



Empire Fleece Event 2010

Skein Competition

Information and Rules

- ◆ Skeins may be dropped off at the event or sent and received by Melissa Young before February 15, 2010.
- ◆ Entry Fee: \$16.00 per skein.
- ◆ Class Limits: Only two skeins are permitted per division/group/category/class as applicable.
- ◆ Awards: Ribbons for 1st through 6th place.

Please refer to this table for Skein classification.

Division	Group	Category	Skein Class
I. Hand Spun Skein	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beginner Spinner (spinning for less than a year). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1a. Junior—age 18 and younger 1b. Adult—over age 18 2. Intermediate Spinner (spinning for more than one year). 3. Advanced Spinner (spinning for more than one year and achieved score 90 or greater at a previous event) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Yarn spun from commercially prepared fiber (rovings, bats, tops, etc.) B. Yarn spun from fiber that was hand prepared by the spinner 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Classic Yarn (dyed or Natural) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Singles – 100% Huacaya b. Singles – 100% Suri c. 2 or more ply – 100% Huacaya d. 2 or more ply – 100% Suri e. 2 or more ply – Blends with at least 50% alpaca 2. Hand Spindle—any ply with at least 50% alpaca 3. Novelty Yarn Nap, Core, Spiral, Knot, Slub, Boucles, or Beaded and must contain at least 50% alpaca
II. Mill Spun Skein		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Skeins entered by mill demonstrating their best work B. Skeins entered by the individual farm showing the quality of yarn from their fiber 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finer Yarns <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1a. Knitting Superfine/Fine Yarn (Sock, Fingering, Baby, Sport) 1b. Weaving 1200 yards/lb or greater 2. Light/Medium Yarns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2a. Knitting (DK, Light Worsted, Worsted, Afghan, Aran). 2b. Weaving 850 yards/lb – 1199 yards/lb. 3. Bulky Yarns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3a. Knitting Bulky/Super Bulky (Chunky, Craft, Rug, Bulky). 3b. Weaving less than 850 yards/lb. 4. Novelty Yarn – Boucles, Thick & Thin, Beaded, Etc.

(Note: yarn must be spun at a North American mill that will spin yarn from individual animals)

Division I Handspun Rules (Mill Spun see below)

1. All entries, in all classes, must consist of 50% or more alpaca fiber.
2. Each exhibitor may enter 2 skeins per Group/Category/Class provided they are of different fiber preparations (Example of different fiber preparations – combed vs carded or woolen vs worsted).
3. Items must have been completed within the last year (after February 22, 2009).
4. Skeins must be at least 50 yards in length, 1-1/2 to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, “figure 8” tied in 4 places and placed in a plain clear zipper type gallon-sized plastic bag. Points may be deducted for any skein that is not at least 50 yards in length.
5. Each skein must be accompanied by a written construction description. The construction description requires, but is not limited to, the following information; fiber preparation, fiber content, techniques used and intended use of the yarn (i.e., clothing, rug, decoration, etc). This construction description will be included in the points for judging. Written construction descriptions shall not exceed a 3” x 5” card and **MUST NOT** contain identifying information, including but not limited to alpaca name, individual name or ranch identifying information. **NOTE:** Description cards containing identifying information will be removed and **NO** points for written description will be awarded.
6. No substitutions.
7. Refer to the 2010 AOBA Show Division handbook to see a description of judging criteria.
8. 1st – 6th place ribbons will be awarded in each group/category/class.
9. Classes may be combined if less than four entries per class are received.
10. The Judge may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.
11. Judge’s decisions are final.
12. All skeins must be left on display until 12:00PM Sunday, February 21, 2010.

Division II Mill Spun Rules

1. All entries must be submitted in the name of the Mill or Farm depending upon Category and must consist of 50% or more alpaca fiber.
2. Each exhibitor may enter 2 entries per Category/Class provided they are from different production runs and/or dye lots.
3. Items must have been completed within the last year (after February 22, 2009).
4. Skeins must be at least 100 yards in length 1-1/2 to 2 yards in circumference, neatly wound, “figure 8” tied in 4 places and placed in a zipper type gallon-size clear plastic bag. Points may be deducted for any skein that is not at least 100 yards in length.
5. Identifying information or labels on items are prohibited.
6. No substitutions.
7. Refer to the 2010 AOBA Show Division handbook to see a description of judging criteria.
8. 1st – 6th place ribbons will be awarded in each division/category/class.
9. Classes may be combined if less than four entries per class are received.
10. The Judge may change the category/class of an item at his/her discretion.
11. Judge’s decisions are final.
12. All skeins must be left on display until 12:00PM Sunday, February 21, 2010.

Mail in entries

Entries may be mailed to Melissa Young ,76 Oak Ridge Road, Ramsey, NJ 07446. You must include return postage from the US Post Office to have your entries and awards returned to you after the 2009 Empire Fleece Event. You, or a representative that you designate, may also pick up the skein entries after noon (12:00 PM) Sunday, February 21. *Entries not picked up or without adequate prepaid postage WILL NOT BE RETURNED.*