

Melbourne Royal Alpaca & Alpaca Fleece Competition *Special Regulations 2025*

1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply unless the context requires otherwise:

Agent includes any person, agent, association or corporation engaged by or on behalf of the Exhibitor and any person acting or purporting to act on the Exhibitor's behalf (including any person who is an invitee of the Exhibitor and regardless of whether the person is remunerated or not).

Assistant Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Assistant Chief Steward of a section.

Body includes any society, organisation or body within or outside Australia having similar objects to Melbourne Royal and, without limitation, includes:

- Royal Agricultural Society of the Northern Territory Inc;
- Royal National Agricultural & Industrial Association of Queensland;
- Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of South Australia;
- Royal Agricultural Society of NSW;
- Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania;
- Royal National Capital Agricultural Society;
- Royal Agricultural Society of WA; and
- any breed association or society recognised by Melbourne Royal.

Business Day means a week day on which banks in Melbourne are open for business.

Chief Executive Officer means a person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne Royal.

Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Steward of a section.

Closing Date means the date and time set out in the Relevant Schedule after which entries for the Event will not be accepted by Melbourne Royal.

Drug has the meaning set out in the Relevant Schedule.

Event includes competition and class and without limitation includes any event listed in a Schedule. Event also includes the period of bump-in and bump-out for the Event and the period of the Event competition.

Entry Form means an entry form (or online equivalent) supplied by Melbourne Royal for an Event.

Event Participant includes judges, stewards, contractors, spectators, Exhibitors and all persons present at the Venue during the Event.

Exhibit means the animal, person or item entered into an Event by an Exhibitor.

Exhibitor means the owner of the Exhibit, and if the owner is less than 18 years of age, the parent or guardian of the owner who signs the Entry Form. The Exhibitor is the person showing the Exhibit and is responsible for the Exhibit entry. The Exhibitor may include the Owner, Lessee or Agent of the Owner or Lessee and may be an individual, syndicate or company.

Inspector means a person described as such in the Regulations.

Judge means a person appointed by Melbourne Royal to judge an Event.

Motor Vehicle includes a truck, trailer, horse float and stock transporter but does not include a caravan.

Melbourne Royal means The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited t/as Melbourne Royal (ACN 006 728 785).

Regulations means:

- Melbourne Royal General Regulations for All Competitions;
- the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out in the Relevant Schedule; and
- the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out on the Entry Form for the Event.

Relevant Schedule means the Schedule which applies to the particular Event in which the Exhibitor has submitted or proposes to submit an entry in accordance with these Regulations.

Schedule means a Schedule of events and prizes issued by Melbourne Royal and without limitation, a reference to a Schedule includes a reference to the rules, regulations and conditions set out in the Schedule.

Show means the Melbourne Royal Show.

Showgrounds means the Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria and includes without limitation all areas owned, used, rented or leased by Melbourne Royal.

Steward means a person occupying or acting in the position of steward.

Venue means the site or location at which the Event is held.

Veterinary Surgeon means a veterinary surgeon appointed by Melbourne Royal.

Working Group means industry representatives that assist Melbourne Royal staff in the running of the competition.

1.2 INTERPRETATION

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules apply unless the context requires otherwise.

- a. The singular includes the plural and conversely.
- b. A gender includes all genders.
- c. If a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.
- d. A reference to a person, corporation, trust, partnership, unincorporated body or other entity includes any of them.
- e. A reference to a Regulation is a reference to a Regulation of these Regulations.
- f. A reference to a Regulation, rule or condition of entry is to the regulation, rule or condition of entry as amended, varied, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by these Regulations.
- g. A reference to a right or obligation of any two or more persons confers that right, or imposes that obligation, as the case may be, jointly and severally.

In the event of an inconsistency between the Special Regulations and a Schedule, the Special Regulations prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless otherwise provided.

2 ENTRIES

2.1 ENTRY SUBMISSIONS

- a. Entries in the Alpaca competition must be submitted via the eAlpaca portal (ealpaca.com.au) by the date stipulated in the Information for Exhibitors section of the Schedule.

- b. All entries must be accompanied by the applicable entry fee and the International Alpaca Register (IAR) number of each Exhibit entered.
- c. Entries can be submitted by the due date by the online entry process.
- d. The onus is entirely on the Exhibitor to submit particulars on time. There will be no reminder from Melbourne Royal staff.

2.2 CHANGES

Subject to regulations in the relevant Schedule, no entry may be changed by the Exhibitor after entries close unless otherwise permitted by Melbourne Royal.

2.3 ENTRY FEES

- a. The cost of entry fees can be found in the Information for Exhibitors in the Schedule. Entry fees for Alpacas does not include bedding. Bedding is included in the 'pen' charge.
- b. The entry fee entitles the Exhibitor to enter the animal in all eligible classes. Please specify selected classes on the Entry Form or in the online entry process.
- c. The entry fee becomes the property of Melbourne Royal upon its receipt by Melbourne Royal and, without limitation, the entry fee in respect of an entry which is withdrawn or does not satisfy the conditions of eligibility will not be refunded.

3 WITHDRAWALS AND NON-ATTENDANCE

3.1 WITHDRAWALS

- a. All withdrawals must be made in writing and submitted to the Melbourne Royal Competition Convenor by 5:00pm on close of entries date listed in the Information for Exhibitors.

3.2 NON-ATTENDANCE

- a. Every Exhibit entered must be exhibited unless a certificate signed by the owner is lodged with Melbourne Royal prior to the date of the Show, stating that the Exhibit is unable to compete for one or more of the following reasons:
 - The Exhibit has died;
 - The Exhibit is unfit for exhibition due to injury or disease;
 - The Exhibit has become ineligible for the class entered;
 - Some other cause which Melbourne Royal considers reasonable; or
- b. After arrival at the Showgrounds, an Exhibit may be withdrawn from an event or class if it has become unfit to compete.

4 EXHIBITS

4.1 OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS

- a. The Exhibit must at all times be the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence at that time.
- b. Exhibits owned or leased under a lease agreement must be written and recorded with the breed society or association in which the Exhibit is recorded.
- c. If ownership/lessee of an Exhibit changes after the submission of the Entry Form, Melbourne Royal must be notified in writing of the ownership/lessee change no later than 14 days prior to the date of Exhibition. Melbourne Royal may, if requested in writing by the purchaser/lessee, and at its absolute discretion, amend the Entry Form by endorsing thereon the name of the purchaser as the owner of that Exhibit.
- d. An Exhibit which is not the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence both at the time Melbourne Royal receives the entry and/or at the time of judging will be ineligible for the event.

4.2 ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- a. All Exhibitors are to comply with the arrival and departure times allocated, unless otherwise notified directly by the Melbourne Royal Competition Manager.
- b. Times for arrival and departure can be found in the Information for Exhibitors section of the Schedule. Departure times are as prioritised by the Superintendent with preference for earlier departure slots to long distance travelers.

4.3 INSPECTION OF EXHIBITS

- a. All Exhibitors are to comply with the inspection times allocated in the Information for Exhibitors section of the Schedule. All Alpacas must be registered with the IAR and carry an approved brass tag showing the Alpaca's IAR number.
- b. Every animal exhibited in the Alpaca section will be subject to inspection carried out by an Inspector appointed by Melbourne Royal.
- c. The Inspector or Inspectors appointed by Melbourne Royal shall then examine all Alpacas for genetic faults, colour, class and IAR or NLIS number.
- d. If there is no IAR or NLIS tag present in the ear of an Exhibit, official confirmation by the registrar (in hard copy) must be provided by the owner to the Chief Steward that the ear tag has been recently lost and that the new tag has been ordered and paid for. Replacement tag orders and payments must be lodged with the registrar a minimum of one week before the date of Show. Failure to present such advice at inspection will result in disqualification of the animal.

- e. No Exhibitor shall, to the best of their knowledge, exhibit any alpaca showing any signs or symptoms of disease at the time of exhibition. All male alpacas must be completely entire and deemed physically sound. Any alpaca not deemed to be completely physically sound by the appointed Melbourne Royal Inspector or a Veterinary Surgeon shall not compete.
- f. The Inspector or Chief Steward will classify all entries for colour, and has the power to transfer an Exhibit to the class which, in their opinion, should have been entered. The Chief Steward will combine or split classes as he / she sees fit.
- g. Alpacas not in their allotted pens and available for inspection at the official times may be disqualified by the Chief Steward. Exhibitors must be in attendance at time of inspection and will be required to assist.
- h. Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months prior to the Show may be shown from any one animal.
- i. Any animal found to have lice infestation must be removed from the Showgrounds immediately along with any other Alpacas present that belong to the same Exhibitor.

4.4 REGISTRATION

- a. Each Exhibit's IAR or NLIS number must be included with the Entry. Failure to provide this number with the Entry will deem that animal ineligible for exhibition at the Show.
- b. Only the registered owner of an Exhibit, or his/her authorised agent may sign an Entry Form.

4.5 EXERCISING EXHIBITS

- a. Alpacas are to remain in their pens during the day and exercising is only allowed at specified times as nominated by the Superintendent.

4.6 AGE

- a. Alpacas must be entered into the correct class at their age on the first day of the Royal Melbourne Royal Show.

5 HEALTH OF EXHIBITS

5.1 GENERAL HEALTH OF EXHIBITS

- a. If the Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor detects or suspects any illness amongst any of their Exhibits whilst the Exhibits are at the Showgrounds, the Exhibitor must:
 - i. report this fact immediately to the representative of Melbourne Royal or Superintendent;
 - ii. Ensure that the Exhibit(s) concerned is/are contained within its/their accommodation area/s unless advised otherwise by the Superintendent or a member of the Melbourne Royal veterinary on duty;

- iii. Where feasible to do so, contain soiled bedding from the Exhibit/s within its/their accommodation area.

5.2 TREATMENT UPON ILLNESS OR INJURY OF EXHIBIT

- a. If an Exhibit is ill or injured, a Veterinary Surgeon may in his or her discretion attend to or treat the Exhibit. The Veterinary Surgeon may do so even in the absence of authority from the Exhibitor, or contrary to that authority.
- b. Exhibits proved unsound by the attending Melbourne Royal Vet will be removed from all future competition and classes from the Show and/or the Showgrounds until presented fit for competition by the Melbourne Royal Vet at the expense of the Exhibitor.

5.3 VETERINARY SURGEONS

- a. Where an Exhibitor wishes to engage or consult a veterinary surgeon who is not appointed by Melbourne Royal, the Exhibitor must first inform the representative of Melbourne Royal responsible for the applicable livestock section.
- b. A Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge and Melbourne Royal itself is not required to have regard to or to consider any opinion of a veterinary surgeon so engaged or consulted by the Exhibitor, and a decision of a Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge or Melbourne Royal is final regardless of whether or not the Exhibitor has engaged or consulted a veterinary surgeon not appointed by Melbourne Royal.

5.4 HEALTH REGULATIONS

- a. Alpaca Competitions will be conducted under the guidelines as set out in the Johnne's Disease Market Assurance Program (AlpacaMAP).
- b. Alpacas traveling from interstate must comply with the requirements of Victorian legislation.

6 DOCUMENTS FOR PRESENTATION WHILST AT THE SHOWGROUNDS

- a. Animal Registration papers, AAR microchip papers, and birth certificates, or certified photocopies thereof, are not required to be submitted to Melbourne Royal or to accompany an Application for Entry.
- b. South American Camelid Waybill and other such documentation as highlighted above will be required to be on hand whilst the Exhibitor and the Exhibits are on the Showgrounds and must be produced upon request for perusal by the Melbourne Royal authorised person, or otherwise specified by Melbourne Royal.
- c. Failure to produce such documents if requested will result in the Exhibit being ineligible for the Event.

7 CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS

7.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All Exhibitors and/or persons entering the Showgrounds are required to adhere to the Conditions of Entry whilst on the Showgrounds.

7.2 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a. Where an Exhibitor fails to comply with any of the Regulations, Melbourne Royal may impose one or more of the following penalties on the Exhibit or Exhibitor or both of them:
 - i. Disqualification;
 - ii. Suspension;
 - iii. A fine;
 - iv. Order the Exhibit, the Exhibitor or any associated Agents or invitees be removed from the Melbourne Showgrounds; or
 - v. Any other penalty as deemed appropriate in Melbourne Royal's absolute discretion.
- b. All penalties will be decided by the Executive General Manager of Agriculture or appointed representative.
- c. Without limiting the above, Melbourne Royal may forfeit an award, and upon the forfeiture, the Exhibitor must return any ribbon, money, prize card or other evidence of that award to Melbourne Royal immediately after receiving notification of the forfeiture.

7.3 COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIONS

- a. The Exhibitor must fully comply with the directions and requests of Melbourne Royal and any of its representatives.
- b. Without limitation, directions and request of Melbourne Royal may apply to the entry of the Exhibit, the Exhibitor, the conditions of the Event, the conduct of the Exhibitor, the decision of the Judge or the award of prizes.
- c. Exhibitors who fail and/or refuse to comply with directions may be liable for disqualification and for non-acceptance of entry at future Melbourne Royal Shows.

7.4 STATEMENTS

The Exhibitor must not make a statement regarding an Exhibit, which in the opinion of Melbourne Royal is fraudulent, false, erroneous, misleading or deceptive or likely to mislead or deceive.

7.5 UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

- a. Melbourne Royal is committed to providing a fair and equitable venue for all participants, free from all forms of harassment, bullying and violence. The following behaviours will not be tolerated and may result in the Exhibitor/persons being removed from the Showgrounds and/or disqualified from the competition and formal procedures initiated:
 - i. aggressive or abusive behaviour or language;
 - ii. violence or unwanted physical contact;
 - iii. bullying;
 - iv. harassment;
 - v. sexual harassment;
 - vi. unlawful discrimination;
 - vii. victimization;
 - viii. defamation;
 - ix. any other form of unacceptable behaviour as deemed by Melbourne Royal.
- b. Persons breaching acceptable standards of behavior may be banned from entering future Melbourne Royal Events and/or the venue.

7.6 MISCONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS OR MEMBERS

- a. A violation of any rule by the Exhibitor shall be reported to the Chief Steward in writing by either the Judge, a Steward or Exhibitor within one hour of the alleged incident occurring.
- b. Misconduct may also be reported by the Judge, a Steward or Exhibitor to the Chief Steward in respect of actions of an Exhibitor or member present at the Show that is considered to be prejudicial to the industry. Such actions may include but are not limited to:
 - i. A demonstration of dissatisfaction with a Judge's decision, including refusal to accept an award.
 - ii. Altercations with Show Officials, Exhibitors or the general public.
 - iii. Abusive or foul language or rude gestures in public.
 - iv. Mistreatment of an animal.
- c. Written complaints received by the Chief Steward shall be immediately investigated and if sufficient grounds for the complaint are confirmed the matter shall be reported to Melbourne Royal for appropriate action.

7.7 ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK RESTRICTION

- a. Unless Melbourne Royal gives prior written approval, pets animals or livestock other than Exhibits must not be brought onto or permitted to enter or remain on the Showgrounds.
- b. Registered assistance dogs are permitted but proof of status must be provided on request by any Melbourne Royal Official.

8 POWERS OF MELBOURNE ROYAL

8.1 POWER TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT AN ENTRY, EXHIBIT OR EXHIBITOR

Melbourne Royal may refuse to accept an Entry, an Exhibit or Exhibitor or any of them.

8.2 POWER TO CANCEL OR ALTER

- a. Melbourne Royal may:
 - i. alter the Closing Date for an Event, or the Closing Date for receipt of any particular entry;
 - ii. remove, or cause to be removed, any Exhibit from the Melbourne Showgrounds;
 - iii. amend any entry for an Event to, without limitation, substitute an alternate competition or class for the competition or class in which the Exhibit is or was entered;
 - iv. alter the conditions of any Event;
 - v. refuse to display an Exhibit;
 - vi. rule that an Exhibit or Exhibitor may not compete or is ineligible to compete;
 - vii. alter the date, time or place on or at which any Event is scheduled to take place or to be judged;
 - viii. alter the Judge scheduled to judge any Event;
 - ix. cancel any Event; or
 - x. cancel, amend or merge classes if less than four Exhibits are entered.
- b. The rights set out above apply notwithstanding:
 - i. Melbourne Royal's acceptance of an entry for an Event;
 - ii. Inclusion of an entry for an Event in the Event Catalogue
 - iii. The issue of an exhibit ticket to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event; or
 - iv. The issue of any other document to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event.

8.3 MUTUAL RECOGNITION

Melbourne Royal may recognise, act upon and enforce any penalty imposed by a Body on an Exhibit or Exhibitor at any time.

8.4 FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

Melbourne Royal may conduct further proceedings in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibitor, Exhibit, Agent or Owner or potential Exhibitor, Exhibit, Agent or Owner, and impose any suspension, fine, disqualification, withdrawal or forfeiture of an award, handicap, reprimand, warning or any other penalty, irrespective of whether a Body has already imposed a penalty on the Exhibitor, Exhibit, Agent or Owner.

8.5 RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Melbourne Royal may enter into reciprocal arrangements with a Body in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibit, Exhibitor, Agent or Owner or potential Exhibit, Exhibitor, Agent or Owner.

8.6 MELBOURNE ROYAL MAY REMOVE EXHIBITOR

- a. Melbourne Royal may in its absolute discretion remove the Exhibitor, its Personnel or any other persons from the Showgrounds who:
 - i. do not comply with any rules or directions made by Melbourne Royal or its personnel or other official;
 - ii. commits any other breach of or non-observance of any of the other regulations.
- b. Melbourne Royal reserves the right in its direction to ban the Exhibitor, its Personnel or any other persons from entering future Shows and/or the Showgrounds generally.
- c. The Exhibitor will have no claim against Melbourne Royal for any refund, loss or compensation by the exercise of the rights of Melbourne Royal under this clause.

9 JUDGING

9.1 TIMETABLE OF JUDGING

- a. Judging will be as per the schedule found on the Melbourne Royal website.
- b. Melbourne Royal accepts no responsibility if judging times conflict with one or more Classes or Events in which an Exhibitor may be entered. Where conflict does occur, it is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to notify a withdrawal from either Class.

9.2 EXHIBITOR'S MEETING

- a. At the direction of the Chief Steward, Exhibitors may be required to attend a Coordination meeting on the first day of judging in the judging ring.

9.2 NUMBERS

- a. All Exhibitors shall, upon arrival at the Show, obtain their pen position and class numbers from the Shed Steward.
- b. Exhibit numbers must be worn and clearly displayed by the handler whilst in the Show Ring and must show age of animal in months and the number of months of fleece the alpaca is carrying.

9.3 COMPETENCE OF HANDLERS

All handlers showing animals must be competent in the handling of their Exhibit, or removal from the Show Ring may be requested by the Judge. It is recommended that children not exhibit large animals that they cannot control.

9.4 EXHIBITS TO REMAIN IN PENS

- a. All Exhibitors must place their animals in the pens allotted by the Stewards and must not be moved or removed except by order of the Chief Steward.

9.5 FLEECES

- a. Exhibitors when submitting fleeces must attach to the fleece the number supplied for that class (no names).
- b. Only one fleece that has been shorn in the 18 months prior to the Show may be shown from any one animal. It is recommended that fleeces be placed in bags, made of satin or similar material, or heavy duty plastic. Plastic garbage bags should be avoided.
- c. All fleeces being shown, including wether fleeces, must be the bona fide property of a financial member of the Australian Alpaca Association (AAA).
- d. Winning fleeces will be displayed at the Showgrounds for the duration of the show.

9.5 DRESS CODE

- a. All Exhibitors leading stock in the Judging Ring or on Parade shall wear a black shirt, black trousers or skirt and clean closed black shoes. AAA branded shirts are allowed but not necessary. No shorts or short dresses, open shoes or hats.
- b. Black clothing must in no way show any insignia or any descriptive markings indicating the Exhibitor's name and/or stud name or prefix.
- c. The Chief Steward may disqualify an Exhibitor for incorrect attire.

9.6 INTERFERENCE

- a. The Exhibitor, any Agent of the Exhibitor or persons in charge of the Exhibit must not consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or attempt to consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or do any other thing which may influence or interfere with a Judge's freedom of choice or judgement unless it is expressly authorised by the Relevant Schedule or the Judge themselves.
- b. Unless with the permission of Melbourne Royal, no Exhibitor or Agent of an Exhibitor may occupy the position of Judge or become in any way identified with the judging or handling of Exhibits in any class in which that person or that person's employers, family members or associates are interested. This does not apply to Stewards.

9.7 INDICATION OF OWNERSHIP

The Exhibitor, any Agent of the of the Exhibitor and the Exhibit must not be equipped with or wear or display anything indicating the ownership of the Exhibit before or during judgment of the Exhibit unless it is expressly authorized by the Relevant Schedule.

9.8 SUBSTITUTE JUDGE

Melbourne Royal reserves the right to substitute a Judge.

9.9 DECISIONS

- a. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Regulations, the decision of a Judge as to the merits of the Exhibit will be final.

10 PRIZES

- a. Rosettes or ribbons may be awarded up to 6th place as follows:

Up to 10 exhibits per class:

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd rosettes or ribbons.

11 to 18 exhibits per class:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th rosettes or ribbons.

19 or more exhibits per class:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th 5th & 6th rosettes or ribbons.

The Judge is under no obligation to award the prize where he/she considers in his/her absolute discretion that such prize, or prizes, are not to be awarded

11 PROTESTS

11.1 FORM OF PROTEST

- a. Only an Exhibitor may lodge a protest against another Exhibitor or a Show official. The protest shall be lodged in writing together with a deposit of \$200.00, which shall be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- b. The sole grounds for a protest shall be a breach of the Regulations and protests shall be lodged with the Chief Steward within one hour of the alleged incident occurring.

11.2 PROTEST COMMITTEE

- a. The Chief Steward shall set up a Protest Committee prior to the commencement of the Show.
- b. The Committee shall comprise the Chief Steward as the Chair and two ordinary members not associated with the alleged incident.
- c. A meeting will be convened within 30 minutes of the protest being received.
- d. The Protest Committee shall immediately investigate the protest and if found to be valid initiate appropriate action.

12 BEDDING AND CLEANING OF PENS

12.1 BEDDING

No bedding, other than straw, may be used in pens

12.2 CLEANLINESS OF PENS

- a. Mucking out of pens is to be carried out.
- b. Exhibitors must keep the pens allotted to their animals clean and give proper attention to their stock throughout the Show. Exhibitors are advised to provide their own feed and water containers.

13 ADVERTISING

- a. Decoration of pens is encouraged. Promotional signage is permitted within the bounds of pens up to 180cm above floor level. No signage or other promotional material may be placed in public access walkways.
- b. Stud promotional banners may be displayed in the industry display area by arrangement with the Superintendent.
- c. Display of Show ribbons other than those awarded at the current Melbourne Royal Alpaca Competition is prohibited.

14 CORRECT ANIMAL COLOUR CLASSIFICATION

- a. An Alpaca is to be shown in the appropriate colour class, when it is predominantly that colour. Any colour variations will be assessed at the Judge's discretion.
- b. A predominantly grey Alpaca (grey, rose grey) is to be shown in a grey class, whether or not it has any other coloured spots present, and any colour variations will be assessed at the Judge's discretion.
- c. Exhibits shall not have fleece of a different colour to that of the blanket removed from an animal to a level below that of the blanket fleece.

15 SIRE'S PROGENY CLASSES

- a. Group of two males, females or males and females (no wethers), six months and over. Not necessarily owned or bred by the one Exhibitor, but all the progeny of the one sire and drawn from the Ordinary classes. The class will only be conducted if there are at least two entries.
- b. Only one progeny from any one dam may be shown in each sires progeny group unless the progeny have been born at least eleven months apart.
- c. Entries close for Sire's Progeny Class at a time determined by the Chief Steward and the Alpaca Superintendent. Exhibitors will be advised upon arrival at the Showgrounds of this time.

16 DAM'S PROGENY

- a. Group of two males, females or males and females (no wethers), six months and over. Not necessarily owned or bred by the one Exhibitor, but all the progeny of the one dam and drawn from the Ordinary classes. The class will only be conducted if there are at least two entries.
- b. Alpacas entered for the Dam's Progeny class must have different sires and must be born at least eleven months apart.
- c. Entries close for Dam's Progeny Class at a time determined by the Chief Steward and the Alpaca Superintendent. Exhibitors will be advised upon arrival at the Showgrounds of this time.

17 VEHICLE PARKING

- a. Limited parking for vehicles, including trucks and floats will be available. Apply when entering and forward the fee with the competition entry fee.
- b. There is to be no camping in the Melbourne Royal Truck Park under any circumstances.
- c. Any vehicle, including trucks, stock transports, trailers, and horse floats, located on the Showgrounds, or any area leased by Melbourne Royal, shall be at the sole risk of the owner. Melbourne Royal accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage, including loss or damage caused by negligence of Melbourne Royal, its officers, employees, or agents to any vehicle, or the contents of any vehicle, located on Melbourne Royal's property on the any area leased by Melbourne Royal.

18 PERIOD OF EXHIBITION

- a. All Exhibitors are to comply with the period of exhibition times allocated, unless otherwise notified directly by the Melbourne Royal Competition Coordinator.
- b. Times for the Period of Exhibition can be found in the Information for Exhibitors section of the Schedule.

19 CONSENT OF IMAGES

Exhibitors, Owners and competitors agree to Melbourne Royal publishing or reproducing information and images associated with them and with their Exhibits at any time, in any medium, for any purpose. This includes live streaming of video, if utilized at the Show.

20 SURVEILLANCE

Melbourne Royal operates surveillance cameras which are located in and around facilities requiring security monitoring for the safety and security of individuals and property. Please note that security camera monitoring is continuous and ongoing and it is deemed that a person, by entering the Showgrounds, consent to this photographing, filming or taping. Melbourne Royal strictly complies with the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*.

21 CANCELLATION OF THE SHOW

In the event that the Melbourne Royal Show is to be partially or fully cancelled for any reason whatsoever, the Exhibitor and/or owner of the Exhibit shall not pursue Melbourne Royal for the recovery of any loss or damages. It is acknowledged by the Exhibitor that the society has no duty to have a Show in any particular year and that this clause operates as a complete defense for the Event Organiser to any such action.

22 INDEMNITY

The Exhibitor indemnifies and keeps indemnified Melbourne Royal and all of its Representatives ('Representatives' meaning relevant employees including volunteers, agents, members, officers, directors, auditors, advisors, partners, consultants, contractors and related entities) from and against all actions, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, expenses and liabilities including without limitation, consequential loss and loss of profits (whether arising under statute, from negligence, personal injury, death, property damage or infringement of third party rights) for which Melbourne Royal or its Representatives is or may be or become liability in connection with the Exhibit, the Exhibitor or the relevant Event, including the Melbourne Royal Show.

23 INFORMATION HANDLING

Melbourne Royal is bound by the National Privacy Principles of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and other applicable laws governing privacy. Please refer to the privacy policy which can be found at: www.melbourneroyal.com.au/privacy/

23.1 COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- a. Without limiting Melbourne Royal's privacy policy, Melbourne Royal may collect, hold and use personal information about Exhibitor, their family members, invitees or Agents.
- b. The types of information that may be collected include names and contact details, credit card details, qualification, results of the Exhibitor's entry into the relevant Event and any reprimand, fine, disqualification, withdrawal of an award or penalty imposed on the Exhibitor in connection with the entry of the Exhibit in the relevant Event. Information may also be collected from other Bodies relating to the Exhibitor's entry into events held by that Body including, without limitation, reprimands, fines, disqualifications, withdrawals of awards or penalties imposed.
- c. Personal information is collected for the purpose of administration of Events and the Show, as well as related purposes including, without limitation, promoting the Events and the Show, maintenance of records of information relevant to qualifications for future events, maintenance of health and safety records in relation to Event, applicable insurance cover for Events and making claims under Melbourne Royal's insurance for incidents which involve an Exhibitor and occur during an Event.
- d. Personal information may also be used for the purpose of informing Exhibitors about other events and services. Melbourne Royal may send an Exhibitor publications and information about other events and services unless the Exhibitor indicated to Melbourne Royal that the Exhibitor does not want to receive such publications or information.

23.2 SHARING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- a. Without limiting Melbourne Royal's privacy policy, Melbourne Royal may share information which has been collected under Regulation 23.1 with other organisations and service providers to assist in administering the Events and the Show, including co-sponsors of Events and health service providers, indemnity or insurance providers or other Bodies, or any entity that may subsequently administer the Event.
- b. Melbourne Royal may also publish winners details on its websites or publications or disclose information about an Exhibit and Exhibitor to the media for the purposes of publishing articles on the Exhibit/Exhibitor's participation in the Event, unless the Exhibitor has requested that the Exhibitor's personal information not be published or disclosed for these purposes.
- c. Melbourne Royal may also disclose information if otherwise required by law.

24 GOVERNING LAW

These Regulations are governed by the law of the State of Victoria, Australia.