



## Grandfathering Show Awards

as of 2-18-09

**Statement of Problem:** Until the creation of the ILR Show Division, ALSA was the most commonly used<sup>1</sup> show sanctioning organization for llama shows. Upon the creation of the ILR Show Division, many owners wished to switch and show with the ILR. However, they had accumulated points or division wins toward ALSA titles and they did not wish to “start over” in that quest. The request came, therefore, for a special system to allow those ALSA wins and points to be “grandfathered” into awards given by the ILR.

### **Details with regard to the ALSA system:**

ALSA **points** accumulate toward the ALSA Recognition of Merit award.

ALSA **division wins** combine to make the animal eligible for the ALSA Champion, ALSA Grand Champion or ALSA Elite Champion titles:

- ALSA Champion – generally, this title requires four division wins or three division wins and two division reserves.
- ALSA Grand Champion -- ALSA championship status in both halter and performance.
- ALSA Elite Champion, Breeding class – six halter division wins and six performance division wins (these wins must be before at least three different judges at sanctioned shows with at least 8 in the division) and at least one get/produce class win (with at least 4 get or 3 produce entries).
- ALSA Elite Champion, non-breeder – Same as for “breeding class” but without the get/produce requirement.

### **Proposed Titles:**

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<sup>1</sup> At this time, ALSA is the only other camelid association (other than the ILR) of which we are aware that is making awards which then accumulate toward titles. Therefore, this issue is confined to the “grandfathering” of points awarded at ALSA shows; in any other show, any “title” would have been granted at the show, itself, so you either have it or you don’t – there is nothing to build toward.

- We propose that, for this purpose, titles be awarded using a very similar structure to what ALSA used, but with the word “Combined” appended.
- The Combined titles would include points and wins under ALSA made up until 1/1/2009; points and wins after that must come from ILR shows.
- Owners/exhibitors must submit their points/placings from ALSA to the ILR office no later than 12/31/09 to enter the Grandfathering program. Owners must qualify with ILR-SD placings for Combined titles by 12/31/2010. After that, this program will be discontinued.
- Exhibitors are responsible for tracking previous points and wins made toward the Combined title and submitting same with documentation (described below) in order to qualify for the Combined titles.

**“Combined Recognition of Merit”** – The ILR-SD has proposed a table for awarding points toward as-yet-undefined ILR titles. At present, the proposed ILR-SD table and the current ALSA table are very similar except that the ILR-SD generally awards one more point than ALSA does per class size/placing. Thus, we propose that the formula of [ALSA points awarded prior to 1/1/2009] + [ILR points awards] – [# of classes in which ILR points were awarded] be used to qualify for titles. Point requirements to qualify for the combined title would be:

- Halter 25
- Non-Breeder Halter 20
- Produce of Dam 15
- Get of Sire 20
- Obstacle 25
- Pack 25
- Public Relations 25
- Driving 20
- Fiber 20

**“Combined Champion,” “Combined Grand Champion,” and “Combined Elite Champion”** – these titles would all be awarded based on the same wins described above except that, of course, the shows would be ILR-SD sanctioned and the judges ILR-SD approved. Note that it is entirely possible that the Divisions that are won will not directly correspond to those used by ALSA. Nonetheless, we accept that the ILR-SD will include divisions and divisional Grand Champions and Reserve Champions. As the ILR-SD rules unfold, we can further refine this area.

#### Qualification

- As stated before, the owner must provide information to substantiate their request for a combined award. We fully understand that this may be very difficult, and may be a bit of a research project for the owner. We ask that the owner take the time to assemble the documentation that they have – magazine/newsletter reports, ALSA correspondence, website tables, ribbons, whatever you can find – in a sensible fashion.

- We encourage owners to assemble the documentation for their ALSA points and wins as soon as possible. HOWEVER, we ask that they please wait until they believe they have qualified for a combined award before sending in such documentation.
- Unusual circumstances will be addressed on an as needed basis.
- ILR points accumulated toward a Combined title will also count towards an ILR awards.