

SAFONA 3rd Annual Fall Classic Alpaca Show October 3 & 4, 2009

Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 North White Oak Street, Kutztown, PA 19530

Handcrafter's Spin-Off Entry Form

Deadlines: Entries and Entry Form must be postmarked by **July 17, 2009**.

Entry Fee: \$18.00 per entry.

Fiber Entry: Minimum 2 ounces alpaca prime blanket fiber shorn between July 2, 2008 and July 17, 2009. All entries must be accompanied by a copy of the ARI Certificate, Buyer's Permission to Show Form if applicable, a color photo of the alpaca from whom the sample was collected (no larger than 4 x 6) and the entry fee of \$18.00 per entry, **payable to SAFONA**.

Competition Limits: Only 3 samples per farm, per breed type, per age division at time of shearing, per color designation.

Awards: Ribbons for 1st through 6th place.

Entries Displayed: The results of the judges' spinning and placing of entries will be on display at the show and must be left on display until Sunday, October 4th, until 1:00 PM.

Name _____ Farm _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Type H or S	Age Division at Time of Shearing (See Chart Below)	DOB	Color Group (See Chart Below)	Alpaca Name (as shown on ARI Certificate)	ARI #

Spin-Off Entries (Postmarked by July 17, 2009) \$18.00 x _____ = _____

Total (Please make check payable to SAFONA) **Total Due:** = _____

Send completed Entry Form, 2 oz of Fiber, Spin-Off Entry Tag, ARI Certificate (and Buyer's Permission to Show Form if applicable) and color photo to:

SAFONA Fall Classic Handcrafter's Spin-Off, C/O Jo Griffith, Take 2 Alpacas, 298 Beech Road, Mohnton, PA 19540

AGE DIVISIONS: (age at time of shearing)	COLOR GROUPS:
J. 6 months through 12 months	D. Darks (TB, BB, DB, MB, LB)
Y. 1 st Birthday through 24 months	F. Fawns (DF, MF, LF)
T+ 2 nd Birthday and older	L. Lights (BG, WH)
	G. Greys (RG, SG)
	M. Multicolors (PT pattern, FN fancy, AP appaloosa, PN Pinto)
	I. Indefinite (I L Indefinite Light, I D Indefinite Dark)

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Class Divisions: Classes to be divided according to the number of entries that determine Fleece Show Levels and class division rules as follows: 1) First by breed type. 2.) Second, by the age of alpaca at time of shearing. 3.) Third, by color group. 4.) Fourth, by color designation. The Spin-Off show coordinator will make final determination of class divisions and entry colors.

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

Entry Requirements:

1. Entry Form
2. Minimum 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber (see notes on Submitted Fiber below)
3. Completed Spin-Off Entry Tag
4. Copy of ARI Registration Certificate and Buyer's Permission to Show Form (If applicable)
5. A color photo no larger than 4" x 6" of alpaca producing the fiber entered. **Larger photos will not be accepted.**

Entries must be entered by current owner, farm or member of partnership as shown on ARI Registration Certificate or Buyer's Permission to Show Form (if applicable) and must accompany exhibitor's entry signed by current owner of record of the alpaca as shown on the ARI Registration Certificate.

Please do not fold ARI Registration Certificate or photograph because these will be displayed with the judged fleece sample.

Fiber Shearing Dates: Fleece being entered must have been shorn within 380 days of Spin Off deadline of July 17, 2009.

Submitted Fiber: 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber must be submitted in a clear, unmarked, plain, gallon-size zipper type plastic bag with the completed Handcrafters' Spin-Off entry tag **placed inside the bag with the fiber**. Please **DO NOT** write on the zip-lock bag. Fiber shall not be carded, combed, washed or otherwise enhanced; however, it should be handpicked to remove 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 the 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 8" for 2nd birthday and older

Judging Criteria: Judges will card and spin an equal portion of the fiber from each sample entered. Scoring will be based on first impression, staple length, cleanliness, lack of second cuts, lack of guard hair or medullated fiber, lock structure in suris, and crimp, staple or architecture in huacayas, uniformity, fineness, handle, luster (suris) or brightness (huacayas), ease of spinning, ease of preparation and hand feel and softness of resulting yarn, plus loft in huacayas.

Disqualification: Fiber that is unsound, felted, contains tender breaks, mats or excessive debris will be **discounted** appropriately but will **NOT** be disqualified. However, fiber samples exhibiting parasitic infestation or fiber not meeting the 3" minimum or exceeding the maximum staple lengths will be disqualified. The reason for disqualification shall be recorded on the score card and the Judge's worksheet. Points may be deducted for failure to submit at least 2 ounces of fiber for proper and adequate sampling and judging. *NOTE: When less than 2 ounces of fiber is submitted, entry may be disqualified if the Judge (s), at their discretion, is unable to adequately evaluate all judging criteria due to inadequate amount of fiber submitted.*

Entry Returns: You must include prepaid, US postage to have your entries and awards shipped back to you following the SAFONA Fall Classic Alpaca Show. You or your representative that you have designated may also pick up the fleece entries after 1:00 PM, Sunday October 4, 2009. **Entries not picked up or those without prepaid USPS postage WILL NOT BE RETURNED and will become the property of SAFONA.**

Any questions please call Jo Griffith from Take 2 Alpacas, LLC, at 610-796-1753 or email her at jogriffith1@aol.com