



Pacific Northwest Showcase 2012 Handcrafters' Spin-Off

Show dates April 28, 29, 2012

The Trac Center Pasco, WA

Spin-off Entries Must Be Postmark by January 15, 2012

Entries must be a minimum of 2 oz. of prime blanket fiber and shorn after January 1, 2011 (380 days prior to entry date). Entries will be on display at Showcase 2012. This is an AOBA certified Spin-Off. All AOBA rules will apply.

Entries must include: Entry form (printed from online registration), entry tag (placed inside fiber bag), 2 oz. of prime blanket fiber, photocopy of ARI registration certificate, and a color photograph of the alpaca in a size no larger than 4x6. Entries must be submitted by the current owner as shown on the ARI certificate. All entries that aren't from the current owner must include an Owner of Record for Show Entry Form with a signature from the current owner. Do not fold the ARI certificate or photograph, as they will be on display with the judged fiber and skeins at the show.

Entry Limitations: Entries are limited to three samples per breed type, per age, and per color designation. Submitted fiber: Two ounces of prime blanket fiber must be submitted along with a completed "Showcase 2012 Handcrafters' Spin-Off Entry Tag" in an unmarked gallon size zip-lock bag. Do not write on the bag.

Fiber cannot be carded, combed, washed, trimmed or otherwise enhanced. Hand

pick debris and vegetable matter out of the sample. Fiber with debris and vegetable matter will be marked down accordingly.

Staple length: Fiber must be at least 3" long. Fiber samples less than 3" will be disqualified. Huacaya: no maximum length under 1st birthday. For 1 year and older the maximum length is 8 inches. Suri: No maximum length under 2nd birthday. For 2 years and older the maximum length is 8 inches.

Judging: Judges will prepare and spin a portion of the fiber. Scoring will be based on first impression, staple length, cleanliness, lack of 2nd cuts, lack of guard hair or medullated fiber, lock structure, luster (suris) or brightness (huacayas), ease of spinning, ease of preparation, hand feel and softness of resulting yarn, loft (huacayas).

Disqualification: Fiber that is unsound felted, contains tender breaks, mats, excessive debris will be discounted accordingly but will not be disqualified. Points may be deducted for failure to submit at least 2 oz of fiber for proper sampling and judging. Fiber submitted exhibiting parasitic infestation or fiber not meeting the minimum or maximum lengths will be disqualified.

The reasons for disqualification shall be recorded on the score card and the Judge's worksheet.

Entry Returns: You may pick up your entries and awards after 3pm on Sunday. If you are requesting your entry to be returned via mail, please include a shipping fee of \$6.00 which will cover from one to up to six submissions with your entry.

Registration is to be completed online:
www.alpacareg.com/start/NWASSO.asp

Send Entire Entry: Mail the Spin-Off entry form (keep a copy for your records), Entry Tag, Fiber Sample, ARI Registration Certificate Copy, Photo, and Owner of Record for Show Entry Form (if applicable) to:

Pedro's
300 North First
Sandpoint, ID 83864
pedro@imaxmail.net

(US Mail, FedEx, UPS accepted)