

DIVISION I – ALPACA / LLAMA

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The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance only from immediate family members, Maryland 4-H/FFA Members and appointed UME Volunteers/FFA Advisors.

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due **July 15th.** Please see the “General Rules” section of the Maryland State Fair website for full information on 2026 Entry system. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are to be completed via the online entry system at time of registration. Reminder you must have completed the Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance program to be able to exhibit your animals. Check with your county to make sure you are up to date with this requirement.

Division Rules & Regulations:

- Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the “General State Fair Rules & Regulations”, “General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations”, “Animal Rules & Regulations”, the “Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics”, the “Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland”, these “Division Rules & Regulations” and the applicable “Section Rules & Regulations”. Exhibitors must stay in the pens assigned by the Superintendent.
- Entries:**
 - Entries for this division will be received on Friday, September 11, 2026, from 3 pm – 9 pm in the Cow Palace. All animals must be in place by 9 pm on Friday, **no exceptions.** Animals will be released on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 6 pm.
 - Refer to “Schedule of Events” for additional information. **DO NOT BRING ANIMALS, TACK or DECORATE BEFORE Friday, September 11th.**
 - Once Alpacas/Llamas are checked in they may not be removed from the grounds during the Fair without the Superintendent’s permission.
- Ownership:**
 - All Alpacas/Llamas must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor or have a permission to show form. Alpacas/Llamas in the Maryland 4-H Leasing Program must be assigned to the Exhibitor by June 1 of the current year. The Exhibitor must comply with the rules stated in the Maryland 4-H Leasing Agreement. **A COPY OF THE LEASING AGREEMENT MUST BE PRESENTED TO SHOW OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF CHECK IN.**
 - All Alpacas/Llamas must be registered and have a micro-chip identification.
- Substitutions:** Exhibitors may substitute one animal for another with approval from the Superintendent. Each substitution must meet the ownership guidelines (Rule 3) and will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Proper attire must be worn during all shows. See “4-H and FFA Animal Show Attire” in the GENERAL 4-H AND FFA RULES & REGULATIONS.
- Bedding will be either sand or wood shavings. The initial bedding supplied by the Fair will be sand or shavings; additional bedding is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens; exhibitors not cleaning their pens will forfeit all premiums.
- All Alpacas/Llamas must be properly presented for show.
- Superintendents may, at their discretion, break or combine classes.

SECTION I – SHOWMANSHIP/OBSTACLES

Section Rules & Regulations:

- Internet pre-entry is required. Internet entries are due to the State Fair by July 15th. Exhibitors will compete according to their 4-H Age (age as of 1/1/26).
- The **4-H/FFA Alpaca Exhibitors Meeting will begin at 8:30am Sunday, September 13, 2026** in the Cow Palace South Ring - **all are required to attend.**
- Judging criteria: Performance in the show ring (80), Knowledge (10), and Personal Appearance (10).
- The alpaca/llama show will begin promptly at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 13, 2026 in the Cow Palace South Ring.
- Showmanship Grand Champion will be eligible to participate in the 4-H/FFA All-Star 4-H Showmanship Contest for Dairy & Camelids on Sunday September 13, 2026 @ 5pm. See Division X, Section XV – 4-H/FFA All-Star Showmanship Contest for rules.

ALPACA CLASSES

I3001 - Alpaca Showmanship - Senior (4-H Ages 14-18)
I2001 – Alpaca Showmanship – Intermediate (4-H Age 11-13)
I1001 – Alpaca Showmanship - Junior (4-H Age 8-10)

I3002 – Alpaca Obstacles - Senior
I2002 – Alpaca Obstacles - Intermediate
I1002 – Alpaca Obstacles – Junior

LLAMA CLASSES

I3005- Llama Showmanship - Senior (4-H Ages 14-18)
I2005- Llama Showmanship – Intermediate (4-H Age 11-13)
I1005- Llama Showmanship - Junior (4-H Age 8-10)

I3006-Llama Obstacles – Senior
I2006-Llama Obstacles – Intermediate
I1006-Llama Obstacles – Junior

SECTION II – DEMONSTRATION

Section Rules & Regulations:

- This will be a demonstration for the public with Alpacas/Llamas with obstacles and fiber for all 4-H ages. Demonstrations will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM in the Cow Palace South Ring. Premiums will be paid for all participating.

ALPACA / LLAMA DEMONSTRATION CLASS

I4004 - Demonstrations (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)