



## Performance Guidelines

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1. Courses to consist of 10 obstacles or tasks; except for Jr. Youth and Novice courses which may consist of 8-10 tasks. Course size is at the discretion of Show Management for Optional Classes.
2. If youth are allowed to show in non-youth classes, courses must differ significantly by a minimum of 6 obstacles/tasks. In the event that Show Management does allow youth to show the same animal in the open classes, the PC requests at those shows that the Open, Advanced and Novice classes be run first and that youth classes run at the end of each division: Freestyle Obstacle, Companion PR, Trail/Pack – not at the end of all performance classes.
2. Once a Novice animal has received 35 points, they must move to Advanced.
3. Animals must show in the appropriate division. Advanced animals should not show in Novice classes.
4. Handler and animal must negotiate all obstacles or performs all tasks in a safe manner.
5. In all performance classes the handler may choose not to negotiate an obstacle themselves, unless otherwise specified by the course designer.
6. No open toed shoes are allowed in any class.
7. Voice and/or hand commands may be used. The use of training devices such as clickers or food is not allowed.
8. In all Open, Novice and Advance courses, once an animal has 3 refusals, they are finished being judged and may be dismissed from the course. Judge's discretion may allow them to finish the course in an unobstructed manner. All youth classes complete the courses regardless of refusals encountered.
9. No exhibitors may practice in or on obstacles provided for the show at any time during the show. Show Management has the right to offer practice courses.
10. Obstacles may be numbered for the ease of the exhibitors.
11. Site rules take precedence over ILR-SD rules and Show Management has the discretion to limit Youth showing same animal through Novice, Advance or Open classes.
12. Show Management also has the discretion to limit multiple Youth showing same animal.
13. For all shows, For all courses, The Officiating Judge has the final say for all Courses.
14. If Judge deems an unsafe Obstacle/Task, said judge has the right for that Obstacle/Task to be removed or altered.
15. An individual obstacle/task cannot be used in more than two divisions.
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18. Performance Champions can be offered at ILR shows for:

Open/Advanced and Novice Divisions.

The top three Performance scores will be tabulated for the Performance Champions.

For instance if a show offers pleasure driving, obstacle driving, along with freestyle OB, Companion PR, and Trail/Pack, all animals are equally eligible for the Performance Champion, and the top 3 placements (or scores) given per animal will be the classes used in tabulation of Performance Champion.

**Performance Optional Classes which may be offered:**

- A) Sub Jr. Classes
- B) Over the Hill
- C) Exhibitors with Disability
- D) Ground Driving
- E) Young Pack
- F) Public Invitational Performance Class (Animals must be previously entered in the show. The intent to expose the Public to the joys of working with llamas. PC recommends ribbons or certificates given to all participants)
- G) Novice Handler Performance Class (guidelines to come ...initial thoughts to offer llama owners already entered into a show, that normally do not participate in Performance Classes, a class to encourage participation)
- H) The Champion Challenge (For Performance Champions only – Course design up to Show Management)