

Pre-Judges Training Conference (Pre-TC)

A Pre-TC is a training program for breeders, youth, and judge candidates. It taught by a certified Pre-TC instructor and consists of one full day of instruction. Fees for attending a Pre-TC are set by the local sponsoring organization.

The content of a Pre-TC is prescribed, as listed below. Much of this basic text material is available in the ADGA Guidebook or the Judges Training Online for members.

- ❖ [How to become an ADGA licensed Dairy Goat Judge](#)
- ❖ Code of Ethics for Judges – Guidebook, Section XIV, Part E.
- ❖ Oral reasons – [why](#) and [how](#)
- ❖ [Terminology relating to dairy goats, especially for judging and showing](#)
- ❖ How to judge individual dairy goats:
 - [Parts of a dairy goat](#)
 - [Scorecards – doe and buck](#) and its [Applications](#)
 - [Evaluation of general defects](#) and [breed specific defects](#)
 - [Breed Standards](#)
- ❖ [How to judge group classes](#)
- ❖ [How to judge males](#)
- ❖ Rules governing official shows (brief overview) – Guidebook, Section XII
- ❖ Showmanship scorecard – Guidebook, Section XVIII
- ❖ How to judge showmanship – Guidebook, Section XIII, Parts H. & I.
- ❖ [Judging techniques in the show ring](#)
- ❖ Code of Ethics for exhibitors and show committees – Guidebook, Section XII, Part 0.
- ❖ Use of pictures or slides to actually place classes of four animals – [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#)
- ❖ Encouragement of participants to place and give reasons on picture or slide classes
- ❖ Use of live classes of four animals for practice of placings and delivery of oral reasons, if practical