



American Dairy Goat Association

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SUGGESTED CLASSES and WINNERS for ADGA SANCTIONED SHOWS

The base date for computing the age of the animal shall be the day the animal is to be judged unless otherwise stated by a Fair board in its rules governing livestock.

■ **JUNIOR DIVISION** – (JUNIOR DOE Show OR Junior Division of COMBINED JR./SR. DOE Show)
The Junior Division consists of does under 24 months of age that are NOT in milk and have never freshened. Either of the following are acceptable with number (1) preferred.

	(1)	(2)
(Junior Kids)	under 4 months	under 6 months
(Senior Kids)	4 months & under 8 months	6 months & under 12 months
(Junior Yearlings)	8 months & under 12 months	12 months & under 18 months
(Senior Yearlings)	12 months & under 24 months	18 months & under 24 months

A Junior Grand Champion and Reserve Junior Grand Champion shall be selected at an ADGA sanctioned Junior Doe Show. A Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion (eligible to compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion) shall be selected in the ADGA sanctioned Junior Division of a Combined Jr./Sr. Doe Show. If sanctioned, the Best Doe in Show class should also be listed.

■ **SENIOR DIVISION** – (SENIOR DOE Show OR Senior Division of COMBINED JR./SR. DOE Show)
The Senior Division consists of does 24 months of age or over that have ever freshened or are in milk. This includes dry milkers.

under 2 years
2 years & under 3 years
3 years & under 5 years
5 years and over

A Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Senior Grand Champion shall be selected at an ADGA sanctioned Senior Doe Show. A Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion (eligible to compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion) shall be selected in the ADGA sanctioned Senior Division of a Combined Jr./Sr. Doe Show. If sanctioned, the Best Doe in Show and Champion Challenge classes should also be listed.

At least as many milking classes as junior classes should be provided, in order to have a well-balanced show. Classes in the Senior Division should be designated by age and not by freshenings, such as “first fresheners.” A class especially for dry milkers is not recommended as it is permissible for them to be shown in the milking classes.

■ **BUCK SHOW** – Junior and Senior Divisions are **not** separately sanctioned.

Junior Division

under 6 months
6 months & under 12 months
• Junior Champion
• Reserve Junior Champion

Senior Division

1 year & under 2 years
2 years & under 3 years
3 years & under 5 years
5 years & over
• Senior Champion
• Reserve Senior Champion

The Junior Champion and Senior Champion compete for Grand Champion. The Reserve Grand Champion is selected from the Champion not chosen as Grand Champion and the animal that stood Reserve to the Grand Champion. If sanctioned, the Best Buck in Show and Champion Challenge classes should also be listed.

SUGGESTED GROUP CLASSES FOR YOUR SHOW

If you plan to hold Group classes, they should be included in your class listing, though they are not sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association.

- JUNIOR GET OF SIRE* - To consist of three does from Junior Division, the get of one sire. Sire must be named.
- SENIOR GET OF SIRE* - To consist of three does from Senior Division, the get of one sire. Sire must be named.
- GET OF SIRE* - To consist of three does, the get of one sire. Sire must be named.
- DAM AND PRODUCE* - To consist of dam and her daughter. Dam must be named.
- HERD* - To consist of four does. All must be owned by exhibitor.
- DAIRY HERD* - To consist of four does in milk. All must be owned by exhibitor.
- BEST 3 FEMALES* - To consist of three does. All must be owned by exhibitor.

All of the animals in the first five groups sometimes are not required to be owned by one exhibitor. Borrowing is allowed. The last three groups are always owned by the exhibitor.

If your show will include any of the first five groups, you should provide space on your entry blanks and require the sire's and dam's registered name and number, as this will be your only identification that the proper animals are showing in the correct group classes.

To safeguard your show, the following rule should be included, "All animals shown in group or special classes must have been shown in their regular class."

You wouldn't want to use all of the above groups in one show. As a new show official, it would be best to gradually add these extra classes, as they are a task for an inexperienced Show Secretary during the excitement of show day.

Requirements on the groups can be tightened considerably as your area grows and animals become more plentiful.

None of these classes are compulsory. They are offered to those of you who may need help with your show and don't know where to get it. If you've never had a show, why not have one this year!