



2012 AOBA National Conference

Louisville, KY
May 26- 28, 2012



Handcrafters' Spin-Off Information & Guidelines

**** ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY February 24, 2012 ****

PLEASE SEND FLEECE SAMPLES POSTMARKED BY February 24, 2012 TO FACILITATE SPINNING.

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL APPLY - SOME CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED - READ CAREFULLY!

- > Final Deadline: All entries must be **postmarked by February 24, 2012**
- > Fiber Entry: Minimum 2 ounces alpaca prime blanket fiber shorn after February 9, 2011
- > Entry Fee: \$25.00 (includes \$6.00 AOBA recording fee) per 2 ounce sample entered.
Add \$75.00 non-member fee if **not** an AOBA 2012 Show System member.
- > Competition Limits: Only 3 samples per farm/owner/partnership, per breed type, per gender, per age division at time of shearing, per color designation.
- > Awards: Ribbons for 1st through 6th place.
- > Entries Displayed: results of judges' spinning and placing of entries will be on display at the 2012 AOBA National Conference in Louisville, KY

Anticipated Level IV Spin-Off

Huacaya Classes

Class Number	Age Division
SH-A	6 - 12 Months
SH-B	1st birthday - 24 Months
SH-C	2nd birthday - 36 Months
SH-D	3rd birthday - 60 Months
SH-E	5th birthday and older

Suri Classes

Class Number	Age Division
SS-A	6 - 12 Months
SS-B	1st birthday - 24 Months
SS-C	2nd birthday - 36 Months
SS-D	3rd birthday - 60 Months
SS-E	5th birthday and older

Class Divisions: Classes will be divided according to the number of entries

Classes to be divided into color groups: white, fawn, brown, black, grey, indefinite and multi, if possible. Class may be divided further into specific color designations (i.e. Light Fawn) with appropriate number of entries. Colors with less than four entries may be combined and judged by Light, Dark, Gray and Mixed, or by the age division.

Final determination of class divisions and entry colors will be made by the spin-off show superintendent.

Entry Limitation: Entries are limited to 3 samples per farm/owner/partnership, per breed type, per gender, per age division at time of shearing, per color designation.

Example: You can enter a maximum of 3 Light Fawn Huacaya female entries in age class number SH-B per farm/owner/partnership.

PLEASE NOTE:

Entry Includes: 1) Printed copy of registration receipt 2) minimum 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber (see Submitted Fiber below) 3) completed Spin-Off Entry Tag 4) copy of ARI Registration Certificate and Owner of Record to Show (if applicable) 5) a color photo, no larger than 4"x 6" of alpaca producing the fiber entered. *No larger photographs accepted. Entries must be entered by current owner, farm or member of partnership as shown on ARI Registration Certificate, or Owner of Record to Show and must accompany exhibitor's entry signed by current owner of record of the alpaca as shown on ARI Registration Certificate.* Do not fold certificate or photograph as they will be on display with the judged fleece sample. Please affix photo to copy of ARI Registration for display.

Fiber Shearing Dates: Fleece must have been shorn after February 9, 2011

Submitted Fiber: 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber must be submitted in a clear, unmarked, gallon-size zipper type plastic bag with the completed "AOBA Handcrafters' Spin-Off Entry Tag" placed inside the bag with the fiber. **NOTE: Send ONLY 2 ounces of fiber, there is no advantage to sending more than 2 ounces.** Please do **NOT** write on the zip-lock bag. **Fiber shall not be carded, combed, washed or otherwise enhanced;** however, it should be handpicked of debris and vegetable matter. Fiber with vegetable matter, contamination or second cuts may be marked down accordingly.

Anonymity: Fiber will be judged by entry number only, with no exhibitor information visible or available to the judge(s).

Staple Length: Fiber must be at least 3" long. Fiber samples of less than the 3" minimum or longer than show rules allow and those showing parasitic infestation shall be disqualified.

The reason for disqualification shall be recorded on the score card and the Judge's Worksheet.

Huacaya: No maximum length under 1st Birthday, with a maximum of 8" for 1st Birthday and older.

Suri: No maximum under 2nd birthday, with a maximum of 9" for 2nd Birthday and older.

Judging Criteria: Scoring will be based on first impression, uniformity of length, absence of dirt/contaminants, absence of second cuts, absence of guard hair, uniformity of micron, handle, luster (Suris), brightness (Huacayas), ease of (spinning, drafting, carting) and handle.

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 ounces of fiber or more than 4 ounces. However, fiber submitted and fiber samples exhibiting parasitic infestation or fiber not meeting the 3" minimum or exceeding the maximum lengths are to be disqualified. The reason for disqualification shall be recorded on the score card and the Judge's Worksheet.

Entry Returns: You must include a \$10.00 shipping fee for every three entries to have your entries **and awards** shipped back to you following the 2012 AOBA National Conference. You, or a representative that you designate, may also pick up the fleece entries after noon (12:00 PM) Monday, May 28, 2012. **Entries not picked up or those without the shipping fee paid WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

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