

# WALKING FLEECE

## *What is a Walking Fleece Competition?*

The AOA description is below:

The Walking Fleece competition is an opportunity for the exhibitor to enter a fleece competition where the prime fleece is evaluated while still on the alpaca. **Each fleece is judged individually against the AOA Walking Fleece Judging Scorecard on an absolute basis in contrast to halter judging which is judged on a comparative basis relative to the other alpacas in the class.**

Conformation is not assessed. An AOA Walking Fleece Scorecard will be completed for each alpaca in the course of this evaluation/judging process. Placements are made on a highest point basis once all evaluations are completed and tabulated. Rules shall follow the rules for Fleece Shows according to breed, age divisions, Color Groups and class size. Color Championships may be offered if there are sufficient alpacas per breed type in any Basic color group to hold a championship. Oral comments by the Judge may be given during the hands-on evaluation. Judging by an AOA Certified Fleece Judge is required.

*Walking Fleece Judging Criteria:* The following are the judging criteria and maximum points that may be awarded. The points are recorded in ink on a Walking Fleece Show Scorecard and in pencil on the Judge's Worksheet for both Huacaya and Suri.

### ◆ HUACAYA POINTS:

Uniformity of Length (5)  
Fineness (15) and Handle (5)  
Uniformity: Secondary /Primary Micron Range (5),  
Absence of Fibers > 30 (5), and Uniformity of Micron (10)  
Style: Character (Crimp) (10) and Density (5)  
Brightness (10)  
Color Consistency (5)  
Absence of impurities/fleece damage (5)  
MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL FOR HUACAYAS: 80 points

### ◆ SURI POINTS:

Uniformity of Length (5)  
Fineness (10) and Handle (5)  
Uniformity: Secondary /Primary Micron Range (5),  
Absence of Fibers > 30 (5), and Uniformity of Micron (10)  
Style: Lock Structure (10) and Density (5)  
Luster (20)  
Color Consistency (5)  
Absence of impurities/fleece damage (5)  
MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL FOR SURIS: 85 points

For Huacayas, the minimum walking fleece score to award a blue ribbon is 48. For Suris, the minimum walking fleece score to award a blue ribbon is 51. If none of the total points in a class achieve 48 points or above for Huacayas and 51 points or above for Suris, then the Judge shall start placements with a red ribbon in that class.

Grey fleeces are eligible to receive full points out of 5 for uniformity of color. Multicolor designations and Indefinite color fleeces receive 0 points for uniformity of color and have a total possible point value of 75 for Huacayas and 80 for Suris. In these classes the minimum fleece score required to award a blue ribbon is 45 for Huacayas and 48 for Suris.

## How will it work for the Buckeye Alpaca Show?

JUDGE:  
Laurel Shoumlin

SHOW MANAGER:  
Angie Grove

- ◆ We are accepting up to 180 entries
- ◆ Judging will occur on Saturday all day, and Sunday until 11:00 am
- ◆ There will be a separate ring for this activity located in the center of the show rings, directly in front of show management
- ◆ Animals will be judged by color class
- ◆ The color classes will not be in the same order as halter, but will be in a different order so as to not have animals needing to be in two places at once. While the greys are showing in halter, we will start with fawns in walking fleece.
- ◆ Walking Fleece is a time consuming competition and you may need additional handlers, particularly if you are participating in halter classes.
- ◆ Awards will be presented Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.