

# AOBA Youth Association Handbook

## GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### *Exhibitor Requirements*

1. Exhibitors must be members of the AOBA Youth Association (AYA) or pay a \$15 event fee per event to participate in AYA events.
2. Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of Jan. 1 of show year.
3. Age divisions are College 19-21, Senior 15-19, Intermediate 12-14, Junior 9-11, and Cria 8 & under and are determined by the exhibitor's age on Jan 1 of show year.
4. Entries are limited to 1 alpaca per class per exhibitor with 5 alpacas total per show.
5. No pre judged competitions entries accepted at the show.
6. Watch *Alpacas Magazine*, the AOBA Web site and The AYA newsletter for show entry deadlines and any changes that may occur.
7. Entry fee under development.
8. All participants who do not show an alpaca at AYA events will need to pay a participation fee of \$10 at all AYA shows. This fee is the same regardless of the number of contests at each event that the youth participates in.
9. All fees are non-refundable.
10. Exhibitors must wear their exhibitor numbers given to them at registration during the halter show and showmanship contest, performance show, and speech.
11. AOBA is not liable for accidents.
12. If exhibitor is not present to show the alpaca in its halter class, the alpaca cannot be exhibited unless previously approved by the AOBA Director of Youth Activities.
13. COLLEGE DIVISION will allow members continued participation from 19-21 years old with additional responsibilities such as the judging of the essay, photo, display, and art/photo.

### *Health Requirements*

Due to specific state health rules, contact the Web site or call AOBA to receive a paper copy of ALL health requirements for each AYA show. These health requirements must be followed or the animal will not be allowed on the grounds. All animals must have a CVI, BVDV, microchip and meet with all state health requirements.

## HALTER RULES

UNDER DEVELOPMENT

## SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST

UNDER DEVELOPMENT

## DISPLAY CONTEST

The display competition is designed to be a creative competition for all youth. The goal is to have the youth use their creativity to inform the public of something related to the alpaca industry using only a display board.

## **Ages**

Cria Class - 8 and under

Junior Class - 9 - 11 years old

Intermediate Class - 12 - 14 years old

Senior Class - 15 - 19 years old

The age of the child as of January 1 of the show year.

## **Size of Display**

All displays must be free standing display boards and must not require any electricity.

Cria - No larger than 3 feet wide by 3 feet tall by 2 feet deep display

Junior - No larger than 3 feet wide by 3 feet tall by 2 feet deep display

Intermediate - No larger than 4 feet wide by 4 feet tall by 2 feet deep display

Senior - No larger than 5 feet wide by 6 feet tall by 3 feet deep display

## **Judging**

Each display will be judged on a scoring sheet. Points will be awarded for all criteria that is met on the scoring sheet. There will be 3 judges and the scores will be totaled to determine the color ribbon given.

## **Awards**

All Crias will receive a participation award.

All Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will receive a ribbon of color depending on the total points on the score sheet.

Blue Ribbon (85%-100%),

Red Ribbon (75%-84%)

White Ribbon (Under 74%)

## **Other Awards**

Judges Choice and Peoples Choice

## **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

UNDER DEVELOPMENT

## **SKILLATHON**

UNDER DEVELOPMENT

## **PHOTOGRAPHY/ART CONTEST**

This arts presentation is designed to educate youth about alpacas while enhancing their creativity in preparation for becoming the next generation of alpaca breeders and ranchers. In addition, we are offering each participant an opportunity to enter their creation of the **official logo** for the Alpaca Youth Association or **AYA!**

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## **Categories:**

**Logo Contest:** *The participant may use any medium to create the official AYA logo.*

**Photography** (Black/White, Color and/or Computer Aided)

**Drawing/Painting** (Pencil, Charcoal, Oil or Water Color)

**Medium of Choice**

## **Judging**

**Logo Contest:** Majority vote of the AOBA members

There will be 3 judges for the following categories with an expert in each category.

All 3 judges will score all three categories.

**Photography:** Best Action Shot, Head Shot, Funniest Shot and/or Cria Shot

**Drawing/Painting:** Most accurate depiction of an alpaca

**Medium of Choice:** Most Creative

## **Scoring - Same as State Display**

Each category is worth 25 points. Each judges awards 100 points.

Points will be awarded for each category:

\*participation in the **LOGO CONTEST= 100 POINTS !**

\* eye appeal

\* creativity

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## **Other Awards**

Judges Choice and Peoples Choice

All winners will be published in *Alpaca's Magazine*! The winner of the LOGO DESIGN will be announced and displayed at the National Conference. The Logo Design becomes the property of AOBA to use at will. Photographs of entries become the property of *AYA* and may be published at the discretion of **AOBA**.

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST UNDER DEVELOPMENT

### SPEECH CONTEST

#### **Ages**

Cria Class - 8 and under

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#### **Cria Division**

- Shorter Speeches - One to three minutes depending on topic
- Group speech around concrete/familiar topics
- Example - Hello, my name is...  
I'm from (Farm/club, city, state)  
Three things I like about my alpaca are.....  
Closing - Thank you for listening to my speech
- Other examples could be
  - My alpaca is special to me because.....
  - I like working with alpaca fiber because.....
  - I like raising alpacas because.....
- Speeches should be designed to be easy, FUN, and just get kids used to being in front of people.
- Encourage the use of visual aids - like posters, photos, etc
- These are great memory aids for kids who get nervous

#### **Junior Division**

- Length of speech should be 3 to 5 minutes
- Speech becomes more detailed/in depth
- Can give a demonstration speech
- Example - Describe the proper way to halter an alpaca  
List in steps in the logical order you would accomplish the task
- Should be encouraged to memorize speech, but will be allowed to use note cards for reference - not reading!
- Can use visual aids while describing the steps - again this is a good memory tool

### **Intermediate Division**

- This group has the largest range of differences in abilities
- Length of speech should be 5-10 minutes
- Speech is much more complex
  - Can be the presentation of differing ideas
  - Can present a more complex topic such as the life cycle of intestinal parasites in alpacas
- Speech must be memorized
  - Kids can refer to note cards, but they will have minor point deduction for this
- Use more professional visual aids - i.e. PowerPoint

### **Senior Division**

- Could possible split this group into Grades 9-10 and 11-12
- Length of speech should be a minimum of 10 minutes
- Speech again is more developed and uses complex topics
- Speech **MUST** be memorized
  - Kids can refer to note cards, but they will lose points for this
- Must use professional visual aids

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### **Other Awards**

Judges Choice

### **ESSAY**

1. Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay) - **Topic and Complexity by age group.**

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- **Cria:** 75-100 words. Child or parent can write for them. Can have pictures & drawings.
- **Junior:** 250-300 words. May be handwritten or typed. A picture or two if desired.
- **Intermediate:** 400-500 words. Typed, Manuscript format, 12.5 font size .
- **Senior:** 750-1000 words. Typed, Manuscript format, 12.5 font size.

- Preparation for Judging: Typewritten or computer-generated, double-spaced, 12-pt. Times or similar type style, on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.

- Write on the designated subject only.
- **CRIAS:** make up their FUTURE farm name, what kinds of animals, pictures, how it will work. All other age groups can write on the topic of their choice as long as it deals with alpacas.
- All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- The word count does not include the endnotes, the bibliography or references, nor the essayist's biographical sketch - which should be on a separate page.

3. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research - 40%; (b) accuracy - 30% (eliminate for crias); (c) creativity - 10%; (d) conciseness - 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic - 10%. (High school) Crias -- creativity is 40%, research 10%

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## Other Awards

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5. Final judging and selection of the Winners will be made by the AOBA's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.

6. All National entries become the property of AYA and may be published or used as it sees fit.