



# The Miniature Goat Registry

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## OFFICIAL SHOW RULES

### SHOW SANCTION AND FEES

1. Application for show sanction shall be made to the Office of the Show Committee Chairperson.
2. The schedule of classes published for any given show shall state: "TMGR rules to govern and take precedence over all other rules."
3. A sanction application and a copy of the schedule of classes shall be sent to the TMGR Show Committee Chairperson for approval. All scheduled classes and breeds must be listed. Application forms may be obtained from the Official Show Committee Chairperson or online at [www.tmgronline.com](http://www.tmgronline.com).
4. Application for show sanctioning must be submitted to TMGR at least 45 days prior to the show for the following regular sanction fees to apply: Sanction application fee - \$10; all sanctions, \$15 each per show (judge). If application for show sanctioning is received less than 45 days before the show, each sanction will be \$25. Each sanction will receive Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rosettes.
5. Application for show sanctioning without Rosettes must be submitted to TMGR at least 45 days prior to the show for the following sanction fee(s) to apply: Sanction application fee - \$10; all sanctions \$5 each per show (judge). If application for show sanctioning is received less than 45 days before the show, each sanctioning will be \$10.
6. No other Club, Organization, or Agency will make any rule or rules, which directly or indirectly affect the Sanctioned Show, without first obtaining approval from TMGR.
7. TMGR may allow for the dual sanctioning of a show if the rules above are adhered to during the course of that show.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING ANIMALS

1. An official TMGR Certificate of Registration is required for any animal entered and shall be presented to the show secretary prior to the start of the show. Miniature goats with an official MDGA Certificate of Registration may show and be counted in the total animals shown but may not record a win unless registered with TMGR within 10 days of the date of the show. If the animal is not registered with TMGR within the 10-day period following the show, the Reserve Champion will record the win if otherwise eligible. The show secretary will be responsible for assuring that each animal is accompanied by the proper Certificate of Registration before the animal is shown.

2. In lieu of original Certificate of Registrations an officially validated faxed or electronic copy of the Certificate of Registration from the Registrar shall be accepted by show officials.
3. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the official Certificate of Registration, unless ownership has changed within 90 days of the show and a transfer of ownership form is presented with the certificate. In that case, ownership shall be the name on the transfer form. Transfer of ownership forms that are dated more than 90 days prior to the show date will not be honored as proof of ownership.
4. An animal may be judged in only one age class per show. Proof of birth date shall be the birth date on animal's official Certificate of Registration.
5. 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. This date must be stated on the show application and in the rules.
6. Health certificates may be required if specified in the schedule of classes and official show rules. When health certificates are not required, the show officials shall see that all animals brought to the show grounds are in apparent good health and free from noticeable disease. Show officials may deny entry if animal does not appear in good health.
7. Any animal disqualified in its class will not be counted in the total number of animals shown for sanction purposes.
8. Animals are required to have a legible tattoo and/or microchip as a condition for recording a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion win. (Animals under 6 months of age are exempt from this rule.) Owner will be responsible for providing a microchip reader if animals are chipped.
9. There are no minimum or maximum age restrictions.
10. Any animal of any age may be measured at any time by the judge at the judge's discretion while in the show ring.

#### **SHOW OFFICIALS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The Show Secretary / Chairperson must have a copy of these rules available at all times during the show.
2. The Show Secretary / Chairperson is / are responsible for enforcing TMGR show rules. The Sponsoring Organization is responsible for the actions of the entire show committee.
3. All TMGR sanctioned shows must be judged by a person officially recognized by TMGR.

4. No person shall judge any animal in which she/he has an ownership or part ownership, or which is owned by a member of his/her immediate family.
5. Prior to the beginning of the show, the official Registration Certificate must be shown to the Show Secretary/Chairperson to verify the following information: a) That each animal is entered in the correct sanction and age class by verifying birth date. b) That each animal is entered by its full and correct name. c) That the registration number matches those on the entry form. d) To confirm ownership of animal.
6. Show Secretary/Chairperson is responsible for filling out all Reports of Awards correctly and mailing reports to the TMGR office within ten (10) days after the show. Failure to do so may result in invalidation of show wins. All required signatures must be present on the Show Report.

### **JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Judge all animals according to the TMGR Score Card and Fault Matrix.
2. Judge shall make awards according to the merit of the animal in any class in which there is no competition.
3. Judge shall check the date of birth on the Certificate of Registration of all Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals to verify their having been shown in their correct age class.
4. Judge will check and verify that the tattoos or microchips on all animals selected for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion animals match the information shown on the Registration certificates. It is acceptable for the tattoos to be reversed, as long as they are correct in all other ways. On the Report of Awards, the judge shall record the status of tattoos of both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. i.e., correct OR reversed and initial the note. In the case of reversed tattoos, the Judge MUST tell the owner that they have 60 days to return the Certificate of Registration to the Registrar for correction or the win will become invalid.
5. Judge will measure the height of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand champion from the Senior classes and relay this information to the Show Secretary/Chairperson to record on the Report of Awards.

### **CLASSES**

1. All animals will be judged according to the TMGR Score Card and Fault Matrix.
2. Entries may not be added to or withdrawn from classes after the judging has started unless the Show Committee has given permission. Entries SHALL NOT be added to or withdrawn from a class once the Judge has placed the class and begun to give reasons.

3. Junior Sanction classes shall include all Bucks under 12 months and Does under 24 months that have not freshened.
4. Senior Sanction classes shall include all Does 12 months of age and over including yearlings, which have freshened one or more times and Bucks that are 12 months of age or older.
5. Does that are over 24 months of age and have never freshened do not qualify for competition in TMGR sanctioned shows.
6. All Sanctions must have a minimum of two age (2) classes.
7. Best Udder (BU) (Optional Class). This class is comprised of Senior Does selected by the Judge from each age class; or open to all Does who participated in the classes. The Show Secretary / Show Chairman and Judge will decide before the classes begin which option they will use.
8. Best In Show (BIS) (Optional Class). This class is comprised of all of the Grand Champion of Breed animals in the show. When BIS is offered, all Grand Champion animals must compete. Grand Champion Senior Does may be milked out at the request of the judge prior to entering show ring. Winner of the BIS will not receive a leg, with the following exception: If a Senior Grand Champion animal in a sanctioned class where there are less than 6 animals, competes in a BIS class and wins, that animal will be entitled to receive an unrestricted leg. Junior winners will receive a restricted leg.

### **SELECTION OF CHAMPIONS**

1. Grand Champion shall be selected from the first-place winners of the classes in each sanction.
2. Reserve Grand Champion shall be selected from the animal which stood second to the Champion in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of the other division classes.
3. There must be six (6) animals and two (2) exhibitors in any sanctioned show for the wins of the Grand or Reserve Champions to be considered official.
4. Combined shows must have eight (8) animals and two (2) exhibitors for the wins of the Grand or Reserve Champions to be considered official.
5. Junior and Senior Does may be combined into a Combined Doe Sanction.
6. Junior and Senior Bucks may be combined into a Combined Buck Sanction.
7. AOM Sanctions (All Other Mini's) must have a minimum of six (6) animals and two (2) exhibitors for the wins to be considered official.

8. A Grand Champion animal that does not meet the qualifications for the official win shall forfeit that win to the Reserve Grand Champion, providing that animal meets all the criteria.
9. Miniature goats that are in the American or Purebred Herdbooks who are selected as a Grand Champion, but measured to be over height, can be counted in the total animals shown, but may not record a win unless the owner submits their Certificate of Registration to TMGR requesting the animal be moved back to the Experimental Herdbook within 10 days of the date of the show. If the animal is not moved to the Experimental Herdbook with TMGR within the 10-day period following the show, the Reserve Champion will record the win if otherwise eligible.

### **FINISHED GRAND CHAMPIONS**

1. A Doe shall have three (3) wins under at least two (2) different Judges to become a Finished Grand Champion (FGCH). A minimum of two (2) wins must be in milk. Only one (1) restricted win will be counted towards FGCH status.
2. A Buck shall have three (3) wins under at least two (2) different Judges to become a Finished Grand Champion (FGCH). Only one (1) restricted win will be counted towards FGCH status. The buck must have registered offspring.
3. Restricted Wins are Junior Grand Champions OR a default win as a Reserve Champion

### **PRE-SHOW MILK-OUTS**

1. The Show Committee will make the decision whether or not to require a pre-show milk-out and this information must be published along with the show rules in all advertising promoting the show.
2. The Show Committee is responsible for enforcing the rules if there is a pre-show milk-out.

### **REPORT OF AWARDS**

1. The Report of Awards shall be completed in its entirety THEN signed by the following people in this order:
  - First - by the exhibitors owning the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion.
  - Second - by the Show Secretary /Chairman.
  - Finally - by the Judge
2. All tattoo/microchip information for the Report of Awards shall be taken from the Judge as he/she reads it on the animal. The Judge is the sole authority as to the accuracy or legibility of the animal's identification.

3. The owner of the animal must certify that all information on the Report of Awards is correct to the best of their knowledge and by signing the Report of Awards has acknowledged that said information is complete and accurate.
4. All corrections to the Report of Awards will be done so in the following manner: Strike through the original information with a single line, enter the new information beside or above the strike through, and initial the change. Only the Show Secretary, owner of the animal, or Judge should make changes on the Report of Awards.
5. No changes may be made on the Report of Awards after it is signed by the Judge. Recording of wins will be taken from these reports as Official by the Official Show Chairperson.
6. Failure of the Show Secretary / Chairperson or Judge to make sure all required signatures and data are complete may invalidate the win. Make certain these signatures are present before submitting the Report of Awards.
7. In the case of a clerical error on the Report of Awards, the Official TMGR Show Chairperson shall make note of the error and is the only person who can verify the win and deem it official, if applicable.

#### **COMPLAINTS AND PENALTIES**

1. All complaints regarding shows are to be made in writing, within 7 days of the show, first, to the local Show Secretary, and then if not resolved, to the TMGR Show Chairman.
2. Wins recorded at a show in which TMGR rules were violated may be invalidated by TMGR.