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Special Training Conference Host Group Responsibilities and Application

Local and State Dairy Goat organizations are invited and encouraged to host Special ADGA Judges Training Conferences, as they can provide the opportunity for the licensing of new judges in a geographic area needing more judges. They can be valuable learning and volunteer experiences for involved persons. Involvement in a special training conference can serve as motivation for those interested in becoming a dairy goat judge that may be unfamiliar with the process. Additionally, clubs can earn a lot of money for their clubs if the training conference is successful. Examples of sites that have worked very well for training conferences are technical colleges or dairies that have a large meeting room on site for classroom work.

A judges training conference consists of three days of training, held from Friday-Sunday. Day 1 consists of a pre-judges training primarily with lecture and discussion. Day 2 will be work with live animals (2-3 hours) and additional discussion, as well as a written exam on the contents of the ADGA guidebook pertaining to judges. Day 3 will be a test requiring each participant to place 10-11 classes of 4 animals and the presentation of 2 sets of oral reasons to a panel of judges. Based on performance, licenses for judging may be granted. For more information, please see the ADGA guidebook, Section XIV. Official Judges.

If you have a group wishing to host a Special Judges Training Conference, not held in conjunction with an Annual Meeting, please review required tasks and complete this application. Please send to both the ADGA office and the Judges Training Committee Chairperson(s) for consideration. It is advised that this application be completed at least 6-12 months prior to the dates desired to host a training conference due to the number of logistical considerations for the host group, potential Judges candidates, and the Judges Training Committee. If approved by the Judges Training Committee, the Committee Chairperson(s) will contact the host organization's leader as listed in the application to review the next steps.

The following tasks and responsibilities are required of the host group applying to sponsor a Special Judges Training Conference. Each item marked with an X designates who is responsible for the cost of the item.

Task/Responsibility	Host Grp	ADGA
Promotion of the event and collection of individual fees (set by the Host Group) for the Pre-Judges Training Conference	**X**	
Pre-judges training instructor fee and shared expenses. (Host group not responsible for hiring instructor, just cost)	**X**	
AV equipment to project slide presentations	**X**	

Provision of a facility suitable as a teaching and testing environment for 2 days, which includes both classroom and an area for 2-4 classes of 3-4 goats each. Please consider logistics if raining.	**X**	
Task/Responsibility (continued)	**Host Grp**	**ADGA**
Facility or location suitable to allow for candidates to work 8-10 animal classes of 4-5 goats each. Animals will be needed for each day. Friday will require 4-8 goats, Saturday 12-16, and Sunday at least 40-50 (milkers and drys with at least 1 class of Nigerian Dwarfs). Unless this is at a dairy, multiple herds would need to trailer in animals.	**X**	
Provision of lunch for candidates, auditors, panel, and clerks on all 3 days.	**X**	
Volunteer animal handlers for Days 2 & 3 (12-16 needed for Day 2 PM, 16-20 for Day 3 AM & PM. Potential costs to consider if animals are transported to a facility may be pen rental, pen cleaning, hay, shavings, mileage, etc. Or animals can stay in trailers.	**No cost associated**	
Goats for classes- o ~12-16 goats in 3-4 classes for Day 2 PM practice classes, o ~ 40-50 goats in 8-10 classes for Day 3 AM & PM	**X**	
Transportation of handlers, candidates, and spectators to Day 2 location of TC- (this can be stated that handlers, candidates, need to arrange own transportation to but need to ensure all have transportation to arrive to necessary sites)	**X**	

The sponsoring organization shall agree to pay ADGA according to one of the following contracts, which they will choose based on the number of expected candidates. ADGA agrees to cover expenses to provide panel members, managers, clerks, copying of exams, educational materials based on candidates expected. As an example, a fee of $350 per candidate, $250 for an auditor and $100 for spectator has been used in recent special TCs. Additionally, Pre-Training conference registration of $100 is typical. These fees are paid to the club to cover the contract with ADGA and facility rental, food, etc. Anything earned over that contract is kept as income for the club, which is one of the incentives for well-organized clubs to apply to put on training conferences.

# of Candidates	# Managers and Clerks needed	Panel Size	Contract Cost
0-25	1 &1	3	$6,000
26 or more	2 & 1	6	$9,000

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Application to Host a Special Training Conference

Note: It is strongly recommended that Special Training Conferences be in locations outside a 1000-mile radius of the Annual Meeting site for that year.

Host Group /Organization Name _____

Proposed Dates of TC _____

Location (City/State) _____

Has your organization/group hosted a Training Conference before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Previous Hosting Dates _____

Host Group Primary Contact _____

Email _____

Primary Contact Home Phone _____

Primary Contact Cell Phone_____

# of Expected Candidates _____

In the space below, please provide a brief description of available facilities and plans for providing goats (i.e. individual herdowners will bring goats to the site, or work at a dairy with sufficient goats available, etc). Please note the approximate travel time to the nearest airport and the nearest city with hotel and food accommodations. If travel will be required to work with goats, list the approximate travel time to location. Please use additional paper if needed.

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Email completed application to Judges Training Committee Co-chairs Kirt Schnipke at **schnk05@yahoo.com** or Bob Bartholomew at **bbarfarm@aol.com**. Please also email **lreynolds@adga.org** at the ADGA office.