

Pre-Judges Training Conference (Pre-TC)

A Pre-TC is a training program for breeders, youth, and judge candidates. It is a learning opportunity for new breeders, persons interested in become a judge, established breeders wanting to learning more about judging. It is 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.

- 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
- How to judge group classes
- How to judge males
- Parts of a dairy goat
- Scorecards – doe and buck and how to apply it to animals
- Evaluation of general defects and breed specific defects
- Breed Standards
- 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 O.
- 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