



American Dairy Goat Association

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2016-2017 RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL ADGA SHOWS

The intent and spirit of the show rules is to provide fair competition to exhibitors and their animals on a nondiscriminatory basis.

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. Only American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society and Canadian Goat Society registered, recorded or applied for animals, that are recognized by ADGA as dairy animals, may be shown in official American Dairy Goat Association shows.
2. A registration or recordation certificate is required for all animals six months of age or older and may be required for animals under six months of age if the show so chooses.
3. A registration or recordation certificate or a stamped duplicate application showing the date received by the ADGA office is required for all animals under six months of age. Show officials shall not accept copies of the aforesaid, any other document in lieu of them, or information obtained from the ADGA office via telephone, etc.
4. A stamped duplicate is valid for 30 days from the ADGA office date stamped on it.
5. The document for that animal to be shown must be handed to the show official who shall read it and compare its information to that on its entry form and verify the information on both.
6. All names included on one identification number constitute only one membership; therefore, only one exhibitor. Only the ID number on the registration/recordation certificate or on the stamped duplicate application is proof of ownership.
7. Persons showing animals whose registration/recordation certificates have signed transfers that have not been processed by the ADGA office must show those animals in the owner's name shown on ADGA records at that time.
8. Animals with natural horns shall not be shown.

B. SHOW SANCTIONING AND FEES

1. The number and type(s) of show(s), classes, rules, sanctioning registry association(s), and restrictions published for any given show shall be an exact duplication, in their entirety, of those sanctioned by the ADGA office and shall state "ADGA rules shall govern."
2. Two copies of the schedule of all classes to be held, all other rules of the governing and applying associations and the official show application must be sent to the ADGA office for approval. ALL classes to be held must be listed under classes.
3. Any change requested for a previously sanctioned show shall be sent to the ADGA office in writing for their approval. No verbal or telephone changes will be accepted. This shall not preclude the changing of the judge, show chairperson, or show secretary by telephone if necessary.
4. If the ADGA office sanctions the show, it will, at least two weeks prior to the show date, send copies of all classes to be held and all rules of the governing and applying associations to the judge. If there is a difference in these and the ones presented to the judge at a later date, those sent by ADGA will govern.
5. The postmark (not metered) on the envelope determines the cost of the sanction application if two copies of the rules and classes, the cost of rosettes for all categories applied for and the full cost of the application itself are included. If any of these requirements are lacking, the postmark (not metered) of the latest communication necessary to fulfill requirements, will determine the cost. Sanction fees are as follows if application, rules, and classes are postmarked to ADGA: more than 30 days prior to show date—\$40; 11–30 days prior to show date—\$80; 10 days or less prior to show date—\$120. Rosettes are required and are \$7 a set for each breed being sanctioned. If Champion Challenge is being sanctioned an additional \$4 for each breed must be sent. If the Best in Show class is sanctioned it must be listed under "classes" and the rosette must be purchased (\$4). If it is not sanctioned, the rosette may not be purchased. If the class is held regardless, the BIS animal's name shall not be included on the Report of Awards and the animal will receive no ADGA awards provided by this class even if the animal's name is included. The sanction fee plus the cost of rosettes must accompany the application for the Official Show.
6. The base date for computing the age of the animal is the day the animal is to be judged unless otherwise stated by a Fair board or organizing show committee in its rules governing livestock. This date must be stated on the show application and in the rules.
7. ADGA sanctioned shows held within the judging and classes of another ADGA sanctioned show ARE NOT allowed.
8. Any show limiting its number of entries must state this in their rules.
9. Board approved show rule changes become effective immediately except for those shows already sanctioned to occur before January 1st of the upcoming year. ADGA will announce their sanctioned shows as soon as possible after the sanctioning. All requests not to do so are denied.
10. A show must include one of the following statements in their rules: (The Junior and Senior shows are separately sanctioned) or (The Junior and Senior shows are not separately sanctioned.)

C. RULES GOVERNING SHOW OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

1. The designation "Official ADGA Show" shall be posted conspicuously at the show.
2. It is the responsibility of the Show Secretary to have a copy of these rules available at all times in case any question arises during the course of the show.
3. The Show Chairperson and Show Secretary shall not be the same person. In the case of shows held simultaneously, the Show Secretary shall not officiate in more than one of them.
4. The Show Chairperson and the Show Secretary are responsible for enforcing the ADGA rules and certifying that the standards set forth in these rules have been met. In turn the sponsoring organization is responsible for the actions of the entire Show Committee.
5. The local show committee and sponsoring organization may include show rules of their own to be used in addition to ADGA Rules to insure orderly conduct and cooperative behavior by the exhibitor. They may also set reasonable penalties for violation of such rules. These rules must be included when applying for the show sanction.
6. All shows sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association MUST be judged by a person currently licensed by the American Dairy Goat Association and with strict adherence to the ADGA rules.
7. No Judge shall judge any animal that:
 - a. is owned partially or entirely by the Judge.
 - b. is owned partially or entirely by any member of the Judge's immediate family, which includes children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings, or spouse.
 - c. is owned partially or entirely by the Judge's employer or employee. For purposes of this section, "employer" shall mean any person for whom the Judge has rendered services for recompense, or is under contract to provide such services, whether on a fee for service or salary basis, except as specifically directed by the Association; within fourteen (14) days before the beginning of, or fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of, the show in question.
 - d. in which the Judge had any pecuniary interest.
 - e. over which the Judge has any supervision.
8. The judge shall read the tattoo(s) on the GCH, RGCH, and the Champion Challenge winner BEFORE they leave the ring.
9. The judge shall examine the teats, including the orifices, of all animals and may draw milk into a container to verify defects. When milk is drawn, the judge must disinfect his/her hands before and after inspection.
10. a. Judges will be instructed to determine disqualifiable defects in Nigerian heights within the individual age classes as with all other disqualifications.
b. The standardized measuring device should be used under the judge's supervision.
11. When a written agreement between a licensed ADGA Judge and a show committee and/or sponsoring organization for the judging of an ADGA sanctioned show exists, both parties are required to perform their respective obligations under said agreement. A judge unable to fulfill a contract to judge or conduct a Pre-TC shall immediately contact the sponsor and explain the circumstances. If the sponsor requests, the judge shall contact a mutually agreed upon replacement and work to negotiate terms. Failure to perform this request is grounds for filing a complaint with the ADGA Judges Committee.
12. If the Grand Champion, the Reserve Grand Champion or the Challenge Winner is tail-tattooed and not a LaMancha, the judge shall check the ears for tattoos. If found they must be included and their status clearly indicated on the Report of Awards.
13. The judge shall avoid placing hands or fingers in the animal's mouth for inspection of related defects. The exhibitor shall open the animal's mouth if requested to do so by the judge. If the judge does handle the mouth, he/she shall disinfect his/her hands before and after inspection.
14. ADGA Licensed Judges, judging at an ADGA sanctioned show, shall only sign ADGA paperwork, and that of sponsoring fair if applicable, (unless the show is dual sanctioned with another registry). Any registries desiring information on the specific ADGA show report may request a copy directly from the ADGA office provided the request is within 30 days of the show and is accompanied by the appropriate fee. This rule shall in no way affect the reciprocity agreement currently in place with CGS as per rule XII, J.11.

D. RULES GOVERNING PRESHOW MILKOUT

A preshow milkout is optional. If it is sanctioned, the following rules apply:

1. Show's rules must clearly state the date, exact location and hour of the milkout. Exhibitors unable to be there at that time must milk out upon arrival at the show under the same supervision required at the official milkout.
2. Does participating in the preshow milkout and then removed from the show premises prior to being judged shall be disqualified by the Show Committee.
3. Any doe not milked out according to all specifics set forth in this rule shall be barred by the Show Committee.
4. The Show Chairperson and/or his/her Agent shall check all animals after they are milked by the exhibitor during the preshow milkout. The person doing the checking shall not draw milk.

E. ARRANGEMENT OF CLASSES AND MAKING OF AWARDS

1. The order of the show may be established by one of the following methods: 1. Clearly stating the order of the show in the show's rules submitted to ADGA for sanctioning. When multiple sanctions are offered, a complete schedule of judging order for each sanction must be provided. After sanctioning, the order of the show shall not be changed under any circumstance. When sanctioning a show using this option, the rules must clearly state "The order of the show is not subject to change" or 2. Clearly stating in the show's rules submitted to ADGA for sanctioning, the breed divisions which will be sanctioned, the intended order of the show for all sanctions, and the conditions under which the order of the show may be changed. When sanctioning a show using this option, the rules must clearly state "The order of the show is subject to change".
ADGA Official Shows may sanction classes for the following breed divisions:
a. Alpine b. LaMancha c. Nubian d. Oberhasli e. Saanen f. Sable
g. Toggenburg h. Nigerian Dwarf i. All Other Purebred j. Recorded Grade
2. If the A.O.P. breed division, 1.i. is applied for, no more than six breed divisions of 1.a. through 1.h. may be sanctioned. All animals of the purebred breed divisions not separately sanctioned must be permitted to show in it.
3. All classes sanctioned must be held if any animal(s) of that breed division are present.
4. No breed divisions may be combined after the show is sanctioned.
5. An animal may compete only once in the age classes of an individual show.
6. No animal shall knowingly for any reason be entered, exhibited, or judged in the wrong age class.
7. An animal that for any reason has been exhibited AND judged in the wrong class must be disqualified in that class. The placing of the disqualified animal would then be assigned to the animal behind and subsequent animals moved up one placing.
8. American and Purebred shall be shown in the same classes.
9. ONLY Recorded Grades, Natives on Performance, Natives on Appearance, Experimentals and Grade Experimentals shall be shown in the division called Recorded Grades.
10. An official ADGA rosette must be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each sanctioned breed division of each individual official ADGA show.
11. A person denied the right to exhibit due to past rule violations shall not cause a show to be considered restricted.
12. Entries may not be added to or withdrawn from classes without permission from the officials in charge after the class is in the ring and the judging has started. The class shall not be reopened after reasons have begun.
13. In all classes, awards shall be made by the judge according to the merit of the animal.
14. The Champion Challenge class is OPTIONAL. There may be one class per breed division. If the class is sanctioned, it shall be held and the following rules must apply:
 - a. Permanent Champions may be shown in the regular or the challenge class whichever the owner chooses. The exhibitor may not be charged more or less than the regular entry fee.
 - b. The Grand Champion of the same show must be shown in these classes and the winners of them shall be called "Best of Breed."
 - c. The Grand Champion of the day not winning this class shall not compete in the Best Doe/Buck in Show class -- the winner of the Champion Challenge class shall.
 - d. Permanent Champions shown in these classes are not to be barred from group or udder classes.
 - e. Any show offering premium money must also do so for the Champion Challenge classes. The amount must at least equal the maximum scale of premiums offered in any class of that breed division.
 - f. Where no premium money is paid, the award must at least equal the top award given in any class of that breed division including those given the Grand Champion.
 - g. All animals in this class must be placed by the Judge.
 - h. Proof of Championship shall be the prefix CH, GCH or SGCH as affixed by ADGA on the animals registration or recordation certificate, or presentation of the permanent champion certificate notification letter issued by ADGA in conjunction with the original registration or recordation certificate. The letter is valid for use until December 31 of the year of issuance.

F. JUNIOR DOE SHOWS, JUNIOR DIVISION CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS (Does and Bucks)

1. Any doe under 24 months of age that has never freshened shall compete in a Junior Doe Show or the Junior Division.
2. Any buck under 12 months of age shall compete as a Junior Buck. Junior Buck Shows are not sanctioned.
3. The JUNIOR CHAMPION shall be selected from a class consisting of the first place, blue ribbon winners of the age classes in this division. No animal shall knowingly for any reason be incorrectly exhibited or judged in this class. In a Junior Doe Show, the winner of this class shall be the Junior Grand Champion and called by that title. The RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION may be selected after the Junior Champion has been selected and shall be selected from those remaining in the Junior Championship class plus the animal that stood second to the Junior Champion in its individual class. In a Junior Doe show this shall be the Junior Reserve Grand Champion.

G. SENIOR DOE SHOWS, SENIOR DIVISION CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS (Does and Bucks)

1. Any doe that has ever freshened or that is being milked regularly shall compete in a Senior Doe Show or Senior Doe Division. This includes dry and precocious milkers.
2. Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown.
3. Any buck 12 months of age or over shall compete as a Senior Buck.
4. The SENIOR CHAMPION shall be selected from a class consisting of the first place, blue ribbon winners of the age classes in this division. No animal shall knowingly for any reason be incorrectly exhibited or judged in this class. In a Senior Doe Show the winner of this class shall be the Senior Grand Champion and called by that title.
5. The RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION may be selected after the Senior Champion has been selected and shall be selected from those remaining in the Senior Championship class plus the animal that stood second to the Senior Champion in its individual class. In a Senior Doe Show this shall be the Senior Reserve Grand Champion.

H. SELECTING THE GRAND CHAMPION (Does and Bucks)

1. The Junior and Senior Champion shall compete for Grand Champion, except when the Junior and Senior Divisions are separately sanctioned.

I. SELECTING THE RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION (Does and Bucks)

1. If a Reserve Junior Champion and a Reserve Senior Champion are selected, the RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION shall be selected from the class made up of the following (not applicable when the Junior and Senior Divisions are separately sanctioned):
 - a. The Junior or Senior Champion that has not made the Grand Championship, and
 - b. The animal that stood Reserve to the Grand Champion (either the Reserve Junior Champion or the Reserve Senior Champion).
2. If a Reserve Junior Champion and a Reserve Senior Champion are not selected, the RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION shall be selected from class made up of the following

(not applicable when the Junior and Senior Divisions are separately sanctioned):

- a. the Junior Champion or Senior Champion that has not made the Grand Championship.
- b. the remaining blue ribbon winners in the Division (Junior or Senior) that produced the Grand Champion, the second place winner in the individual class from which the Grand Champion came.

J. WINNING A LEG TOWARD CHAMPIONSHIP

1. No animal shall receive credit for a leg unless it has a **permanent** legible tattoo(s) before it enters the ring. The tattoo(s) must match the one(s) recorded on the registration or recordation certificate or on the stamped duplicate application. Lack of tattoo, illegibility, or the information included in the aforementioned documents not matching the tattoo(s) on the animal shall not prevent the animal from receiving the ADGA rosette.
2. Any disqualified animal must NOT be counted in the total number shown.
3. Does
 - a. There must be ten or more does of her breed division owned or leased and shown by at least two exhibitors.
 - b. At least two legs of a doe's Permanent Championship must be made as:
 - (1) Winner in the Senior Division at open shows where
 - (a) at least eight does of her breed division IN MILK are competing in at least two age classes while complying with 3.a. above; or
 - (b) Grand Champion in the regular division classes with less than eight does in milk while complying with a. above and then goes on to win the Champion Challenge class which has sufficient milkers to complete the required total of eight; or
 - (c) Winner competing against two or more animals that have won their Best of Breed while complying with a. and 1.(a) above in that same show. This class shall be called Best Doe in Show and must be comprised of the best of each breed division in that individual show. No absentees permitted. However, in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as a family or medical emergency, a letter shall be sent to the ADGA Shows Committee Chair from the sponsoring show's committee explaining the circumstances, postmarked or sent electronically within 14 days of the date of the show. The ADGA Shows Committee will properly review the situation and make a decision as soon as possible, or
 - (2) Winner over at least nine (total of 10) does which include less than eight (8) does in milk and then wins Best in Show, when this class meets all the requirements of J.3.b.(1)c., shall exchange this restricted leg for an unrestricted leg.
 - (3) Winner in the Senior Division at a restricted show with at least twenty does of her breed division in milk, competing in at least two age classes. This includes official 4-H, FFA and Youth shows.
 - (a) As winners, competing against two or more animals that have won their Best of Breed, while complying with (3) above in that same show. This class shall be called Best Doe in Show, and must be comprised of the best of each breed division in that individual show. No absentees permitted. However, in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as a family or medical emergency, a letter shall be sent to the ADGA Shows Committee Chair from the sponsoring show's committee explaining the circumstances, postmarked or sent electronically within 14 days of the date of the show. The ADGA Shows Committee will properly review the situation and make a decision as soon as possible, or
 - (4) the Reserve Grand Champion to a Grand Champion that was a Permanent Champion as shown by Official ADGA records, prior to entering the show ring, with at least twenty (20) does of her breed division in milk competing in at least two age classes.
 - c. As the grand champion in the regular division classes with less than ten does and then goes on to win the champion challenge class, which has sufficient does to complete the required total of ten.
4. Bucks
 - a. There must be ten or more bucks of his breed division owned or leased and shown by at least two exhibitors.
 - b. Bucks under 12 months of age are referred to as Junior bucks, bucks 12 months of age or older as Senior bucks. The Junior and Senior divisions of a buck show are not separately sanctioned.
 - c. At least two legs of a buck's Permanent Championship must be made as the sire of ADGA registered or recorded offspring at open shows where:
 - (1) as winner over at least three bucks one year of age or older while complying with a. above.
 - (2) as winner in the regular division classes with less than 10 bucks of his breed division or less than 3 or 4 Senior bucks, depending on which is needed, and he goes on to win the Champion Challenge class that has a sufficient number of bucks to complete the total required for a win.
 - (3) as winner competing against 2 or more animals that have won their Best of Breed while complying with a. and c.1 above in that same show. This class shall be called Best in Show and must be comprised of the best of each breed division in that individual show. No absentees permitted. However, in the event of extenuating circumstances such as a family or medical emergency, a letter shall be sent to the ADGA Show Committee Chair from the sponsoring show's committee explaining the circumstances, postmarked or sent electronically within 14 days of the date of the show. The ADGA Shows Committee will properly review the situation and make a decision as soon as possible.
 - (4) winner over at least nine (total of 10) bucks of his breed division, that include less than 3 bucks that are one year old or older, and then wins Best in Show, when this class meets all the requirements of J.4.a. and b.(2), shall exchange this restricted leg for an unrestricted leg.
 - (5) winner in a restricted buck show with at least twenty senior bucks of his breed division competing in at least two age classes. This includes 4-H, FFA and Youth shows.
 - (6) the Reserve Grand Champion to a Grand Champion that was a Permanent Grand Champion, as shown by official ADGA records, prior to entering the show ring, with at least twenty senior bucks of his breed division competing
5. Except as otherwise provided in this Division, only one leg toward Permanent Championship may be attained as:
 - a. The Grand Champion in an Official 4-H, FFA, and Youth show, or
 - b. The Grand Champion in a restricted show, or
 - c. The Grand Champion in a show with ten of the breed division, but with less than eight does in milk, or
 - d. The Reserve Grand Champion to a Grand Champion that was a Permanent Champion as shown by Official ADGA records, prior to entering the show ring.
 - e. Best in Show winner in a Junior Doe Show when competing against two or more animals that have won their Best of Breed while complying with J.3.a. in that same show. This class shall be called Best Doe in Show and must be comprised of the best of each breed division in that individual show. No absentees permitted. However, in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as a family or medical emergency, a letter shall be sent to the ADGA Shows Committee Chair from the sponsoring show's committee explaining the circumstances, postmarked or sent electronically within 14 days of the date of the show. The ADGA Shows Committee will properly review the situation and make a decision as soon as possible.
6. Only one leg toward Permanent Championship may be won by any animal at a single show.
7. At least two legs of Permanent Championship must be made under different judges. When the same judge awards a doe her first Junior Doe show win and her first two unrestricted wins, if the doe has another Junior Doe show win under a different judge, the owner may petition the Show Committee Chair to exchange the doe's first Junior Doe show win for the one under the different judge. The office will notify the owner whether or not his request is granted.
8. A doe or buck winning three Grand or Reserve Grand Championships under the conditions set forth in Division J shall become a Permanent Champion and be entitled to the CH designation. If the CH animal holds an Advanced Registry or Star record in ADGA, except by birth, it is entitled to the GCH designation. If the GCH animal also qualifies for the Superior Genetics Award, it is entitled to the SGCH designation.
9. A Best of Breed failing to compete in the Best In Show class will forfeit the leg won in that class.
10. Junior Champions of the National Show shall receive a dry restricted leg.
11. ADGA will accept show wins earned by ADGA registered animals at official sanctioned CGS shows judged by either ADGA or CGS licensed judges postmarked within 14 days of the show.

L. REPORTS

1. Prior to the date of judging, a triplicate Report of Awards shall be sent by the ADGA office to the Show Secretary.
2. This Report of Awards should be recorded on and completed in its entirety by the show secretary, except for signatures and the judges notations. The information of the breed judged should be completed before the judging of the next breed begins.
3. The Show Secretary shall take all tattoo information from the Judge only and as he/she reads it on the animal. The Judge is the only authority on what tattoos are on the animal. When a registration or recordation certificate indicates an animal has been re-tattooed, the Judge may disregard duplication of tattoo or of individual letter or numbers of tattoo which, in the opinion of the Judge, are the result of re-tattooing.
4. The owner of the animal is responsible to certify that all information pertaining to his/her animal and to the win is correct on the Report of Awards to the best of his/her knowledge.
5. The Show Secretary and Show Chairperson are responsible to certify that every detail on the Report of Awards is correct to the best of their knowledge.
6. A judge may refuse to sign the Report of Awards. If so, they must call the ADGA office no later than the next working day from the show date and make a full report. Within seven days postmarked from the show date, the judge shall mail a copy of the reason(s) to the

ADGA office.

7. The Judge shall certify that all of the tattoos on the winning animals are recorded on the Report of Awards exactly as they are on the animals and that all of the Best of Breed were present in the Best in Show class. All tattoo spaces provided shall be filled. If there is no tattoo, the judge shall write "none." If the tattoo is illegible, the judge shall write "illegible".
If the tattoo(s) on the animal does not match the one(s) on the registration or recordation certificate or on the stamped duplicate application, the judge shall draw a line through the tattoo information on the Report of Awards and write "tattoo incorrect" in the space above it.
8. The Judge, Show Secretary, Show Chairperson, and the winning exhibitors shall sign the Report of Awards. The Judge shall mail one copy to the ADGA office within ten days of the date of judging. If the Report of Awards is not received in the ADGA office, the following procedure will be followed:
 - a. A phone call to the judge at 10 days allowing 5 business days to return the Report of Awards.
 - b. If not received in the ADGA office after 5 business days, the sponsoring organization is to be requested to provide a copy of their copy of the Report of Awards.
 - c. Written notice of pending action (reprimand to Judge) sent Certified Mail Return receipt at 30 days.
 - d. Phone call by the ADGA office at 30 days stating urgent action needed.
 - e. At 45 days notification to the ADGA Judges Committee Chair to send letter of reprimand with a 14 day time period for submission of Report of Award. Failure to do so would result in Judges Committee's recommendation to the Board of Directors for loss of tenure for the Judge.
9. The judge shall read the report of awards before signing it and will be held accountable for those mistakes obvious to him/her such as, but not limited to: spaces left blank, fewer number of senior does than the number of does in milk and dry milkers combined, fewer senior does than milking classes held, etc.
10. No animal shall receive credit for a win unless the information is correctly recorded on the Report of Awards when it is first received by the ADGA office. An animal shall not be shown on more than one ADGA registration or recordation certificate or stamped duplicate application.
11. After the completion of the show, the Report of Awards shall not be added to or changed by anyone, except by proper review and action of the ADGA show committee.
12. If two shows are held concurrently (double ring show) at the same location and judged by two different Judges, the Show Secretary must list the time of the selection of each breed champion.
13. For show purposes only: The owner of the animal on the day it is shown will be accepted by ADGA as the valid owner at that time. This name will prevail regardless of a post-dated transfer.
14. A Best Of Breed animal failing to compete in the Best In Show class will forfeit the leg won in that show. The judge will write "Failed to compete in Best In Show" over that breed division on the Report of Awards.
15. If an ADGA sanctioned show is held, the ROA must be completed and returned to the ADGA office for all breeds originally sanctioned regardless of the number of entries shown in each breed division.

M. COMPLAINTS AND PENALTIES

1. All complaints pertaining to the management of a show, show rules for which interpretation is requested, all imperfect Reports of Awards and cases of questionable legs, but not limited to these, will be sent to the ADGA office. A \$25.00 filing fee must accompany the complaint. The complaint will be sent to the ADGA Shows Committee Chair once recorded by the ADGA office. The ADGA Shows Committee Chair shall forward a copy of the complaint to the offending party within 14 days. Within twenty-one (21) days of Respondent's receipt of the complaint from the Shows Committee Chairman, the Respondent may file an answer to the complaint setting forth any defense to the charges in the complaint or any other matter Respondent believes helpful to the resolution of the Complaint. If the complaint is deemed justified by the Shows Committee and supporting action taken by the Board of Directors, the filing fee will be returned to the complaining party. No action will be considered by the ADGA Shows Committee unless the case is presented to them within one year of occurrence.
2. All complaints filed by ADGA members, fair officials or the ADGA office pertaining to the ethics and competency of Judges are to be referred to the Judges Committee within ninety days of occurrence. (See Article XIV.G. for additional information.)
3. If the ADGA Shows Committee finds a Show Committee or Sponsor guilty of conducting a sanctioned show in willful violation of ADGA rules, it should recommend action to the Board such as:
 - a. A fine of not less than \$25 to the sponsoring organization.
 - b. Publicizing in the Dairy Goat news media.
 - c. The Show Chairperson and Show Secretary shall not officiate in any official capacity in an Official ADGA Show for a period of one year beginning January 1st following the decision of the Board.
 - d. Invalidating any or all wins at a show in question as far as official ADGA records are concerned. No action will be considered by the ADGA Show Committee unless the case is presented to them within one year of occurrence.

N. DEFINITIONS

1. **Combined Jr./Sr. Doe Show**—A show for the exhibition of does of all ages
2. **Senior Doe Show**—A show for the exhibition of does that have freshened or are being milked regularly
3. **Junior Doe Show**—A show for the exhibition of does under 24 months of age who have never freshened nor are in milk
4. **Buck Show**—A show for the exhibition of bucks of all ages
5. **Specialty Show**—One separately sanctioned breed division costing a full sanction fee, not restricted, does not need breed club approval, and all shows meeting requirements are sanctioned.
6. **4-H Show**—A show that restricts its exhibitors to those who are 4-H Members
7. **FFA Show**—A show that restricts its exhibitors to those who are FFA Members
8. **Youth Show**—A show that restricts its exhibitors to those who are members of 4-H, FFA, and other youths under 21 years of age
9. **AOP Breed Division**—Is the All Other Purebred division for breeds that are not separately sanctioned
10. **Open Show**—A show open to all exhibitors
11. **Restricted Show**—A show that has limitations as to who may exhibit including 4-H, FFA, and Youth shows
12. **Base Date**—Date used for computing the age of a dairy goat in order to be placed in the proper class
13. **Championship Leg**—A term used to describe one of three official championships used as a basis of awarding a Permanent Championship
14. **Disqualified Animal**—Any dairy goat with one or more characteristics listed under "Disqualification in the ADGA Evaluation of Defects" and so designated by an ADGA Judge. A disqualified animal shall not receive any award nor be counted in the official numbers nor appear in any group classes.
15. **Best Of Breed**—BOB—The Grand Champion of the day is the BOB. If there is a Champion Challenge Class and the Grand of the day does not win it, the winner of that class becomes the BOB.
16. **Best In Show**—BIS—A class that is comprised of all of the Best of Breed animals in that show
17. **Pre-Show Milkout**—A supervised complete milking of all Senior Division does at a specific time and place prior to the beginning of judging
18. **Do In Milk**—A doe being milked regularly (being milked at least once every day ongoing)
19. **Preocious Milker**—A doe that has never freshened and is producing an amount of milk that requires her to be milked regularly
20. **Dry Milker**—A doe that has freshened and is no longer in milk
21. **Freshened Doe**—A doe that has given birth to a kid or a fetus after at least 141 days of gestation
22. **Aborted Doe**—A doe that gave birth to a fetus carried less than 141 days after conception
23. **Exhibitor**—The owner or owners whose name(s) appears as the owner on the registration or recordation certificate or stamped duplicate application. Multiple names under one ID number are one exhibitor.
24. **Handler**—The person showing the animal in the ring
25. **Agent**—The person acting in place of the owner

O. SUGGESTED CODE OF ETHICS FOR EXHIBITORS AND SHOW COMMITTEES

1. Transportation should be furnished for the Judges. This excludes the National Dairy Goat Show.
 - a. Judges can be picked up at the airport by a Member of the show committee or the sponsoring club (organization) who is not showing his/her animals at this show.
 - b. Car Rental Funds may be provided in advance either by the organization or included in the show contract.
2. Accommodations for the Judge should be made in either a local motel or in the home of someone not exhibiting.
3. The Judge should not be entertained by anyone prior to the show who intends to exhibit at the show.
4. Do not request of the Judge a private opinion on any animal prior to the completion of the show.
5. Anyone who has purchased, within six months, an animal directly from the Judge should not show this animal under this same Judge.
6. Anyone who owns an animal in which the Judge has a financial interest cannot show this animal under the same Judge. (Refer to Rules Governing Show Officials and Judges).
7. Do not offer information or comments to the Judge in the show ring unless requested by the Judge.
8. After the completion of the show, the Judge would welcome and encourage friendship and constructive questions.