

ALSA Handbook Changes 2006

These are the new additions to the ALSA Handbook, 14th Edition, for 2006. The parts that are underlined are to be removed from the Handbook. The items in red print are the new additions or the new wording. You may print this file and add it to your ALSA Handbook for reference.

Part C. Section 2

B. All alpacas entered in a show must be registered by the Alpaca Registry, Inc. (ARI) or by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) or the International Lama Registry (ILR). Pending registrations (Applications of Registration) for alpacas are accepted on a year to year bases pending ALSA board approval. **With the exception of animals in Youth Classes, Novice, Advanced, or Open Performance classes and Non-breeders class with vet certificate. If Non-Breeders are not registered and wish to be in the ALSA award system and wish to show in halter, they must show in the adult Non-Breeder halter class.**

Part D. Section 1-A

6.00 Within 30 days a check for ALSA fees must be sent to the ALSA office: \$5.00 per animal, for any llama attending the show including Get-of-sire, Produce of Dam, and animal used in youth classes. Non-member fees of \$30.00 per farm and \$15.00 for youth showing in youth classes. There is no show **A \$3.00** fee per Llama or Alpaca fleece exhibited will be charged.

Part E. Regional Championship

P. 29, Section 2-C, Approved Qualifying Classes

9. Obstacle driving

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P. 30, Section 2, E-5, All Get of Sire and Produce of Dam award winners must show using Get and Produce that have been part of a Get of Sire or Produce of Dam entry at an ALSA show. Any other offspring of the same sire or dam may be shown provided the offspring has earned points **been shown** at an ALSA Show during the current ALSA year. These offspring must be recorded with ALSA. to verify that the animal has earned points.

Part F. Grand National

P. 33, Section 2, B Approved Qualifying Classes from a Regional Championship

9. Obstacle driving

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P.33, Section 2, C.

3. Juvenile llamas do not need to pre-qualify at any regional show.

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P. 34, Section 2 D

3. All Get of Sire and Produce of Dam award winners must show using Get and Produce that have been part of a Get of Sire or Produce of Dam entry at an ALSA show. **must be a Champion or 1st in a class of minimum of 3 shown at an ALSA show during the current ALSA year.** Any other offspring **from the same sire or dam may be shown provided the offspring has been shown** at an ALSA Show during the current ALSA year.

P. 37. Section 3, A.

1. ALSA Handbook Rule Amendment: ROM points

The ALSA Recognition of Merit, Part G, Section 3

A. Requirements for all classes:

1. The point system is based on the animal's placement in the approved class except for those animals that are Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners. The Grand Champion winner is awarded the same number of points earned by the highest number earned by either the Juvenile, Yearling, Two-Year Old or Adult first place winners. The Reserve Champion winner is awarded one less point than the Grand Champion winner, except when the Reserve Champion is first in the largest class. In this case the Reserve Champion receives the same number of points as the Grand Champion.

2. **The ROM point system would work in two parts: (1) Actual placing within a specific class and (2) Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion placing within a division. All placings other than Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded points based on placing in respective class.**

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners will earn points based on the overall competition relative to number in the entire division. The Reserve Grand Champion winner will earn one less point than Grand Champion winner based on respective number in division. These points are not in addition to class points but instead of. In a Division with less than 8 entries, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will earn points toward a ROM award; however, the Grand or Reserve Grand will not apply towards an ALSA Champion Award (refer Section 4.B.1). This rule will be retroactive from January 1, 2006.

In a Division with LESS than 8 entries, the "SHOW NAMED "Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will earn points toward a ROM.

The following is an example of the new ROM point revision that we have approved:

24-31 entries in a division	Grand = 7 points	Reserve Grand = 6 points
16-23 entries in a division	Grand = 6 points	Reserve Grand = 5 points
8 -15 entries in a division	Grand = 5 points	Reserve Grand = 4 points
7 entries in a division	Grand = 4 points	Reserve Grand = 3 points
6 entries in a division	Grand = 3 points	Reserve Grand = 2 points
5 entries in a division	Grand = 2 points	Reserve Grand = 1 points
3-4 entries in a division	Grand = 1 points	Reserve Grand = 0 points
1-2 entries in a division	No points	

Part I. Showmanship

P. 69, Section 1. Judging Criteria

B Animal and equipment. The animal should be clean, brushed out, **or for the suri animals, fleece is in a clean condition with as little disruption to the architecture of**

the fleece as possible. Be in good condition with the toenails trimmed. The halter and lead should fit properly, should be clean, in good repair, and safe.

C. Showing the animal. This covers following directions, leading, turning, changing pace, backing, posing and positioning, showing the animal to its best advantage, controlling the animal on the lead and in the line, and attention to the lineup, **consistently and effectively setting up and presenting the animal and presenting an unobstructed view of the animal at all times.**

P. 70, Section 3. H Showing Hints

H.. When backing, the llama or alpaca should respond to the handler's request to back a minimum 3 steps (or the number indicated by the Judge) and then move forward to the original position. **The exhibitor should stand at the animal's left side, facing the rear while backing.**

Part M. Approved Llama Performance Classes

Section 1. Approved Performance Classes

- A. Obstacle
- B. Pack
- C. Public Relations
- D. Pleasure Driving
- E. Obstacle Driving

P. 73, Section 2. Class Divisions

These division are to be used for Obstacle, Pack and Public Relations. Llamas may be entered in only one of the divisions offered for each class. **Llamas may be entered in youth or non-youth classes, but not both.**

P. 74, Section 3. Performance Class Rules

- A. Eligibility
 - 4. Llamas who have changed their division (Novice or Advanced) status by placement in a show must be changed to the appropriate division in all future shows which were entered before the division status change. **Llamas who have changed their novice division status by placement in a show must be changed to the advanced division in all future shows.**

P. 74, Section 4. Handler Rules

- A. No ranch, farm, personal, animal name, logo or insignia shall be displayed on the exhibitor or animal during the class
- B. A handler going off course may be dismissed (eliminate)
- B. Coaching from the sidelines by spectators is discouraged and may compromise the exhibitor's scoring.

- C. In Obstacle classes, it is at the Judge's discretion whether the handler must negotiate the obstacles.
- D. In all Pack classes the handler and the animal must negotiate the obstacles, except for loading in vehicles, and any obstacle wherein a separate handler route has been defined or provided. including loading in vehicles, the only exception is wherein a separate handler route has been defined or provided.
- E. In all pack classes the handler and the animal must negotiate the obstacles, including except for loading in vehicles, . and any Exception is an obstacle wherein a separate handler route has been defined or provided.
- F. It is recommended that exhibitors 8 years through 12 years of age not show intact males over 24 months of age, with the choice of acceptance or decline lying with show management and stated in their premium booklet.

P. 75, Section 6. Course Design, Construction and Management

- G. It is not recommended to use kushing in any performance class. Kushing is not to be used in any performance class.

P. 76, Section 7. Course Construction

A. Bridges, Ramps and Stairs

- 1. Minimum with 23" for Open and Novice divisions. Minimum 30" width for Open and Novice.
- 2. Minimum width 15" for Advanced Divisions. Minimum width 24" for Advanced.
- 3. The recommended length of a bridge is approximately 8' and risers than no more 7". The recommended length of a bridge is approximately 8 ft. Stair risers shall be a minimum of 7 inches and a maximum of 9 inches, depth of stairs a minimum of 10 inches.
- 4. All surfaces must be treated or toughened to avoid slippery surfaces. ALSA recommends carpet or commercial treads for all surfaces.
- 6. Maximum height for any Novice division bridge is 24". without rails.
- 10. Stairs shall have treads of no less than 8" and risers not more than 7", Minimum depth of stairs is 10" with risers a maximum of 9".

P. 76, Section 7-B. Jumps or Barriers

- 1. Jumps or barriers may range from a minimum of 16" to a maximum of 24" 20" in height.
- 2. The width of the obstacle should be a minimum of 3 4 feet.
 - 1. Poles(cross bars) must be a minimum of 3" in diameter. The maximum depth for a solid jump or barrier shall be no more than 30" at the base. Maximum thickness at base of a solid jump shall be no more than 12" in height and no more than 20" wide with a minimum of 4 feet in length.

P. 77, J. Crawling and Ducking

- 2. This obstacle may be used in Open or Advanced Pack any obstacle class where the age and size of the llamas is more predictable but should be constructed so as to accommodate the tallest animal with its packs on to prevent hooking of packs on the obstacle

P. 78, L. Loading in Vehicles

1. A pickup with a stock rack or equivalent, A full-size van or a trailer(minimum 10' X 5') may be used. The height of the floor of the vehicle may not be more than 30" from the ground.
2. Vehicles must have non-slip surfaces.
3. Vehicles should be inspected closely for safety.
4. A Pickup must have a stock rack or equivalent.
4. Animals will be loaded into vehicles without packs.
5. Handler loading in the vehicles is at the discretion of the judge.

P78. M. Platform Obstacles

1. The platform should not be raised off the ground more than 18" 10" if a turnaround is requested.
2. If a turnaround is required, the platform or bridge/plank is required to be a minimum of 5' square to accommodate a large animal and handler.
3. When carrying a 40 pound pack, an animal should not be required to jump down from any surface, bridge or platform higher than 16". no more than 12".

P. 79, Section 9. Show Management

1. Timed Courses: Use of timed courses for the performance classes allowing exhibitors a time limit within which to complete the course. This is not meant as a race against time, but rather putting a reasonable time limitation for which the animal can complete the course. It is recommended that the time limitation be set at 3 ½ minutes per animal per course. Additional time can be added for courses that may require more time such as pack. The time limit can be adjusted by the judge. A signal (whistle, buzzer, voice) shall indicate expiration of time for the exhibitor. The exhibitor will be allowed to complete the obstacle he or she started on at the expiration time, with the Judge to complete the score for that obstacle, and no further scoring to occur. It will be the judge's decision as to whether an exhibitor has started an obstacle or not, when the expiration signal has been given. It is recommended the Show Management announce to the exhibitor that 30 seconds remain before expiration time. Timing will be done by Show Management. Ideally a visible clock showing remaining time for the exhibitor to be able to see while on the course id preferable, but not mandatory.

- P. 80 1. Preliminary Courses: Decrease exhibitor numbers through use of Preliminary courses. The number of animals required for final courses shall be 10-15 llamas. (See E, in this section).

Section 10. Judging/Scoring

- P. 81 3. Major Faults, including but not limited to:

i. Major safety hazard (i.e. standing in the space where the llama would jump as it is coming out of the trailer, wrapping lead rope around hand) or having a hand on the clip where the lead and halter are attached.

P. 84, Section 14. Pack Class

A. Age Requirements

1. 5 to 36 months; (no weight –see B.1 this section.) llamas and alpacas carry no weight. but must carry a pack system or training pack with two

cinches, complete with fill material to simulate a full pack loaded for an actual packing trip. It is not required that the panniers be removable. These llamas must not carry measurable weight beyond negligible fill materials in their packs.

2. 36 months and over (carry weight-see B.1 this section) llamas carry 40 lbs. and alpacas carry 10 lbs.

P. 84 B. Requirements for Pack

2. Llamas' age 36 months and over must carry a pack system with two cinches with a minimum of 40 pounds. The system is required to have removable panniers. Alpacas age 36 months and over must carry a pack system with a total of 10 pounds weight. lbs. It is not required that the panniers be removable. The packs must be proper scale for the animal's size.

C. Equipment for Pack Llamas and Alpacas 36 months of age and over

4. Pack systems as described in B2

D. Equipment fo Llamas and Alpacas same as C.1 through c.4

E. Change to D

F. Change to E

F.G. Mandatory Obstacles

2. Step over or 16" 12" maximum jump maneuver when carrying 40 pounds. (any additional height causes a llama to have to jump over. If the object is a step over then it needs to be the proper height for a step over.)

P. 85, Section 15. Public Relations Class

B. Conduct of the class: Same same as for the Obstacle class.

C. Mandatory Obstacles

4. Petting: One May have 1 or 2 standing adult strokes llama on the neck in a subdued manner.

P. 87, Section 17. Driving Classes, Both Pleasure Driving and Obstacle Driving will be considered performance classes offered at Regionals and the Grand Nationals.

The following rules and guidelines apply to an A driving classes.

10. Llamas may be driven in any comfortable, biteless head stall that driving halter that does not have a bit and affords the driver a full range of control over direction and speed.

P. 87, B. Rules for driving Classes

3. Whips are considered optional tack for the driving class.

Part N. Alpaca Performance

P. 94, Section 1 B Jumps: To be negotiated over heights from 14" 16" – 24" 14" - 20" maximum depending upon class level ability and safety.

P. 96, section 1 D, 7b Stepover of 16" 10" maximum jump maneuver when carrying 10 pounds.

Part O. Fleece

Section 1. Llama Fleece

Llama fiber shows may offer full blanket/barrel fleece classes and/or the Optional Fiber classes. **Required paperwork for fleece classes and optional fiber classes can be found on the ALSA website, under Llama Fleece Show Packet.**

B. Shorn Llama Fleece Class

1. Fleece Division
 - a. Double Coat – 2 discernible fiber types and textures
 - b. Single Coat – indiscernible fiber types and textures
 - c. Suri Coat – no crimp, distinct locks, cool, slick handle
2. Age Divisions for Llama at time of shearing
 - a. **Under 24 months**, full blanket/barrel fleece
 - b. **24 months and older**, full blanket/barrel fleece
3. Rules
 - a. Each fleece entry shall be accompanied by the following:
 - (1) Copy of ILR registration certificate – place in bag with fleece
 - (2) Completed Entry Tag, provided by show management, with the following information:
 - i. Age division
 - ii. Fleece division
 - iii. Birth date of llama
 - iv. Gender
 - v. Date of shearing (Mo/Yr)
 - vi. Date of previous shearing (**Mo/Yr**)
 - vii. Growth time (months)
 - viii. Llama's ALSA number
 - ix. Owner identification
 - b. Fleeces Shall:
 - (1.) Be sheared, not brushed, from the animal
 - (2) Consist of prime fiber from either the full blanket or barrel
 - (3) Be sheared within two (2) years of the date of the show
 - (4) Have lock structure intact
 - (5) Be skirted and handpicked
 - (6) Be submitted in clear unmarked plastic bags
 - (7) Be displayed in clear plastic bags. The bags may be displayed in appropriate size white boxes.**
 - (8) Be judged by exhibitor number only
 - c. Fleeces May Not:
 - (1) Have guard hairs removed
 - (2) Be washed after shearing
 - (3) Have crème rinse or other fiber chemicals applied prior to or after shearing
 - d. **Desired Staple Length**
 - (1) Llamas under 24 months
 - i. Minimum of 3 inch undercoat
 - ii. **No maximum length**
 - (2) Llamas **24 months and older**

- i. Minimum of 3 inch undercoat
 - ii. Maximum staple length of 8 inches, including guard hair.
 - e. It is the responsibility of the owner to apply the fleece division description in Section I, A.1. However, the fleece judge will also determine if the fleeces have been entered in the appropriate division and, **if** not, move them to the appropriate division.
 - f. Disqualifications: The Judge has the right to disqualify any fleece. Reasons for disqualification include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (1) Insect or parasite infestation
 - (2) Stress breaks
 - (3) Staple length too long or too short
 - (4) Excessive vegetation
 - (5) Not following rules
 - g. Additional division of classes:

At the Judge's discretion, classes may be further divided or combined in the following prioritized order:

 - (1) Age of the llama at shearing
 - (2) Color
 - (3) Gender

When dividing a class, the number of entries in each new class must equal or exceed 4 fleeces.
4. Fleece Judging Criteria: 100 points possible. The following are the judging criteria used and recorded on the ALSA Llama Fleece Score Card:
- a. Cleanliness/Preparation: 20 points
 - (1) Cleanliness: 10 points
 - (2) Preparations: 10 points
 - b. Fineness and Hand: 20 points
 - c. Guard Hair – fineness and percentage of: 10 points
 - d. Style/Architecture – crimp and lock structure: 15 points
 - e. Luster: 10 points
 - f. Overall Impression: 10 points
 - g. Tensile Strength and Condition: 15 points
5. Optional Awards: The Judge may give optional awards such as but not limited to:
- a. Best hand
 - b. Best Lock Structure
 - c. Best Uniformity
 - d. Best Luster

C. Walking Fleece Class

This class provides an opportunity for llama owners to learn about fleece characteristics and management while receiving a professional evaluation. **It is recommended the judging take place prior to halter classes in an attempt to limit the use of grooming aids:**

1. **The judge is required to be a certified ALSA Llama Fleece Judge.**
2. Use the same age and fleece divisions as for shorn fleece classes.
3. Exhibitors bring their llamas to the judge during a designated time period.

4. The judge evaluates each llama's fleece and discusses it with the owner while filling out a Walking Fleece Class Score Card.
5. Fleece Judging Criteria: 100 points possible. The following are the judging criteria used and recorded on the ALSA Walking Fleece Score Card:
 - a. Cleanliness: 10 points
 - b. Fineness and Hand: 20 points
 - c. Guard Hair – Fineness and percentage of: 10 points
 - d. Style/Architecture – crimp and lock structure: 15 points
 - e. Luster: 10 points
 - f. Overall Impression: 10 points
 - g. Tensile Strength and Condition: 15 points
 - h. Density: 10 points
6. After judging is completed, the entire class is brought into the show arena for presentation of awards.
7. ALSA points are awarded for this class.

D. Optional Fiber Classes

These classes are intended to promote the use of llama and alpaca fiber by presenting educational displays of yarns and finished products made by the exhibitor.

1. Rules
 - a. Judges for Optional Classes should be experienced fiber artists and can be but are not required to be, ALSA Fleece Judges.
 - b. Rules may be adapted to the individual show and Judge
 - c. No ALSA points are awarded for Optional Classes.
2. Classes
 - a. Hand Spinner's Choice
 - (1) Submit a sample of 2 ounces of prime fiber from blanket area.
 - (2) Fiber may be sheared or brushed.
 - (3) Remove guard hair and debris
 - (4) Fiber must be from a llama owned by the person entering the sample.
 - (5) To be judged on the ALSA Fleece Criteria in A-4 (above) and spinning properties.
 - (6) Samples should be identified by number only and sent to the Judge 4 to 5 weeks before the date of the show.
 - (7) Suggested classes – sheared or brushed, divided by age(under 24 months; 24 months and older)
 - b. Garment or Finished Product
 - (1) Item must be made of, at least, 60% llama or alpaca. The remaining 40% may be any other natural fiber produced in the USA.
 - (2) Item must be made by the exhibitor
 - (3) Items made with commercial yarns may be judged separately from items made with handspun yards; hand knit items may be judged separately from machine knit items.
 - (4) Suggested classes:
Handspun yarns: woven items, knitted/crocheted items, felted items.

Commercial yarns: woven items, knitted/crocheted items, felted items.

Machine knit item: handspun yarn or commercial yarn.

- c. Llama to Luxury: A timed team event in which llama fiber is spun and woven into a shawl of 6_ to 78_ x 20” to 22” in 4 hours. Measurements do **not** include fringe.
 - (1) Team consists of up to 6 members
 - (2) Only manually powered equipment may be used.

Part Q, Llama and Alpaca Youth Program

P. 111, Section 4

- A. Junior 8 years through 10 11 years
- B. Intermediate 11 12 years through 1314 years
- C. Senior 14 15 years through 18 years. Youth who turn 19 after January 1 but before the Grand National of their final showing year, may complete the year as a Youth in the Senior division.

P. 112 Section 9

- B. Course
 3. Senior and Intermediate Ages. Ten (10) obstacles must be used and jumps are not to exceed 24” 18” in height. Alpacas are not to exceed 18” in height.

Section 10

- B. Course
 - 1-b. Petting: One 1-2 standing adult strokes animal on the neck in a subdued manner. Petting process must be performed identically on each animal in the class. Only adult exhibitors or adult.

P. 113. Section 10, B

3. Senior and Intermediate ages Ten (10) obstacles must be used and jumps are not to exceed 24” 18” in height. Alpacas are not to exceed 18” in height.

P. 114, Section 11, D

2. Intermediate and Senior Age. Ten (10) obstacles must be used and stepover are to be used or jumps are not to exceed 16” 12” in height. Alpacas are not to exceed 15” 12” in height.
3. Junior age. Eight (8) obstacles must be used and stopovers are not to be used or jumps are not to exceed 16” 12” in height. Alpacas are not to exceed 15” 12” in height.
4. If ages are combined, 8 obstacles must be used and stepovers are to be used or jumps are not to exceed 16” 12” in height. Alpacas are not to exceed 15” 12” in height.

Part R. Youth Judging Program

P. 119, Section 3 Age Categories

- A. Junior 8 years through 10 11 Years
- B. Intermediate: 11 12 years through 13 14 years
- C. Senior: 14 15 years through 18 years
- D. All Intermediates and Seniors will give reasons.

ALSA Point Chart

# of entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
3 to 4	1								
5	2	1							
6	3	2	1						
7	4	3	2	1					
8 to 15	5	4	3	2	1				
16 to 23	6	5	4	3	2	1			
24 to 31	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
32 to 39	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
40 & over	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Note: This point chart is applicable only to show placings from shows sanctioned under the 14th Edition of the ALSA Handbook and later.

Standing Rules.

P. 2, Article II, Section 1-e The Election Committee or a CPA firm will tally the ballots. The Election Committee will then inform their liaison of the results. The Board Liaison will then notify the highest member of the Board of Directors whose position is not on the ballot. This individual will verbally advise all nominees of the election results, (and only the nominees). This individual will then advise the Election Committee that the nominees have been notified and the Election Committee will confirm the results to the nominees in writing, and forward a notice of the results to Showring by the next publishing date.

