

# **BAS Training Courses**

## **ADVANCED ALPACA ASSESSMENT (2 days)**

This course builds on the Foundation Alpaca Assessment (which delegates should have already attended). Content will be mainly practical and will be approximately one-third classroom, two-thirds hands-on practical. It will cover both Suri and Huacaya.

This course is not part of the judge training programme and does not include formal oral reasoning.

### ***Course Content:***

- Review of basic alpaca assessment
- Conformational faults – more detail on limb angulation, dentition and other issues
- Practical on confirmation including testicles
- Advanced fleece assessment:
  - Primary and secondary follicles
  - Elite fleece
  - Detailed examination of fleece qualities – density, fineness, etc
  - Micron assessment
  - Understanding fleece testing and histogram
  - Relationship between characteristics
- Hands-on shorn fleece assessment including comparisons
- Hands-on alpaca assessments – putting it all together
  - In groups and individually
  - Making choices from groups of alpacas
- Stud assessment
  - Heritability
  - Considerations specific to choosing a stud