner prior to show time. A copy of the sire or dam's ARI Registration Certification is required and must be listed in the name of the sire or dam.

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.

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 youth and alpaca are representing is to be prepared by the youth and handed in to the clerk's table prior to the class and will be read by the announcer while the youth and their alpaca parade around the ring.

Youth Classes

General Rules

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 may exhibit up to two entries per obstacle and/or public relations class.
 - c. Youth must show in the appropriate age division.
 - d. Divisions may not be combined regardless of the number of entries in each age class.

- e. Youth classes with more than 10 entries must be split according to the chronological age of the youth.
 - f. All showmanship entries must be in the name of the youth. 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.
 - b. Rules of ownership through 4-H or FFA programs may override The Big E Alpaca Show guidelines.
- 3. Age divisions, as of January 1, 2011.** 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.
- a. Junior: Ages 9 through 11
 - b. Intermediate: Ages 12 through 14
 - c. Senior: Ages 15 through 19

Class Information

Show Management will divide or combine as needed as indicated by the 2011 AOBA Show System Handbook. When filling out the entry forms, please print or type clearly. Classes to be judged on 50/50 fleece/conformation.

Indicate Age (Base date on the first day of judging)

For Halter

J for Juvenile (6 - 12 months)

Y for Yearling (1st birthday - 24 months)

T for Two-Year Old (2nd birthday & older)

M for Mature (3rd birthday & older)

Indicate Breed

H for Huacaya

S for Suri

Indicate Class Type

FF for Full Fleeced

S for Shorn

Performance Classes (Any alpacas shown in Youth obstacle and/or Youth public relation classes may not be shown in Adult obstacle and/or Adult public relation classes. Exhibitors may only enter a maximum of two alpacas per Adult class except showmanship which is limited to one entry. Youth may exhibit up to two entries per obstacle and/or public relations classes. Alpacas shown in Youth classes may be shown by more than one exhibitor in similar classes.)

1. Sub-Junior Youth Obstacle (handler under age 9)
2. Junior Youth Obstacle (handler age 9-11)
3. Intermediate Youth Obstacle (handler age 12-14)
4. Senior Youth Obstacle (handler age 15-19)
5. Adult Obstacle (handler age 20 & up)
6. Sub-Junior Youth Showmanship (handler under age 9)
7. Junior Youth Showmanship (handler age 9-11)
8. Intermediate Youth Showmanship (handler age 12-14)
9. Senior Youth Showmanship (handler age 15-19)
10. Adult Showmanship (handler age 20 & up)
12. Sub-Junior Youth PR (handler under age 9)
13. Junior Youth PR (handler age 9-11)
14. Intermediate Youth PR (handler age 12-14)
15. Senior Youth PR (handler 15-19)
16. Adult PR (handler age 20 & up)
17. Costume

Halter Classes. (Huacaya & Suri)

| Hua Class# | | Suri Class# | Hua Class# | Suri Class# |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 24. | True Black Male | 124 | 44. | True Black Female |
| 25. | Bay Black Male | 125 | 45. | Bay Black Female |
| 26. | Dark Brown Male | 126 | 46. | Dark Brown Female |
| 27. | Med. Brown Male | 127 | 47. | Med. Brown Female |
| 28. | Light Brown Male | 128 | 48. | Light Brown Female |
| 29. | Dark Fawn Male | 129 | 49. | Dark Fawn Female |
| 30. | Med. Fawn Male | 130 | 50. | Med. Fawn Female |
| 31. | Light Fawn Male | 131 | 51. | Light Fawn Female |
| 32. | Beige Male | 132 | 52. | Beige Female |
| 33. | White Male | 133 | 53. | White Female |
| 34. | Classic Silver Grey Male | 134 | 54. | Classic Silver Grey Female |
| 34.1 | Modern Silver Grey Male | 134.1 | 54.1 | Modern Silver Grey Female |
| 35 | Classic Rose Grey Male | 135 | 55. | Classic Rose Grey Female |
| 35.1 | Modern Rose Grey Male | 135.1 | 55.1 | Modern Rose Grey Female |
| 36. | Indefinite Dark | 136 | 56. | Indefinite Dark |
| 37. | Indefinite Light | 137 | 57. | Indefinite Light |
| 38. | Multi Male | 138 | 58. | Multi Female |
| 59. | Huacaya Gelding (18 months and older) | | | |
| 60. | Suri Gelding (18 months and older) | | | |

Group Classes. All animals must be in full fleece.

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|-----|--------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 62. | Huacaya Get-of-Sire | 162. | Suri Get-of-Sire |
| 63. | Huacaya Produce of Dam | 163. | Suri Produce of Dam |
| 64. | Huacaya Breeder Best Group of 3 | 164. | Suri Breeder Best Group of 3 |
| 65. | Huacaya Bred & Owned Yearling Male | 165. | Suri Bred & Owned Yearling Male |
| 66. | Huacaya Bred & Owned Yearling Female | 166. | Suri Bred & Owned Yearling Female |

Championship classes will be offered in each color group that has the appropriate number of entries.

NOTE: YEARLING SURI NEED TO INDICATE ON THEIR ENTRY FORM WHETHER THEY ARE "PREVIOUSLY SHORN" (within the last year and are from 3" to 11") OR "NOT PREVIOUSLY SHORN."

ALSO SEE PAGE 33 of AOBA Show Division Handbook for definitions of Classic and Modern.

ALSO SEE PAGE 47 thru 49 for the staple length requirements for full fleece and shorn.

BE PREPARED TO SHOW PROOF OF THE SHOW DIVISION MEMBERSHIP. YOU CAN NO LONGER JOIN THE AOBA SHOW DIVISION AT THE SHOW. YOU CAN JOIN AOBA AND THE AOBA SD BY CALLING THE AOBA OFFICE AT (615)834-4195. YOU CAN GO TO THE AOBA WEBSITE TO MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND PRINT OFF YOUR RECEIPT. THE AOBA SHOW SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS THAT YOU CARRY THIS TO EVERY SHOW JUST IN CASE. FARMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AOBA MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR THE SHOW DIVISION AND DON'T HAVE THE RECEIPT FOR MEMBERSHIP, WILL BE CHARGED \$75.