

Attachment B

Best New Breeder Award Competition Rules

The Dianne Condon Memorial Trophy

The AAA Victorian Eastern Region (V.E.R.) is proud and privileged to make available this annual award for Best New Breeder, in acknowledgement and commemoration of the significant contribution to the Alpaca Industry made by Dianne Condon

Dianne loved alpacas and the Industry with a passion. A long-standing member of the Region, Dianne served extensively at both regional and national committee level. In co-ownership with her husband Ron, their highly successful Shanbrooke Alpaca Stud gained early worldwide recognition. A national and international Show judge, Dianne was accorded a AAA Life Membership for her service to the Industry. Dianne, who passed away on 12th January 2012, is remembered with great affection.

Intention

The Best New Breeder Award is designed to encourage and support the involvement of new members and new breeders who are new to Alpaca farming. It's aim is to have new members and new breeders enter and show animals and fleeces at regional events. The award is only open to VER members.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, the participating New Breeder

- must be a current member of V.E.R.
- must have been a member of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd (AAA) for a period of not more than five years, effective 1st July of the current award year
- must not be a spouse or partner of a member of a registered stud who have been in the industry longer than the five years, effective 1st July of the current award year
- must not have ever been a member of a registered stud who have been in the industry longer than the five years.
- must exhibit alpaca(s) and/or fleece(s) under their own stud prefix, at one or more of the V.E.R. participating shows, as listed,

Note

Winners of this award are INELIGIBLE to participate for the award, in subsequent years.

The VER executive has the right to Veto any application that it does not believe is in the spirit of the award.

Qualifying Alpaca

Any alpaca, owned and bred by an eligible breeder and registered under the stud prefix of that eligible breeder, may earn points for this award

Qualifying Fleece

Any fleece, shorn from an alpaca owned and bred by an eligible breeder and registered under the stud prefix of that eligible breeder, may earn points for this award

Competition Rules

This annual award is based on show results arising from participation in the following V.E.R. shows:

Lardner Alpaca Show
Sale Ag Alpaca Show
Berwick Ag Alpaca Show
Red Hill Ag Alpaca show

1. At any one show, a maximum of five qualifying alpacas and/or five qualifying fleeces per eligible breeder will be considered in the assessment of points. If more than five qualifying animals and/or five qualifying fleeces are entered by an eligible breeder, only the five highest scoring animals and/or the five highest scoring fleeces will be included in the assessment of points.
2. Points will be awarded as follows:

Qualifying Alpacas		Qualifying Fleeces	
1st in class	3 points	1st in class	3 points
2nd in class	2 points	2nd in class	2 points
3rd in class	1 point	3rd in class	1 point
Age Champion	6 points	Champion	4 points
Colour Champion	4 points	Supreme	5 points
Reserve Champion	7 points		
Supreme Champion	7 points		

3. At the conclusion of the Show Season, the V.E.R. Committee will assess show results and the eligible breeder with the highest aggregate score will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a count-back system will apply. The Committee's decision will be final.
4. The winner will be awarded the perpetual Dianne Condon Memorial Trophy, a memento trophy and a sash. The announcement and presentation of the BEST NEW BREEDER award will be made at the end of the show season.