



Fibre Zone Competition Entry Classes

The BAS National Show will once again be hosting the hugely popular Fibre Zone Competition. This year entries will include; garments, Toys, yarns, household items and fabrics, or why not be daring and enter something unique into the open category.

As you think about what you would like to enter in these competitions....

Consider what makes the alpaca unique over other animal products and how best to convey those properties in what you make. How can you exploit the true qualities of the fibre and show that by making something?

Additionally, the **Penrose Fibre to Product trophy** will be awarded to an entry in any category in the Fibre Zone or in the wider show that demonstrates particular ingenuity or promise to moving from artisan one-off products toward something commercially scalable that has not been seen with British alpaca before. There will also be a runner up trophy awarded.

Any item must be at least 50% British alpaca aside from the yarn classes which must be 100% UK alpaca unless otherwise stated.

Section G -Garments

Section G1 - Shoulder wear

Shawls, stoles, wraps, capes, capelets and any scarf over 30cm width

Section G2 - Hat

Constructed from woven alpaca (pure or blend) fabric

Section G3 - Tailored Garment

Any item of clothing constructed from woven alpaca fabric cut and sewn up

Knit or Crochet Section G4 -Knit or Crochet

Jumper for an adult

Section T - TOY

Any method of construction. Accessories may be of other materials i.e. eyes, buttons, etc. Please consider robustness and suitability for children

Section N - NECKWEAR

As defined by being 30cm width or narrower. Long as in classic scarf or as neck cowl, infinity scarf or snood format. Uses British alpaca (Huacaya or Suri) alone or as a blend

Section N1 -Hand knit or crochet

Section N2 -Hand woven

Section N3 -Machine woven

Section Y -YARN

Each of sections Y1 to Y4 will be divided into...

Fine (1-3 ply) Needle size 1.5-3mm

DK (8 ply) Needle size 4-4.5mm

There is also an 'Open category (see below)

Section Y1 -Huacaya Machine Spun

Section Y2 -Huacaya Hand Spun

Section Y3 -Suri Machine Spun

Section Y4 -Suri Hand Spun

Section Y5 -Open -Any yarn weight, machine or hand-spun, dyed or undyed, blended for commercial practicality with any other fibre whilst exploiting the unique alpaca fibre qualities (must be at least 50% alpaca)

Section H -Household Item

Throw, blanket, rug, quilt or cushion

Section F - Fabric

Woven for the application of garment-making

Section O - A Commercially Viable Product

Something new or different that you feel has commercial potential. You should include a sample of your product and a description of production process.¹

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