

POINTS FOR OVERSEAS JUDGES TO NOTE WHEN JUDGING ALPACAS IN NEW ZEALAND

1. Inspection checks

No inspection checks are carried out in New Zealand

2. Clipped areas around the bottom of the neck-shoulder area/area adjacent to underneath the front elbows

These are TB testing sites

3. Minimum fleece length

There is no regulation with regards minimum fleece length – only a *recommended* fleece length of 50-130 mm for huacayas and 50-150 mm for suris.

4. Fleece calculators

These are used to convert point scores from micron and fleeceweight figures. These scores will be different from those calculators used in other parts of the world.

5. Spots

Spots within a fleece are acceptable as defined in the Exhibitors Guidelines and should not be penalised.

6. Clipping/Trimming

Currently clipping and trimming is permitted in New Zealand.

7. Fawn

Light fawns are judged with the whites. Some colour variation is generally accepted in fawns.

8. Armbands

New Zealand alpaca exhibitors wear their exhibit no's in an armband on the left arm. The exhibit no. card displays the number of the alpaca together its age plus the age in months of the fleece it is currently carrying.

9. Fancies

Fancies are not shown in Championship classes (with the exception of the Manawatu A & P Show) but instead are available as a special class (entire/registered, and wethers). The judging criteria for this class is one third of marks for conformation, one third of marks for fleece and one third of marks for colour patterning.

10. Colour of first and second place ribbons

In New Zealand – red ribbons are awarded to first place winners and blue ribbons are awarded to second place winners.

11. Number of Ribbons to be awarded

New Zealand does not have a set number of ribbons to be awarded as per entry numbers in a class. The number of ribbons to be awarded in a class is left to the judge's discretion.

12. ET progeny

Registered ET alpacas are eligible for entry in all progeny classes.

13. Show Regulations and Exhibitor Guidelines

Please read the attached copy of the Alpaca Association New Zealand Show Regulations and Exhibitor Guidelines.