

ALSA Performance Handler Rules

A. The llama or alpaca should be led from the animal's left side, unless a position change is necessary to accomplish the required task. Once the task is completed, the handler should switch back to leading from the animal's left side. The lead should be loose enough to form a "J." Points are taken off for short or tight leads or having a hand on the lead rope clip.

B. No personal, farm, or ranch name or insignia, or animal name, or insignia may be displayed on the exhibitor or animal during the class.

C. Coaching from the sidelines by spectators is prohibited and will compromise the exhibitor's scoring.

D. In Obstacle and Public Relations classes, the handler may choose not to negotiate an obstacle him/herself without penalty.

E. In all Pack classes the handler and the animal must negotiate the obstacles, including loading into vehicles. Failure to do so will result in points being deducted. The exception is an obstacle where a separate handler route has been defined or provided.

F. It is recommended that exhibitors 7 years through 12 years of age not show intact males over 24 months of age, with the choice to allow or not allow an entry lying with show management and stated in their premium booklet.

G. Handler attire should be conservative, neat, and appropriate for the class. Shoes should be appropriate for the show ring and must completely cover the foot. Inappropriate footwear will disqualify the exhibitor, who will be dismissed from the show ring immediately.

H. Only voice and hand commands may be used in exhibiting animals. The use of food, clickers or any other device is strictly prohibited.

I. No written notes may be used in the actual performance classes, but written notes may be taken on paper during the walkthrough.

J. Exhibitors may not enter or practice with their llamas and/or alpacas in the ring or around the obstacles during or before the show. Such an action will disqualify the exhibitor.

Note: This does not refer to an exhibitor walking through an obstacle during a walk-thru, however, doing so is discouraged. Exhibitors may volunteer to help Show Management with setup of obstacles.

K. The animal must be shown in a clean, well-fitted halter and lead. Use of a halter where the chin strap tightens with pressure from the lead rope is not allowed in the performance ring for Open, Novice, Masters, Advanced, or Youth divisions.

L. A youth exhibitor may show in Open, Novice, Advanced or Master performance classes, but must not use the same llama or alpaca entered in Youth classes.

M. Use of a llama/alpaca by more than one youth is strongly discouraged. If deemed a necessity by the Show Superintendent, it may be allowed, as long as the animal is shared by no more than two youth and these youth are not competing in the same age division. The final decision on this will be made by the Show Superintendent.

