

ADGA Judges Training Conferences

A Training Conference is a training and testing program for breeders, youth and ADGA judge candidates as taught by a panel of several experienced judges authorized to do so by the Judges Training Committee of ADGA. It consists of one day of training and one day of testing. Its primary purpose is to certify applicants for judging licenses. The course may be audited or simply observed by interested persons provided the appropriate fees are paid, as set by the Judges Training Committee. The content may be as follows:

- ❖ A packet of materials pertaining to the profession will be distributed with a discussion of the tools necessary to be a successful judge.
- ❖ Separate discussion sessions for experienced and beginning judges may be held covering a variety of topics of concern to each group.
- ❖ Working in small groups, there will be evaluations of additional picture and/or live animal classes, as well as the construction and delivery of oral reasons for these classes as groups and as individuals.
- ❖ A comprehensive written test will be given covering all the subjects of the Pre-Judges Training Conference. There will be a review of the individual results.
- ❖ There will be a placement test of at least 8 live classes of 4 dairy goats each. If time and circumstances allow, there will be an opportunity to hear an official set of reasons and review these classes.
- ❖ There will also be, on an individual basis, an oral presentation of reasons on at least 2 of the 8 live classes to a panel of 2 or 3 experienced judges that will score the reasons for accuracy and presentation on a 100-point scale. Each individual's work will be personally discussed with the panel following each presentation.