

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR FLEECE FOR JUDGING

Prepare your fleece as per the Alpaca Ontario Show Rules, page 14:

'All fleece exhibits shall be the prime portion only which must conform to the same quality and length of the blanket area and shall be skirted of all short, stained, and other fibre that does not conform to the same quality and length of the blanket area. Once it is determined to be free of parasites, it should be properly skirted and all short, stained, and coarse fibre, as well as heavy organic contamination, should be removed and the fleece shall be presented with cut side displayed out for huacayas and cut side in for suris. The fleece shall not be washed. Poorly prepared fleeces shall be compromised at the discretion of the judge.'

Be careful not to overskirt the fleece to preserve as much weight as possible.

When the fleece is ready, fold one half over the other. Gently roll the folded fleece from the britch towards shoulder while scanning the cut side out of fleece for second cuts, removing them as you roll up the fleece. Insert the folded fleece in a clear plastic bag, including the completed Fleece Identification form.