



2019 MAPACA Spin-Off Rules

All entries must be postmarked no later than February 21, 2019

Show Date: April 26 -28, 2019

Spin-Off Superintendent ~ Cheri Seiler

Spin-Off Judge ~ Judy Keske

Spin-Off is required if you plan on entering the COTTAGE FLEECE COMPETITION. You can send your Spin-Off entry in now, and make a decision to enter the Cottage Fleece later. But in order to participate in Cottage Fleece, you must submit a Spin-Off entry by **February 20, 2019**. Spin-Off entries not entering a Cottage Fleece are still eligible for Spin-Off Awards.

Spin-Off Entry Fee is \$30.00 - Enter 2 get the 3rd entry FREE!!

Fleece Class Divisions: Classes are 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 Superintendent will make the final determination of class divisions and entry colors.

Entry Limitation for each competition:

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

Age Divisions: based on *age at time of shearing*:

- A = 6 months through 12 months (juvenile)
- B = First birthday through 24 months (yearling)
- C = Second birthday and older (two-year-old and older)
- D = Third birthday through 60 months (adult) (optional)
- E = Fifth birthday and older (mature) (optional)

Spin-Off Entry Requirements:

1. Copy of Entry Form
2. Minimum 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber (see note on Submitted Fiber below)
3. Completed Spin-Off Entry Tag
4. **Hard Copy of ARI Registration for display and also uploaded for administration purposes – PLEASE use the on line upload feature if at all possible**
5. **Owner of Record for Show Entry Form (if applicable) - PLEASE use the on line upload feature if at all possible!**
6. Entries must be registered for the competition by the current owner, farm or member of partnership as shown on ARI Registration Certificate. Otherwise an Owner of Record for Show Entry Form must accompany exhibitor's entry, signed by the current owner of record of the alpaca as shown on the ARI Registration Certificate.
7. Please do not fold ARI Registration Certificate or photo because these will be displayed with the judged fiber sample
8. A color photo no larger than 4" x 6" of alpaca producing the fiber sample entered. Larger photos will not be accepted.



Fiber Shearing Dates:

Entries that have been shorn beyond 380 days of April 26, 2019 shall not qualify to be shown.

Submitted Fiber for Spin-Off:

1. 2 ounces of prime blanket fiber must be submitted in a clear, unmarked, plain, gallon size zipper type plastic bag with the completed Spin-Off entry tag placed inside the bag with the fiber
2. Please DO NOT write on the zip-loc bag
3. Fiber samples shall not be carded, combed, washed or otherwise enhanced; however, it should be handpicked to remove debris and vegetable matter
4. Fiber samples with vegetable matter, contamination, or second cuts may be marked down accordingly

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

Staple Length:

1. Fiber must be at least 3" long
2. Fiber of less than the 3" minimum or longer than the show rules allow shall be disqualified
3. The reason for disqualification shall be recorded on the score card and the Judge's Worksheet

Spin-Off Judging Criteria: Judges will card and spin an equal portion of the fiber from each sample entered

Scoring will be based upon:

- First impression
- Staple length
- Cleanliness
- Lack of second cuts
- Lack of guard hair or Medulated Fiber
- Lock structure in suris
- Crimp, staple or architecture in huacayas
- Uniformity
- Fineness
- Handle
- Luster (suris)
- Brightness (huacayas)
- Ease of spinning
- Ease of preparation
- Hand feel and softness of resulting yarn, plus loft in huacayas.



Disqualifications:

1. Fiber that is unsound, felted, contains tender breaks, mats, or excessive debris will be discounted appropriately but will NOT be disqualified
2. Fiber samples exhibiting parasitic infestation or fiber not meeting the 3” minimum or exceeding the maximum staple lengths will be disqualified
3. Reason for disqualification shall be recorded on the score card and the Judge’s worksheet
4. Spin-Off points will be deducted for failure to submit at least 2 ounces of fiber for proper and adequate sampling and judging Entries less than 2 oz will have 1 point deducted for each 1/10 oz under 2 oz
5. If the fiber sample is of too small a quantity for the judge to adequately evaluate all judging criteria, the entry may be disqualified at the judge’s discretion.
6. Fiber samples exceeding 4 oz will have 1 point deducted for each 1/10 oz over 4 oz submitted

Entry Pick Ups:

You or a representative that you have designated on the entry tag may also pick up the Spin-Off entries after 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 28, 2019

SPIN-OFF return fees via registration:

\$8.00 for 1, \$4.00 for each additional .Free return on Spin-Off if entered in Cottage.

FOR MORE COST EFFECTIVE RETURN SHIPPING you can provide your own postage:

1. Please be sure to include your SHIPPING tags INSIDE THE BOX with your fiber samples.
2. When you take your fiber samples to UPS, FED EX or POST OFFICE for weighing and shipping, purchase return postage (adding a few ounces for your ribbons!)
3. Please place it an envelope along with a return address label.
4. Entries will be shipped out the Monday after the show.
5. Please note: If you are missing a return address label or return postage, your fleece will not get mailed on the first Monday after the show.

FIBER SAMPLE AND PAPER WORK SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS:

SPIN-OFF PAPER WORK & FIBER SAMPLE

- **COPY OF ENTRY FORM**
- **FIBER SAMPLE with ENTRY TAG**
- **COPY OF ACTUAL ARI CERTIFICATE**
- **OWNER OF RECORD FORM** – required only when ARI certificate does not reflect exhibitor's farm name
- **PHOTO OF ALPACA**

SHIP TO:

MAPACA Jubilee
Cheri Seiler
3354 North River Road
Augusta, WV 26704
(703) 932-5562
show.super.seiler@gmail.com



ALL PAYMENTS BY CHECK:

If you choose not to pay on-line you may pay by check.

An additional copy of your registration form must accompany your check

Make all checks payable to MAPACA

Mail to:

Sue Ives

2015 MAPACA JUBILEE

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Woodford, VA 22580

show.super.ives@gmail.com

Phone: (804) 477-2258

QUESTIONS??

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