



Performance Trail / Pack Division

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There are no mandatory tasks, but all tasks/obstacles should meet the objective of the course description and simulate what handler and llama might encounter or need to negotiate through or around while hiking and/or packing on trails. In these classes we are measuring the maneuverability and manageability of the pack llama in this class, not the endurance, hence no weight requirements. For youth classes, no weight is allowed.

Packs (all packs must contain two cinches):

Alpacas, mini llamas and full sized llamas up to 36 months:
Must wear packs. May use day packs, no weight, panniers filled out.

Alpacas and mini llamas over 36 months: Must wear packs. May use saddles and day lunch panniers or day packs, no weight, panniers filled out.

Full sized llamas over 36 months: Must wear packs. May use any type pack system, panniers filled out. Weight not required. Exhibitor discretion to add weight to packs for animals 36 months and older not to exceed 40 lbs. for full grown llamas, and 10 lbs. for mini llamas and alpacas. Ideas for non-weighted fill: Styrofoam peanuts, foam rubber, wadded up newspaper, etc.

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Suggested Tasks:

1. Bridges or Ramps
2. Walk over plywood or tarp lying on ground
3. Step Over
4. Water or mud crossing
5. Backing - suggest 4 steps for novice
6. Add items to pack
 - a) can put items in panniers – must close up pannier
 - b) Recommend secure item to pack

- c) ☉Take off jacket and put in pack
- d) ☉Tie on of large object such as a filled out hefty bag(s) on top of saddle or panniers.

7. Duck Under

8. Weave Through

- a) Must be spaced wide enough to allow llamas with filled out panniers to fit through. There must be a minimum of three and maximum of five passages.

9. Apply fly spray (substitute water misting bottle)

- a) ☉On and around legs and tail
- b) Apply spray to rag or handkerchief and apply to llamas face being careful not to touch eyes or nose.

10. Walk by a standing dog

11. ☉Walk or back around pen of sheep or goats

12. Pass by a cow, sheepskin, deer or similar hide.

13. Pass by another llama approaching either from opposite direction or perpendicular such as one might encounter at a trail crossing.

14. Remove Pack

- a) Rub and touch llama sides and belly to check for debris and burs
- b) ☉Kush llama to take off panniers (leave saddle on)

15. Side Pass

16. Walk through Tunnel

- a) ☉Walk through Wind Tunnel

17. Walk through Gate

18. ☉Walk through Water fall or mist

19. Pick up and check feet

- a) Novice-front only; ☉Front or rear feet

20. ☉Handler drinks out of water bottle

21. Stop llama in front of tent and retrieve item from tent and put in pack.
22. Pick up objects along trail and put in pack (simulates trash clean up)
23. ☉Readjust items in pack (i.e. take out an item placed in one side from earlier obstacle and place in other side).
24. Pass person on bike
25. ☉Pass by horse and rider
26. ☉Drag tarp along side of llama for a distance
27. Handler walks on one path or plank, while llama walks on another
28. Walk through deadfall
 - a) Must be presented so animals can negotiate, a brush pile is discouraged
29. Pick up item or branch and move to another location.
30. Check ear for ticks
31. ☉Check tail
32. Wrap leg only if animal is tied
 - a) ☉Wrap leg holding lead rope
33. Have llama stand still while handler walks around llama

☉ *Not recommended for Novice or Jr. Youth*

Safety is a main concern.

All contact surfaces must be treated to prevent slipping.

The judge has the final decision on course safety, and equipment.

The judge will walk the courses with the exhibitors, (no animals).