

ALSA Performance Categories and Age Divisions

These divisions are to be used for Obstacle, Pack and Public Relations. Llamas and alpacas may be entered in only one of the divisions offered for each class. Llamas and alpacas may be entered in youth or non-youth classes, but not both.

A. Open

1. Open to all entries who meet the specific criteria for the respective ALSA approved class.
2. To be offered when only one division is available.
3. Replaces Master, Advanced and Novice divisions.

B. Novice

1. Open to all entries that have not earned Novice Performance Champion and/or have never entered an Advanced class.
2. Must be offered in conjunction with the respective Advanced and Master divisions.
3. Must not be offered in conjunction with any Open division.
4. A Novice animal is defined as an animal who has not earned 4 or more Grand and/or Reserve Grand Championships in any combination in the ALSA association or other show association show with a minimum of 5 entries in the division. Novice animals who have moved to the Advanced division by placement in an ALSA or other show association must be shown in the Advanced division in all future ALSA shows.

C. Advanced

1. Once a llama or alpaca has entered an Advanced class it is no longer eligible to compete in Novice Classes.
2. Open to all entries that have not achieved Advanced Performance Champion by earning 4 Grands, or 3 Grand and 2 Reserve Championships in the Advanced Division in the ALSA association, or any other show association with a minimum of 5 entries in the division.
3. An animal may be shown in Advanced classes without first competing in Novice classes or earning Novice Performance Champion, however once shown in an Advanced class, may not be show in Novice classes.
4. Must be offered in conjunction with the respective Novice and Master divisions.
5. Must not be offered in conjunction with any Open division.

D. Master

1. For all animals that have completed the requirements for an ALSA Advanced Performance Champion. Once a llama or alpaca has entered Masters, it is no longer eligible to show in Advanced classes as described in Part G. Section 4.D.
2. Masters must be offered in conjunction with Advanced and Novice Divisions. Advanced Performance rules will be followed for Master Performance Classes. E. Youth Age Divisions For specific age divisions, see part Q. Options for Sub-Junior Classes are covered in Part P, Optional Classes.

E. Youth Age Categories

All ages are as of January 1 of the calendar year of the show except a Youth who turns 7 during the calendar year, who is at that time considered eligible for ALSA shows

A. Junior: 7 years through 11 years

B. Intermediate: 12 years through 14 years

C. Senior: 15 years through 19 years

F. Youth Age Divisions

A. All three age divisions may be offered. The age divisions at any show may be combined if there are fewer than 6 total entries in any two of the age divisions. This applies to Youth Alpaca classes as well.

B. Should the number of entries in a Youth Showmanship and/or Youth Performance class exceed 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by exhibitor age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons and ALSA points. There will be no runoff of the classes.

