

HLAA/MLA Sweepstakes Award Program

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Hoosier Llama Alpaca Association and Michigan Lama Association



Purpose:

The purpose the HLAA/MLA Sweepstakes is to encourage members to attend llama shows in Indiana and Michigan and add additional fun and excitement of additional awards to our show season. 4-H and Youth Shows are included in this award program! Shows outside of Indiana and Michigan may also participate in the Sweepstakes Award Program with approval by the Sweepstakes committee and payment of a minimal fee. Animals and youth nominated into the Sweepstakes Award Program will earn points for all their placings throughout the show season. Accumulative points will be posted as the show season progresses and awards will be presented at the end of the year to the Top Five in each Sweepstakes Award division. Join now for maximum points and awards for the 2011 show season!

Recognized Shows:

1. All shows held in Indiana and Michigan are automatically included in the Sweepstakes Award Program.
2. All 4-H and youth shows held in Indiana and Michigan are automatically included in the Sweepstakes Award Program.
3. Shows must meet the requirements set forth by the Sweepstakes committee for ages, divisions, and judging requirements.
4. Shows outside of Indiana and Michigan that would like to be recognized to offer the Sweepstakes Award Program at their show must apply for approval from the Sweepstakes Show Committee. There will be a participation fee of \$25.00 for all shows outside of Indiana and Michigan.

Requirements & Guidelines:

1. Animal owner or youth must be a member of either the HLAA or MLA.
2. Youth must be nominated for whatever classes you would like to accumulate points in. (showmanship, obstacle, PR, Pack – all or one class) Youth do not have to show the same animal the entire show season – it is the youth that is accumulating the points, not the animal. Youth may also show alpacas.
3. The one-time annual nomination fee for youth is only \$5.00 for each youth class you would like to accumulate points in.
4. Llama owners must nominate any animals they would like to accumulate points for in the Sweepstakes Award Program.

5. The one-time annual nomination fee for an animal is only \$5.00 for each class you would like that animal to accumulate points in.
6. All nomination fees will be applied in full toward the Program awards given at the end of the year.
7. If joining at a show in the middle of the show season, animals or youth must be nominated in the Sweepstakes Award Program within 7 days after the end of the show. If joining in the middle of the show season, you may not go back and pick up points from previous shows.
8. If an animal is sold during the Sweepstakes show season, the currently earned points will be transferred to the new owner. All points stay with the animal. However, in order for that animal to continue in the Sweepstakes Award Program, the new owner must be a member of the HLAA or MLA. It is the responsibility of the new owner to notify the Recorder of the transfer of ownership before additional points may be accumulated.
9. A youth may only record points with one animal per each division per show. Example: if a show allows a youth to go through the same youth class with two different animals, only one set of placings may be sent in for recording. If the event happens to offer two separate sanctioned shows, such as a double show, placings for both individual shows may be sent in for recording.
10. Show results will be sent to the Sweepstakes Recorder from each participating show to be posted to each participating member's record and to the website.
11. If there is a situation where a Results Sheet may not be available to submit to the Sweepstakes Award Program, such as a small 4-H show or a small county or open show, a youth may use the individual Placings Card that is posted on the website. The card must be signed by the organizer of the show and it will be the youth's responsibility to submit it to the Recorder of the Sweepstakes Award Program within 7 days of the show.
12. If a Sweepstakes performance animal should happen to advance to the next performance level during the current year, the sweepstakes points will follow him and the animal will continue to accumulate points in the new level.

Nominations:

1. To participate in the Sweepstakes Award Program, each llama or youth must pay a nomination fee of only \$5.00 for each division they would like to collect points for.
2. All nomination fees will be placed in an account and be applied to the year-end awards.

Divisions:

1. Awards will be given to the Top Five animals or youth in each of the Sweepstakes Award divisions.
2. The following are the Sweepstakes Award divisions:

- a. Female Halter Classes (wool divisions aren't specified – points are awarded to the animal for whatever class and age division you are in)
- b. Males Halter Classes (wool divisions aren't specified – points are awarded to the animal for whatever class and age division you are in)
- c. Non-Breeder Halter Classes (points are awarded to the non-breeder for whatever age division you are in)
- d. Obstacle Class (includes Novice, Advanced, Masters)
- e. PR Class (includes Novice, Advanced, Masters)
- f. Pack Class (includes Novice, Advanced, Masters)
- g. Adult Showmanship
- h. Junior Youth Showmanship
- i. Intermediate Youth Showmanship
- j. Senior Youth Showmanship
- k. Junior Youth Obstacle
- l. Intermediate Youth Obstacle
- m. Senior Youth Obstacle
- n. Junior Youth PR
- o. Intermediate Youth PR
- p. Senior Youth PR
- q. Junior Youth Pack
- r. Intermediate Youth Pack
- s. Senior Youth Pack
- t. Produce of Dam
- u. Get of Sire

Point System:

1. Points will be recorded to the animal or youth as to the placing received at each participating Sweepstakes show.
3. Points are awarded as to the number of animals shown in the class and the placing the animal or youth receives.
4. Points will be awarded from all recognized Sweepstakes shows between Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of the current year.
5. Point Chart for all shows.

# of Entries in Class	1st Place Points	2nd Place Points	3rd Place Points	4th Place Points	5th Place Points	6th Place Points	7th Place Points	8th Place Points
1	5							
2 - 10	10	9	8	7	6	5		
11- +	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8

Awards:

1. Year-end awards will be awarded to the top 5 in each of the approved Sweepstakes divisions.
2. Awards will be presented after the end of the current show season which ends on Dec. 31.
3. All awards will be determined by the sweepstakes committee.
4. Awards will be supported by all the nomination fees and additional sponsors.

Sponsors:

1. All amounts for sponsorships will be greatly appreciated.
2. Sponsors will receive advertising on the Sweepstakes Records page – a website page that will be visited often during the year.
3. Sponsors will be mentioned in all Sweepstakes Awards Program promotions.

Record Keeping:

1. A Sweepstakes Recorder will be determined by the Sweepstakes committee for all record keeping.
2. Each Sweepstakes approved show will be responsible for submitting show results to the Sweepstakes Recorder within 14 days following the show.
3. No special show results format is required. The same results sheet that is sent anywhere else can be sent to the Sweepstakes Recorder.
4. Current points and division standings will be posted as received on the Sweepstakes Award Program website for viewing.
5. Participants in the Sweepstakes Award Program will be able to continuously view their status in the program as the show season progresses.

Show Season:

1. The show season for the HLAA/MLA Sweepstakes Award Program will be from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of the current calendar year.

How To Participate. Simple as 1, 2, 3:

1. Have a membership in the Hoosier Llama Alpaca Association or the Michigan Lama Association. Membership applications are on the web. <http://www.hlaa.us> for the HLAA or <http://www.michiganllama.org> for the MLA
2. Nominate the animal or youth you would like to collect points for and designate the divisions that you will participate in. The nomination form is on the Sweepstakes website: <http://www.hlaa.us>
3. Send the nomination form and participation fee to the Sweepstakes Recorder. Now you are ready to gather points towards year-end awards as you attend the fun Indiana and Michigan shows.

Sweepstakes Award Program Committee:

1. The committee will be made up of members of the HLAA and the MLA.
2. 2011 committee members are:

Marilyn Nenni, Glen Unzicker, Sheila Miller, Jerry Miller, Bob Minto, Sean Hart