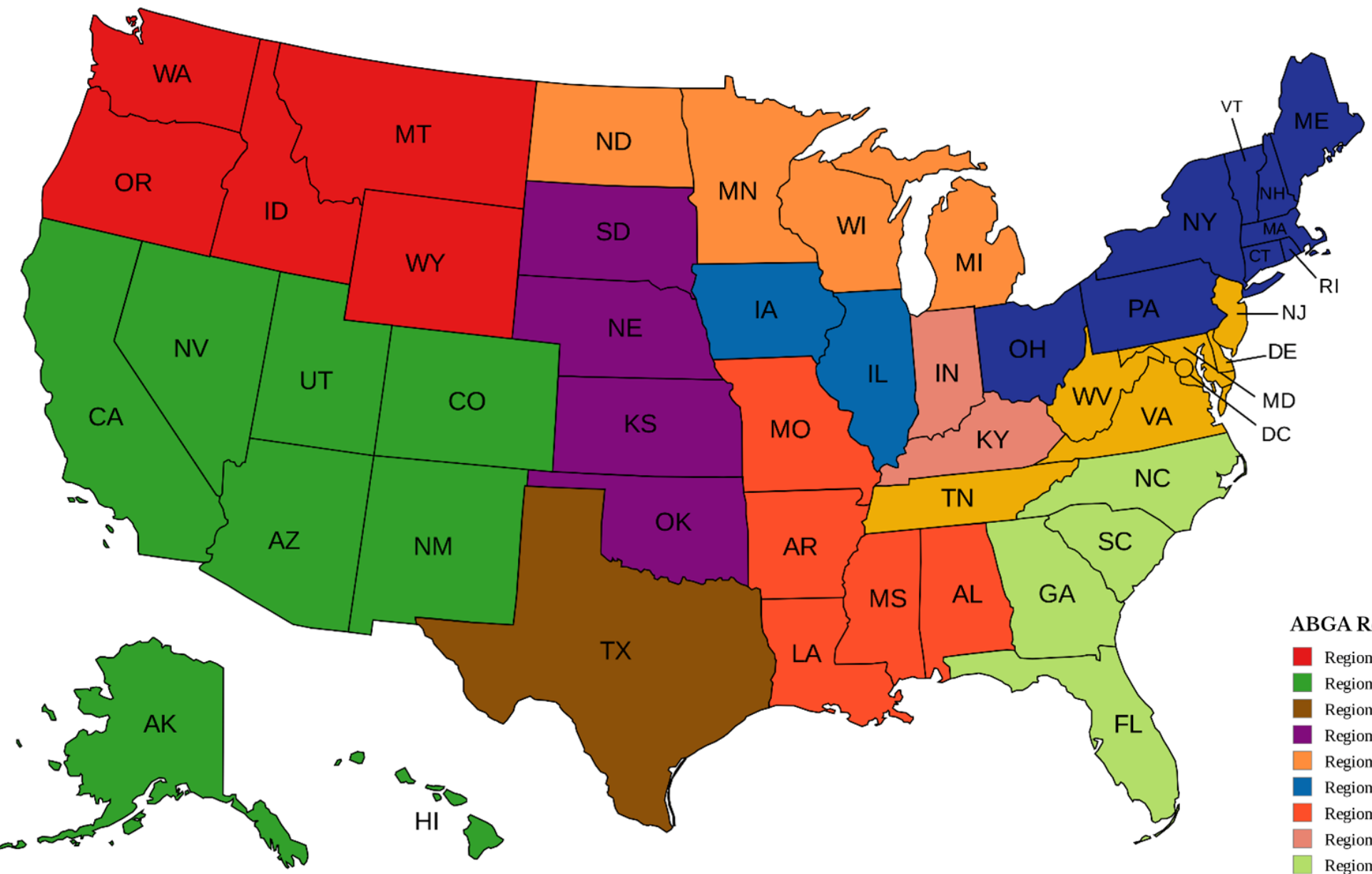


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# **Board of Directors Closed Meeting**

## **American Boer Goat Association**

**November 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

### **I. Call to Order**

President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

### **II. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Ashley Roles, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R3-** Dustin Fields, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Absent- R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R6-** Sydney Black

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, Elizabeth Mobley (Finance Committee Member), Elizabeth Reed (Finance Committee Member)

**Others Absent- Past President-** Rosalinda Vizina

### **III. Items Discussed**

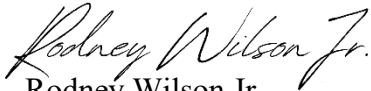
- 2026 Budget Review Workshop- Presented by the Finance Committee and Executive Director

*Ashley Roles joins the meeting at 7:10 pm CST.*

### **IV. Adjournment**

**President, Tyler Sparks, adjourns the meeting at 8:12 pm CST.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

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## Recommendations to ABGA Board of Directors

From: ABGA Judges Committee

### October Meeting:

The suggested definitions for concurrent and embedded shows were recommended to be...

**Embedded Show** – A JABGA show running with an ABGA show with one judge in the ring.

**Concurrent Show** - Two judges sorting one set of goats at the same time.

It was recommended to send the above suggested definitions of “Embedded Shows” and “Concurrent shows” to the Rules Committee and ask them to develop rules in regard to “embedded” shows.

### Concurrent Show Rules (BLUE = Delete YELLOW = Add/Change)

Definition: A concurrent show refers to multiple shows taking place at the same time, in the same ring, at the same venue. While the shows are happening at the same time and place, they are 2 separate shows and must therefore be treated as individual shows. The ABGA National Show and JABGA National Show are single placement shows judged by a team and do not fall under this category.

- i. **(DELETE)** No more than two shows may be run concurrently at any given time. (Example: 2 ABGA or 1 ABGA/1 JABGA). If one of the two shows is a JABGA show, the JABGA member must be the only one in the ring showing that animal. The JABGA Bred and Owned Champions must be placed after each Overall Division Drive. All JABGA rules must be followed.
- (ADD)** A concurrent show may consist of either two JABGA shows or two ABGA shows. NO MORE THAN TWO SHOWS MAY BE RUN CONCURRENTLY AT ANY GIVEN TIME. Embedded JABGA shows within an ABGA is NOT allowed during a concurrent show.
- ii. The show secretary shall note on the show application defining which shows will run concurrently with each other.
- iii. **The show secretary shall notify judges at the time of the contract that shows are going to run concurrently with each other.** (\*BOLD THIS RULE – OFTEN TIMES SHOW’S ARE NOT RELAYING THIS INFORMATION TO JUDGES)
- iv. The show secretary shall be required to provide judges with separate ring stewards and class lists to mark placings. The class placings must be completed before class reasons are given. Ring stewards must submit the completed class placings to the show secretary prior to **the class being placed. starting reasons.**
- v. Judges are required to check all animals in a class themselves for any DQ faults, to promote consistency, judges may confer with each other regarding any DQ faults they may find questionable. (12-5-2024)
  - a. In the interest of time, in very large classes the judges are permitted to check only the animals from which each wish to make their final selections.
- vi. If a cut is made from a large class and the animals pulled by each judge are different:
  - a. The judges may decide to take turns working the ring with the animals they selected to pull from the larger class.
  - b. The judges may work the ring at the same time. A judge may choose to place all animals pulled or only their selections from the larger class.**

- vii. Division Drives and Overall Drives (especially those with different animals for each judge's show) will be handled differently than normal classes and are up to the show staff and the judges for how they would like to make their decisions:
  - a. The drive for one judge may be brought in, that judge decides on their champion and reserve, then makes note of it on a score card/to their ring steward. After that, the other judge's drive is brought in, they make their final decision, and talk their reasons. The first judge's drive is then brought back in, and they talk their reasons for their decision.
  - b. One judge leaves the ring and moves far enough away that they are out of earshot, and the other judge proceeds to treat the drive like any other show. After the results and reasons are completed, the judge who left may return and proceed to do the same and treat the drive like a regular show.
  - c. Both drives are brought into the ring at the same time. Division for Judge A is set up, with the different animals from Judge B set up adjacent to the first drive. Both judges make their decisions, and Judge A begins their reasons followed by Judge B.
- viii. Each judge is responsible for ensuring tattoos or microchips on all first place, division champion, and overall champion animals, as well as any other animals that stand to gain points during the show, are checked for their respective show. This is in effect even if both judges have the same animals being awarded any of the same placements.
- ix. Judges are required to give reasons to at least fifth place for each of their respective shows. It's understood that people don't want to spend forever in the ring, but each show is its own entity and exhibitors deserve to hear the reasons for why they placed how they did in each individual show.
- x. Discussion of the class between judges prior to the class being officially placed by both judges is strictly prohibited.
  - a. Short comments (asking one another if it's alright to walk the animals, asking to switch the angle of view, witty remarks, etc.) are fine.
  - b. Private conversations between judges are strictly prohibited.
- xi. It is highly recommended that show secretaries only request experienced judges for judging concurrent shows. Two shows running simultaneously in this manner could be viewed as a bit overwhelming for a novice judge.
- xii. All ABGA and JABGA Sanctioned Show Rules and Judges' Protocols still apply to the concurrent shows.

## November Meeting:

Q. Show Ring Protocol for ABGA Judges (YELLOW = Add/Change BLUE = Delete)

The goal of this protocol is to ensure that each judge strives to provide a fair, unbiased, and objective inspection of each animal as it is presented for his/her evaluation and in so doing, provide a positive experience for all individuals involved including exhibitors, spectators, and show personnel. As a representative of the American Boer Goat Association, an ABGA Judge, through his or her appearance, evaluations, and presentations, is to conduct him or herself in a professional manner with show officials, exhibitors, and spectators at all times.

- i. A judge is at all times, to evaluate Boer goats in accordance with the ABGA Sanction Show Rules and the ABGA Boer Goat Breed Standard. Animals should be evaluated according to the degree with which they meet the desired traits outlined within the ABGA Breed Standard.
- ii. Judges are required to check the following on Boer goats presented to be judged in order to ensure these areas are correct according to the ABGA Boer Goat Breed Standards:
  - a. Udder/teat structure on females.
  - b. Mouths on males and females.
  - c. Pigmentation on males and females.
  - d. Testicles on males.
  - e. Ears, Eyes, Face and Tails on males and females.

Recognizing the complication of time involved in judging very large classes, a judge is allowed discretion to check only those animals retained in the show ring from which the final selections will be made. In all classes, where practical, it is recommended that the judge(s) check all animals presented.

- iii. Judges are recommended to set their final placement line in numerical order, beginning with the lowest placing animal and continuing in ascending order to the first-place animal, prior to giving reasons so that exhibitors and spectators can clearly see and understand the placements.
- iv. A judge shall be responsible for ensuring that the tattoos/microchips are read on the winner of each class plus any goats in that class other than the winner that, by virtue of class size, are eligible for points under ABGA rules including all GCH and RGCH animals before giving reasons on the class. Judges will have sole discretion for an animal being disqualified based on incorrect tattoos/microchips.
- v. Judges are responsible for ensuring that no bracing occurs during the judging portion of the show.
- vi. No judge shall judge an animal that within the last 90 days:
  - 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. In which the judge has any pecuniary interest.
  - d. Over which the judge has any supervision.
  - ~~\*(DELETE) e. It is strongly recommended that a judge refrain from knowingly judging any animal sold by the judge within 90 days prior to the show date.~~
  - e. Judging one dual show (two judges in the same show ring) at the same show location within a weekend period on different days.
  - f. Riding to a show as a judge with an exhibitor and judging the animals of the exhibitor you are traveling with.
  - ~~g. \*(DELETE) Two judges traveling to the same show sharing lodging and judging on the same day.~~
- vii. Recognizing the need for judgment, it is strongly recommended that a judge not place animals that exhibit a serious degree of any fault according to the ABGA Breed Standard or a disqualification trait as defined by the ABGA Breed Standard. Display of any such trait should negatively impact an animal's placing **and/or be grounds for dismissal from the ring. Animals that a judge disqualifies but does not dismiss from the ring must be designated to the show secretary.**
  - viii. Recognizing the need for judgment, it is recommended that single entry animals in a class not be automatically awarded a first place if the animal exhibits any serious degree of a fault according to the ABGA Breed Standard, a disqualification trait as defined by the ABGA Breed Standard or is otherwise deemed a quality that does not warrant placing the animal at the front of the class.
  - ix. An ABGA judge should use terminology in accordance with the structure of Boer goats when giving reasons, so that spectators may more easily understand the judge's references and evaluations. "Canned" reasons are discouraged. A judge's reasons for placing classes are an educational tool and should be used as such by the judge.
  - x. A judge should be courteous at all times and kind, when called for, in his/her evaluations, refraining from negative comments that would unnecessarily embarrass any exhibitor. All necessary criticism of the animal to be evaluated should be constructive in nature and should serve an educational purpose for the exhibitor of the animal, other exhibitors, and spectators.
  - xi. A judge should always show personal discretion in his comments while in the show ring as an exhibitor or ring side as a spectator at any event where such comments may be overheard and perceived to be derogatory of the working judge.
  - xii. A judge should at all times dress professionally and appropriately for the show ring.
  - xiii. Recognizing the complications of arriving at a show arena within a prescribed time frame can create delays for a judge, it is therefore strongly recommended

that upon arrival, a judge, with discretion, refrain from visiting the pen area or visiting with exhibitors where possible prior to judging the show.

- xiv. Personal solicitation of judging assignments is **not allowed at anytime on social media platforms, in person, calling shows, or contacting ABGA staff.**



## American Boer Goat Association Breed Standards

### General Introduction:

Presented in this document are the Breed Standards by which the American Boer Goat Association evaluates all Boer Goats cataloged within its registry. These standards are an *Ideal of Perfection*; a goal to strive towards and attempt to achieve. The ABGA Breed Standards, as well as all pictures and information provided on the ABGA Website, are tools to be used by breeders to help them improve their own breeding programs and work towards this *Ideal of Perfection*.

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## I. Percentage Does

### A. Head

1. A Percentage doe should have a prominent, strong head with brown eyes that give a soft, gentle look to the face. They should not have an untamed or wild look. A Percentage doe should exhibit an Ennobled, Roman nose consisting of a gentle curve, wide nostrils, and a well-formed mouth with well-opposed jaws. Percentage does should have a feminine appearance about their heads.
2. The forehead should be prominent and form an even curve linking the nose and horns.
3. Horns, if present, should be: dark, round, strong, of moderate length, positioned well apart, and have a gradual backward curve before turning outward symmetrically.
  - a. In the cases of a broken horn due to a naturally occurring accident (fighting with other animals, head getting stuck, etc.) where the other horn is still intact, no discrimination is to be placed upon the animal.
  - b. If both horns get broken but one or both are showing signs of regrowth and repair, no discrimination is to be placed upon the animal.
4. The horns, if present, should be well spaced from the back of the neck to allow for full range of motion, without rubbing the neck at maturity.
5. Percentage does may be polled (hornless) or have disbudded horns.
6. Ears should be smooth and pendulous with no folds or pinches at the base of the ear canal, and with enough length to lay smoothly against the head without interfering with the eye.
  - a. In the case of one or both ears of the animal being short due to a naturally occurring accident (frostbite, dog attacks, etc.), and neither ear exhibits any other disqualifying factors at the ear canal, the animal is not to be discriminated against.
7. The front of the upper dental pad must touch all incisors, at any point on the tooth above the gum, until the goat is 24 months of age.
8. After 24 months of age, an allowance of up to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch beyond the upper dental pad is permitted for incisor teeth.
9. A bite and jaw that fit correctly are still preferred.
10. Teeth must erupt in the proper sequential order.
11. Deciduous (baby) teeth that have been shed prior to the eruption of permanent teeth are not to be discriminated against.
12. Deciduous teeth that have not yet been shed, before the corresponding permanent tooth is fully in place, are not to be discriminated against.
13. There should be no more than 8 permanent incisors present in the goat's mouth; unless there is a deciduous (baby) tooth still present as a result of the natural shedding process that has yet to fall out.
14. The first two incisors should be erupted by no later than 24 months of age.

15. **Faults:**
  - a. Dished or concave forehead/face
  - b. Bulging or wild eyes
  - c. Flat, straight, or wild type horns (elevated too far off the back of the head/neck)
  - d. Horns positioned too close together
  - e. Horns that grow too close/tight to the head or neck
  - f. Jaw too pointed
  - g. Shallow lower jaw
  - h. Twisted, crooked, or overlapping permanent teeth
16. Disqualifications:
  - a. Wry or twisted face
  - b. Cleft palate
  - c. Blue eyes
  - d. Ear folded lengthwise (from the top at the ear canal, down to the tip)
  - e. Ear crimped or narrowed at the base (ear canal)
  - f. Elf or Gopher Ears
  - g. Shortened lower jaw (parrot mouth)
  - h. The front of the upper dental pad does not touch all incisors at any point on the teeth above the gums, prior to 24 months of age
  - i. Incisor teeth protruding more than ¼ of an inch beyond the upper dental pad, after 24 months of age
  - j. Teeth not erupting in proper sequential order or position
  - k. More than 8 incisors when additional teeth are not the result of the natural shedding process of deciduous (baby) teeth
17. Any extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**B. Neck and Forequarters**

1. The neck should be of moderate length and in proportion to the overall length of the goat's body.
2. Percentage does should exhibit a feminine neck that blends smoothly into the top and front of the shoulders and the brisket.
3. Shoulders should be fleshy and proportional to the body, without excessive looseness or protrusion of the shoulder blades.
4. The top of the shoulders should be broad, well rounded, and not come to a point.
5. The forequarters should be well muscled and blend smoothly into the knee.

6. **Faults:**

- a. Neck too short, too long, or too thin
- b. Excessive movement/looseness in the shoulder blades
- c. Sternum protruding excessively in the brisket
- d. Chest too narrow, too shallow, or too wide to the point that it causes the point of the elbow to be separated from the body
- e. Excessive deposits of fat in the brisket area (wasty brisket)

7. **Disqualifications:**

- a. Any extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault.

### C. Body

1. The body should be boldly three-dimensional, exhibiting excellent length of loin, depth of body, and width across the entire topline.
2. Percentage does should possess a wedge shape (feminine wedge) that is deeper at the flank and becomes gradually shallower as you move forward to the heart girth.
  - a. This is an indication of body capacity sufficient to carry multiple kids while also maintaining adequate rumen function.
3. The heart girth should provide ample respiratory capacity and should not appear pinched when viewed from the side or top.
4. Ribs should be well sprung.
5. The loin should be well muscled, wide, deep, and long.
6. The top line should be level throughout with an abundance of muscle from the top of the shoulders through the front of the hip.
7. Animals should exhibit adequate body conditioning relative to their age and stage of production but not be extremely thin or show accumulation of excessive fat deposits.
8. **Faults:**
  - a. Swayback
  - b. A break/excessive dip in the top line behind the shoulders
  - c. Narrow/poorly sprung rib shape
  - d. Inadequate muscling through the back and loin
  - e. Pinched heart girth
  - f. Inadequate depth/capacity in the flank (tube shaped)
  - g. Excessive fat deposits
9. **Disqualifications:**
10. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

### D. Hindquarters

1. A Percentage doe's hip should be broad and long with a gentle slope from the hooks to the pin bones, while exhibiting adequate width for kidding.
2. The base of the tail must be centered and straight.
  - a. The remainder of the tail may curve upward or to one side.
3. The area of the rear legs between the pin bones and down through the inner thigh should be well muscled, deep, full, and firm.
4. Both the inner and outer thighs should be deep, wide, and muscular.
5. There should be ample muscling extending beyond the stifle towards the hock.

6. **Faults:**

- a. Hip (hooks to pins) too steep
- b. Hip (hooks to pins) too level
- c. Lack of length through the hip (hooks to pins)
- d. Lack of width across the hip (hooks to pins)
- e. Lack of muscling
- f. Excessive deposits of fat (typically around the tail head of behind the elbow)

7. **Disqualifications:**

- a. Wry tail

8. Any extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**E. Feet and Legs**

1. The legs should be strong, well placed, and in proportion to the depth of body of the animal.
2. The legs should be well jointed and smoothly blended, allowing for ease of movement and soundness over a long, productive life.
3. Legs and hooves should exhibit adequate bone and size in proportion to the overall size of the animal, neither appearing too thick or too thin.
4. The front legs should be straight: the point of the shoulder, knee, pastern, and hoof should form a straight imaginary line from the point of the shoulder to the toe of the foot while viewing from the front of the animal.
5. The rear leg should form an imaginary line from the pin bone, down to the hock, and dropping down to the dewclaw when viewed from the side or rear of the animal.
6. Pasterns should be strong and of medium length with enough angulation to allow free, easy movement, but should not be soft or weak.
7. Hooves should be well-formed, as dark as possible, and point directly forward when viewed.
8. **Faults:**
  - a. Any deformities or abnormalities in the structure of the feet or legs
    - i. Knock knees
    - ii. Buck knees
    - iii. Calf knees
    - iv. Bowlegs
    - v. Pastern too short
    - vi. Pastern too long
9. Sickie hocked
  - i. Post Legged
  - ii. Straight shouldered
- b. Any deformities or abnormalities in the hooves
- c. Legs that are too straight
- d. Legs that are too weak
- e. Legs lacking sufficient bone/size in proportion to the animal's body
- f. Hooves pointing inward or outward
- g. Splayed toes

**10. Disqualifications:**

- a. Any foot or leg fault that adversely affect the animal's gait or causes lameness
- b. Pasterns too weak or "down" while on the move or standing.

11. Any extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault.

**F. Skin and Coverings**

1. No preference should be given to any hair type
2. Percentage Does less than 6 months of age are required to have at least 50% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail.
3. This includes around the anus and vulva.
4. 100% pigmentation is preferred.
5. Percentage Does 6 months of age and older are required to have at least 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail.
6. This includes around the anus and vulva.
7. 100% pigmentation is preferred.

**8. Faults:**

9. Excessive skin on the neck and under the jaw, resulting in the animal having a less clean/feminine appearance.

**10. Disqualifications:**

- a. Does under 6 months of age with less than 50% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail
- b. Does 6 months of age and older with less than 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail

**G. Reproductive Organs**

1. Does should have a well-formed udder with good fore and rear attachment: The udder should be well supported throughout the productive life of the doe, with the floor of the udder at or above the level of the hocks.
2. It is important that the udder is constructed so that the offspring can nurse unassisted.
3. Ideal teat structures consist of either one or two, well separated, functional teats on each half of the udder.
4. Acceptable teat structures consist of no more than two functional teats per side and may include:
5. One or more non-functional teats with no more than one additional non-functional teat or protrusion attached to the main teat, as long as it does not interfere with or prevent nursing.
6. A split teat with two distinctly separate teats and orifices, when at least 50% of the body of the teat is separated.
7. Counts as two functional teats per side allowed.
8. Only one of the two functional teats per side can contain two milk channels (Double Orifice) with a smooth or rounded end, and with no sign of a dimple or division between the orifices.
9. Refer to the [Teat Diagram](#) and pictures for additional information on teat structures.
10. Does must have kidded or show evidence of visible udder formation consistent with late-term pregnancy by 24 months of age.

**11. Faults:**

- a. Infantile or underdeveloped vulva by 24 months of age
- b. Udder and teat abnormalities or defects
- c. Poorly attached or pendulous udder

**12. Disqualifications:**

- a. Any udder or teat structure that prevents a newborn kid from nursing unassisted
- b. More than two functional teats on one half of the udder
- c. Split teat when less than 50% of the body of the teat is separated
- d. Additional, functional teat(s) attached to the main teat
- e. More than two milk channels in one teat
- f. Bulbous teats
- g. A doe that has not kidded, nor is showing evidence of visible udder formation consistent with late-term pregnancy, by 24 months of age

**13. Any extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault**

**H. Coloration**

1. The traditional Boer goat is white bodied with a red head, but no preference is given to any hair color.

**II. Fullblood Does**

**A. Head**

1. A Fullblood doe should have a prominent, strong head with brown eyes that give a soft gentle look to the face. They should not have an untamed or wild look. A Fullblood doe should exhibit a Roman nose consisting of a gentle curve, wide nostrils, and a well-formed mouth with well-opposed jaws. Fullblood does should have a feminine appearance about their heads.
2. The forehead should be prominent and form an even curve linking the nose and horns.
3. Horns should be: dark, round, strong, of moderate length, positioned well apart, and have a gradual backward curve before turning outward symmetrically.
4. In the cases of a broken horn due to a naturally occurring accident (fighting with other animals, head getting stuck, etc.) where the other horn is still intact, no discrimination is to be placed upon the animal.
5. If both horns get broken but one or both are showing signs of regrowth and repair, no discrimination is to be placed upon the animal.
6. The horns should be well spaced from the back of the neck to allow for full range of motion, without rubbing the neck at maturity.
7. Ears should be smooth and pendulous with no folds or pinches at the base of the ear canal, and with enough length to lay smoothly against the head without interfering with the eye.
  - a. In the case of one or both ears of the animal being short due to a naturally occurring accident (frostbite, dog attacks, etc.), and neither ear exhibits any other disqualifying factors at the ear canal, the animal is not to be discriminated against.

8. The front of the upper dental pad must touch all incisors, at any point on the tooth above the gum, until the goat is 24 months of age.
9. After 24 months of age, an allowance of up to ¼ of an inch beyond the upper dental pad is permitted for incisor teeth.
  - a. A bite and jaw that fit correctly are still preferred
10. Teeth must erupt in the proper sequential order.
11. Deciduous (baby) teeth that have not been shed, prior to the eruption of permanent teeth are not to be discriminated against.
12. Deciduous teeth that have not yet been shed, before the corresponding permanent tooth is fully in place, are not to be discriminated against.
13. There should be no more than 8 permanent incisors present; unless there is a deciduous tooth still present as a result of the natural shedding process.
14. The first two incisors should erupt by no later than 24 months of age.
15. **Faults:**
  - a. Dished or concave forehead/face
  - b. Bulging or wild eyes
  - c. Flat, straight, or wild type horns (elevated too far off the back of the head/neck)
  - d. Horns positioned too close together
  - e. Horns that grow too close/tight to the head or neck
  - f. Erect or airplane ears
  - g. Jaw too pointed
  - h. Shallow lower jaw
  - i. Twisted, crooked, or overlapping permanent teeth
16. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Wry or twisted face
  - b. Cleft palate
  - c. Blue eyes
  - d. Naturally polled
  - e. Dehorned
  - f. Ear folded lengthwise (from the top at the ear canal, down to the tip)
  - g. Ear crimped or narrowed at the base (ear canal)
  - h. Elf or gopher ears
  - i. Shortened lower jaw (parrot mouth)
  - j. The front of the upper dental pad does not touch all incisors at any point on the teeth above the gums, prior to 24 months of age
  - k. Incisor teeth protruding more than ¼ of an inch beyond the upper dental pad, after 24 months of age
  - l. Teeth not erupting in proper sequential order or position
  - m. More than 8 incisors when additional teeth are no the result of the natural shedding process of deciduous (baby) teeth
17. Any extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**B. Neck and Forequarters**

1. The neck should be of moderate length and in proportion to the overall length of the goat's body.

2. Fullblood does should exhibit a feminine neck that blends smoothly into the top and front of the shoulders and the brisket.
3. Shoulders should be fleshy and proportional to the body, without excessive looseness or protrusion of the shoulder blades.
4. The top of the shoulders should be broad, well rounded, and not come to a point.
5. The forequarters should be well muscled and blend smoothly into the knee.
6. **Faults:**
  - a. Neck too short, too long, or too thin
  - b. Excessive movement/looseness in the shoulder blades
  - c. Sternum protruding excessively in the brisket
  - d. Chest too narrow, too shallow, or too wide to the point that it causes the point of the elbow to be separated from the body
  - e. Excessive deposits of fat in the brisket area.
7. **Disqualifications:**
8. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

### C. Body

1. The body should be boldly three-dimensional, exhibiting excellent length of loin, depth of body, and width across the top line all the way back from the hooks to the pins.
2. Fullblood does should possess a wedge shape (feminine wedge) that is deeper at the flank and becomes gradually shallower as you move forward to the heart girth.
3. This is an indication of body capacity sufficient to carry multiple kids while also maintaining adequate rumen function.
4. The heart girth should provide ample respiratory capacity and should not appear pinched when viewed from the side or top.
5. Ribs should be well sprung.
6. The loin should be well muscled, wide, deep, and long.
7. The top line should be level throughout with an abundance of muscle from the top of the shoulders through the front of the hip.
8. Animals should exhibit adequate body conditioning relative to their age and stage of production, but not extremely thin or show accumulation of excessive fat deposits.
9. **Faults:**
  - a. Swayback
  - b. A break/excessive dip in the top line behind the shoulders
  - c. Narrow/poorly sprung rib shape
  - d. Inadequate muscling through the back and loin
  - e. Pinched heart girth
  - f. Inadequate depth/capacity in the flank (tube shaped)
  - g. Excessive fat deposits
10. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. An extreme occurrence of any of the above-mentioned faults

### D. Hindquarters

1. A Fullblood doe's hip should be broad and long with a gentle slope from the hooks to the pin bones, while exhibiting adequate width for kidding.
2. The base of the tail must be centered and straight.
3. The remainder of the tail may curve upward or to one side.
4. The area of the rear legs between the pin bones and down through the inner thigh should be well muscled, deep, full, and firm.
5. Both inner and outer thighs should be deep, wide, and muscular.
6. There should be ample muscling extending beyond the stifle towards the hock.
7. **Faults:**
  - a. Hip (hooks to pins) too steep
  - b. Hip (hooks to pins) too level
  - c. Lack of length through the hip (hooks to pins)
  - d. Lack of width across the hip (hooks to pins)
  - e. Lack of muscling
  - f. Excessive deposits of fat (typically around the tail head)
8. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Wry tail
9. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

#### **E. Feet and Legs**

1. The legs should be strong, well placed, and in proportion with the depth of body of the animal.
2. The legs should be well jointed and smoothly blended, allowing for ease of movement and soundness over a long, productive life.
3. Legs and hooves should exhibit adequate bone and size in proportion to the overall size of the animal, neither appearing too thick or too thin.
4. The front legs should be straight: the point of the shoulder, knee, pastern, and hoof should form a straight imaginary line from the point of the shoulder to the toe of the foot while viewing from the front of the animal.
5. The rear leg should form an imaginary line from the pin bone, down to the hock, and dropping down to the dewclaw when viewed from the side or rear of the animal.
6. Pasterns should be strong and of medium length with enough angulation to allow free, easy movement, but should not be soft or weak.
7. Hooves should be well formed, as dark as possible, and point directly forward when viewed.
8. **Faults:**
  - a. Any deformities or abnormalities in the structure of the feet or legs
    - i. Knock knees
    - ii. Buck knees
    - iii. Calf knees
    - iv. Bowlegs
    - v. Pastern too short
    - vi. Pastern too long
    - vii. Sickie hocked
    - viii. Post legged (too straight in the hocks)

- ix. Straight shouldered
- b. Any deformities or abnormalities in the hooves
- c. Legs that are too straight
- d. Legs that are too weak
- e. Legs lacking sufficient bone/size in proportion to the animal's body
- f. Hooves pointing inward or outward
- g. Splayed toes
- 9. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Any foot or leg fault that adversely affects the animal's gait or causes lameness
  - b. Pasterns too weak or "down" while on the move or standing.
- 10. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**F. Skin and Coverings**

- 1. No preference should be given to any hair type
- 2. Fullblood Does less than 6 months of age are required to have at least 50% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail.
- 3. This includes around the anus and vulva.
- 4. 100% pigmentation is preferred.
- 5. Fullblood Does 6 months of age and older are required to have at least 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail.
- 6. This includes around the anus and vulva.
- 7. 100% pigmentation is preferred.
- 8. **Faults:**
  - a. Excessive skin on the neck and under the jaw resulting in the animal having a less clean/feminine appearance
- 9. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Does under 6 months of age with less than 50% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail
  - b. Does 6 months of age and older with less than 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail

**G. Reproductive Organs**

- 1. Does should have a well-formed udder with good fore and rear attachment: The udder should be well supported throughout the productive life of the doe, with the floor of the udder at or above the level of the hocks.
- 2. It is important that the udder is constructed so that the offspring can nurse unassisted.
- 3. Ideal teat structures consist of either one or two, well separated, functional teats on each half of the udder.
- 4. Acceptable teat structures consist of no more than two functional teats per side and may include:
- 5. One or more non-functional teat with no more than one additional non-functional teat or protrusion attached to the main teat, as long as it does not interfere with or prevent nursing.
- 6. A split teat with two distinctly separate teats and orifices, when at least 50% of the body of the teat is separated.

7. Counts as two functional teats per side allowed.
8. Only one of the two functional teats per side can contain two milk channels (Double Orifice) with a smooth or rounded end, and with no sign of a dimple or division between the orifices.
9. Refer to the TEAT DIAGRAM and pictures for additional information on teat structures.
10. Does must have kidded or show evidence of visible udder formation consistent with late-term pregnancy by 24 months of age
11. **Faults:**
  - a. Infantile or underdeveloped vulva by 24 months of age
  - b. Udder and teat abnormalities or defects
  - c. Poorly attached or pendulous udder
12. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Any udder or teat structure that prevents a newborn kid from nursing unassisted
  - b. More than two functional teats on one half of the udder
  - c. Split teat when less than 50% of the body of the teat is separated
  - d. Additional, functional teat(s) attached to the main teat
  - e. More than two milk channels in one teat
  - f. Bulbous teats
  - g. A doe that has not kidded, nor is showing evidence of visible udder formation consistent with late-term pregnancy, by 24 months of age
13. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

#### **H. Coloration**

1. The traditional Boer goat is white bodied with a red head, but no preference is given to any hair color.

### **III. Fullblood Bucks**

#### **A. Head**

1. A Fullblood buck should have a prominent, strong head with brown eyes that give a soft, gentle look to the face. They should not have an untamed or wild look. A Fullblood buck should exhibit an ennobled, Roman nose consisting of a gentle curve, wide nostrils, and a well-formed mouth with well-opposed jaws. Fullblood bucks should have a strong, masculine appearance around their heads.
2. The forehead should be prominent and form an even curve linking the nose and horns.
3. Horns should be dark, round, strong, of moderate length, positioned well apart, and have a gradual backward curve before turning outward symmetrically.
  - a. In the cases of a broken horn due to a naturally occurring accident (fighting with other animals, head getting stuck, etc.) where the other horn is still intact, no discrimination is to be placed upon the animal.
  - b. If both horns get broken but one or both are showing signs of regrowth and repair, no discrimination is to be placed upon the animal.
4. The horns should be well spaced from the back of the neck to allow for full range of motion, without rubbing the neck at maturity.
5. Ears should be smooth and pendulous with no folds or pinches at the base of the ear canal, (horizontally folded ear tips are acceptable), and with enough length to lay smoothly against the head without interfering with the eye.
  - a. In the case of one or both ears of the animal being short due to a naturally occurring accident (frostbite, dog attacks, etc.), and neither ear exhibits any other disqualifying factors at the ear canal, the animal is not to be discriminated against.
6. The front of the upper dental pad must touch all incisors, at any point on the tooth above the gum, until the goat is 24 months of age.
7. After 24 months of age, and allowance of up to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch beyond the upper dental pad is permitted for incisor teeth.
  - a. A bite and jaw that fit correctly are still preferred, however.
8. Teeth must erupt in the proper sequential order.
9. Deciduous (baby) teeth that have been shed prior to the eruption of permanent teeth are not to be discriminated against.
  - a. Deciduous-teeth that have not yet been shed, before the corresponding permanent tooth is fully in place, are not to be discriminated against.
10. There should be no more than 8 permanent incisors present; unless there is a deciduous tooth still present as a result of the natural shedding process that has yet to fall out.
11. The first two incisors should be erupted by no later than 24 months of age.

12. **Faults:**

- a. Dished or concave forehead/face
- b. Bulging or wild eyes
- c. Flat, straight, or wild type horns (elevated too far off the back of the head/neck)
- d. Horns positioned too close together
- e. Horns that grow too close/tight to the head or neck
- f. Erect or airplane ears
- g. Jaw too pointed
- h. Shallow lower jaw
- i. Twisted, crooked, or overlapping permanent teeth
- j. A head that is too small/refined in proportion to the rest of the body, giving a more feminine appearance

13. **Disqualifications:**

- a. Wry or twisted face
- b. Cleft palate
- c. Blue eyes
- d. Naturally polled
- e. Dehorned
- f. Ear folded lengthwise (from the top at the ear canal, down to the tip)
- g. Ear crimped or narrowed at the base (ear canal)
- h. Elf or gopher ears
- i. Shortened lower jaw (parrot mouth)
- j. The front of the upper dental pad does not touch all incisors at any point on the teeth above the gums, prior to 24 months of age
- k. Incisor teeth protruding more than ¼ of an inch beyond the upper dental pad, after 24 months of age
- l. Teeth not erupting in proper sequential order or position
- m. More than 8 incisors when additional teeth are not the result of the natural shedding process of deciduous (baby) teeth

14. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**B. Neck and Forequarters**

1. The neck should be of moderate length and in proportion to the overall length of the goat's body.
2. Fullblood bucks should have heavily muscled necks displaying masculinity.
3. Fullblood bucks should display heavier muscling through the neck and forequarters than does.
4. Shoulders should be fleshy and proportional to the body, without excessive looseness or protrusion of the shoulder blades.
5. The top of the shoulders should be broad, well rounded, and not come to a point.
6. The forequarters should be well muscled and blend smoothly into the knee.
7. **Faults:**
  - a. Neck too short, too long, or too thin
  - b. Excessive movement/looseness in the shoulder blades

- c. Sternum protruding excessively in the brisket
- d. Chest too narrow, too shallow, or too wide to the point that it causes the point of the elbow to be separated from the body
- e. Excess deposits of fat in the brisket area (wasty brisket)

**8. Disqualifications:**

9. Any extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**C. Body**

1. The body should be boldly three-dimensional, exhibiting excellent length of loin, depth of body, and width throughout the entire topline
2. Fullblood bucks should possess a more uniform depth of body from the heart girth back to the flank, favoring the heart girth.
3. This is an indication of masculinity and sufficient capacity for internal organs such as the heart and lungs, while also maintaining space in the flank for adequate rumen function.
4. The heart girth should provide ample respiratory capacity and should not appear pinched when viewed from the side or top.
5. Ribs should be well sprung.
6. The loin should be well muscled, wide, deep, and long.
7. The top line should be level throughout with an abundance of muscle from the top of the shoulders through the front of the hip.
8. Animals should exhibit adequate body conditioning relative to their age and stage of production, but no be extremely thin or show accumulation of excessive fat deposits.
9. **Faults:**
  - a. Swayback
  - b. A break/excessive dip in the top line behind the shoulders
  - c. Narrow/poorly sprung rib shape
  - d. Inadequate muscling through the back and loin
  - e. Pinched heart girth
  - f. Inadequate depth in the heart girth and excessive depth in the flank, giving a more maternal and feminine appearance
  - g. Excessive fat deposits

**10. Disqualifications:**

11. Any extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**D. Hindquarters**

1. A Fullblood buck's hip should be broad and long with a gentle slope from the hooks to the pin bones, with clearly defined and adequate width.
2. The base of the tail must be centered and straight.
3. The remainder of the tail may curve upward or to one side.
4. The area of the rear legs between the pin bones and down through the inner thigh should be well muscled, deep, full, and firm.
5. Both the inner and outer thighs should be deep, wide, and muscular.
6. There should be ample muscling extending beyond the stifle towards the hock.

7. A deep twist in Fullblood bucks is desirable, showing length between the bottom of the anus and where the leg split defines the muscling of the inner thigh.
8. **Faults:**
  - a. Hip (hooks to pins) too steep
  - b. Hip (hooks to pins) too level
  - c. Short through the hip
  - d. Too narrow between the hooks and pins
  - e. Lack of muscling
  - f. Excessive deposits of fat (typically around the tail head or behind the elbow)
9. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Wry tail
10. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

#### **E. Feet and Legs**

1. The legs should be strong, well placed, and in proportion with the depth of body of the animal.
2. The legs should be well jointed and smoothly blended, allowing for ease of movement and soundness over a long, productive life.
3. Legs and hooves should exhibit adequate bone and size in proportion to the overall size of the animal, neither appearing too thick or too thin.
4. The front legs should be straight: the point of the shoulder, knee, pastern, and hoof should form a straight imaginary line from the point of the shoulder to the toe while viewing from the front of the animal.
5. The rear leg should form an imaginary line from the pin bone, down to the hock, and dropping down to the dewclaw when viewed from the side or rear of the animal.
6. Pasterns should be strong and of medium length with enough angulation to allow free easy movement but should not be soft or weak.
7. Hooves should be well formed, as dark as possible, and point directly forward when viewed.
8. **Faults:**
  - a. Any deformities or abnormalities in the structure of the feet and legs
    - i. Knock knees
    - ii. Buck knees
    - iii. Calf knees
    - iv. Bowlegs
    - v. Pastern too short
    - vi. Pastern too long
    - vii. Sickie Hocked
    - viii. Post Legged (too straight in the hocks)
    - ix. Straight shouldered
  - b. Any deformities or abnormalities in the hooves
  - c. Legs that are too straight
  - d. Legs that are too weak

- e. Legs lacking sufficient bone/size in proportion to the animal's body
- f. Hooves pointing inward or outward
- a. Splayed toes
- 9. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Any foot or leg fault that adversely affects the animal's gait or causes lameness
  - b. Pasterns too weak or "down" while on the move or standing.
- 10. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

#### **F. Skin and Coverings**

- 1. The skin should be loose and supple, with no preference given to any hair type.
- 2. Mature Fullblood bucks should have a pleated appearance to the skin on the front of, and around, the neck.
- 3. Fullblood bucks less than 6 months of age are required to have at least 50% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail.
  - a. This includes around the anus.
  - b. 100% pigmentation is preferred.
- 4. Fullblood bucks 6 months of age and older are required to have at least 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail.
  - a. This includes around the anus.
  - b. 100% pigmentation is preferred.
- 5. **Faults:**
  - a. A six-month-old or older animal that does not exhibit the pleated appearance to the skin on the front of, and around the neck.
- 6. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Bucks under 6 months of age with less than 50% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail
  - b. Bucks 6 months of age and older with less than 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail

#### **G. Reproductive Organs**

- 1. Fullblood bucks must have two large, well-formed, functional testicles of equal size in a single scrotum with a distinct epididymis.
- 2. A split in the apex of the scrotum of no greater than one inch in length is permitted but not preferred.
- 3. The scrotum should be well attached and not overly pendulous.
- 4. The apex of the scrotum should hang straight from the attached area of the body without having any twisting from one or both testicles.
- 5. **Faults:**
  - a. Excessively pendulous scrotum that allows for potential damage
  - b. Split in the apex of the scrotum
- 6. Lack of distinct epididymis
- 7. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Undescended or missing testicle(s)
  - b. Underdevelopment of the testicles for the age of the animal
  - c. Abnormal or diseased testicle(s)

- d. A split in the apex of the scrotum that exceeds 1 inch in length
  - e. Twisting of one or both testicles originating where the scrotum meets the body
8. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

#### **H. Coloration**

1. The traditional Boer Goat is white bodied with a red head, but no preference is given to any hair color.

### **IV. Percentage Bucks**

#### **A. Head**

1. A Percentage buck should have a prominent, strong head with brown eyes that give a soft, gentle look to the face. They should not have an untamed or wild look. A Percentage buck should exhibit a well-formed mouth with well-opposed jaws. Percentage bucks should have a strong, masculine appearance around their heads.
2. The forehead should be prominent and form an even curve linking the nose and horns.
3. Horns, if present, should be dark, round, strong, of moderate length, positioned well apart, and have a gradual backward curve before turning outward symmetrically.
  - a. In the cases of a broken horn due to a naturally occurring accident (fighting with other animals, head getting stuck, etc.) where the other horn is still intact, no discrimination is to be placed upon the animal.
  - b. If both horns get broken, but one or both are showing signs of regrowth and repair, no discrimination is to be placed upon the animal.
4. The horns, if present, should be well spaced from the back of the neck to allow for full range of motion, without rubbing the neck at maturity.
5. Percentage bucks may be polled (hornless) or have disbudded horns.
6. Ears should be smooth and pendulous with no folds or pinches at the base of the ear canal (horizontally folded ear tips are acceptable), and with enough length to lay smoothly against the head without interfering with the eye.
  - a. In the case of one or both ears of the animal being short due to a naturally occurring accident (frostbite, dog attacks, etc.), and neither ear exhibits any other disqualifying factors at the ear canal, the animal is not to be discriminated against.
7. The front of the upper dental pad must touch all incisors, at any point on the tooth above the gum, until the goat is 24 months of age.
8. After 24 months of age, an allowance of up to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch beyond the upper dental pad is permitted for incisor teeth.
9. A bite and jaw that fit correctly are still preferred
10. Teeth must erupt in the proper sequential order.
11. Deciduous (baby) teeth that have been shed prior to the eruption of permanent teeth are not to be discriminated against.

- a. Deciduous-teeth that have not yet been shed, before the corresponding permanent tooth is fully in place, are not to be discriminated against.
  - 12. There should be no more than 8 permanent incisors present;-unless there is a deciduous tooth still present as a result of the natural shedding process.
  - 13. The first two incisors should erupt no later than 24 months of age.
  - 14. **Faults:**
    - a. Dished or concave forehead/face
    - b. Bulging or wild eyes
    - c. Flat, straight, or wild type horns (elevated too far off the back of the head/neck)
    - d. Horns positioned too close together
    - e. Horns that grow too close/tight to the head or neck
    - f. Erect or airplane ears
    - g. Jaw too pointed
    - h. Shallow lower jaw
    - i. Twisted, crooked, or overlapping permanent teeth
    - j. A head that is too small/refined in proportion to the rest of the body, giving a more feminine appearance
  - 15. **Disqualifications:**
    - a. Wry or twisted face
    - b. Cleft palate
    - c. Blue eyes
    - d. Ear folded lengthwise (from the top at the ear canal, down to the tip)
    - e. Ear crimped or narrowed at the base (ear canal)
    - f. Elf or gopher ears
    - g. Shortened lower jaw (parrot mouth)
    - h. The upper dental pad does not touch all incisors at any point on the teeth above the gums, prior to 24 months of age
    - i. Incisor teeth protruding more than ¼ of an inch beyond the upper dental pad, after 24 months of age
    - j. Teeth not erupting in proper sequential order or position
    - k. More than 8 incisors when additional teeth are not the result of the natural shedding process of deciduous (baby) teeth
  - 16. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault
- B. Neck and Forequarters**
- 1. The neck should be of moderate length and in proportion to the overall length of the goat's body.
  - 2. Percentage bucks should have heavily muscled necks displaying masculinity.
  - 3. Percentage bucks should display heavier muscling through the neck and forequarters than does.
  - 4. Shoulders should be fleshy and proportional to the body, without excessive looseness or protrusion of the shoulder blades.

5. The top of the shoulders should be broad, well rounded, and not come to a point.
6. The forequarters should be well muscled and blend smoothly into the knee.
7. **Faults:**
8. Neck too short, too long, or too thin
9. Excessive movement/looseness in the shoulder blades
10. Sternum protruding excessively in the brisket
11. Chest too narrow, too shallow, or too wide to the point that it causes the point of the elbow to be separated from the body
12. Excessive deposits of fat in the brisket.
13. **Disqualifications:**
14. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

### C. Body

1. The body should be boldly three-dimensional, exhibiting excellent length of loin, depth of body, and width throughout the entire topline
2. Percentage bucks should possess a more uniform depth of body from the heart girth back to the flank, favoring the heart girth.
3. This is an indication of masculinity and sufficient capacity for internal organs such as the heart and lungs, while also maintaining space in the flank for adequate rumen function.
4. The heart girth should provide ample respiratory capacity and should not appear pinched when viewed from the side or top.
5. Ribs should be well sprung.
6. The loin should be well muscled, wide, deep, and long.
7. The topline should be level throughout with an abundance of muscle from the top of the shoulders through the front of the hip.
8. Animals should exhibit adequate body conditioning relative to their age and stage of production but not be extremely thin or show accumulation of excessive fat deposits.
9. **Faults:**
  - a. Swayback
  - b. A break/excessive dip in the topline behind the shoulders
  - c. Narrow/poorly sprung rib shape
  - d. Inadequate muscling through the back and loin
  - e. Pinched heart girth
  - f. Inadequate depth in the heart girth and excessive depth in the flank, giving a more maternal and feminine appearance
  - g. Excessive fat deposits
10. **Disqualifications:**
11. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

### D. Hindquarters

1. A Percentage buck's hip should be broad and long with a gentle slope from the hooks to the pin bones, with clearly defined and adequate width.
2. The base of the tail must be centered and straight.
  - a. The remainder of the tail may curve upward or to one side.

3. The area of the rear legs between the pin bones and down through the inner thigh should be well muscled, deep, full, and firm.
4. Both the inner and outer thighs should be deep, wide, and muscular.
5. There should be ample muscling extending beyond the stifle towards the hock.
6. A deep twist in Percentage bucks is desirable, showing length between the bottom of the anus and where the leg split defines the muscling of the inner thigh.
7. **Faults:**
  - a. Hip (hooks to pins) too steep
  - b. Hip (hooks to pins) too level
  - c. Lack of length through the hip (hooks to pins)
  - d. Lack of width across the hip (hooks to pins)
  - e. Lack of muscling
  - f. Excessive deposits of fat (typically around the tail head or behind the elbow).
8. **Disqualifications:**
  - a. Wry tail
9. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

#### **E. Feet and Legs**

1. The legs should be strong, well placed, and in proportion with the depth of body of the animal.
2. The legs should be well jointed and smoothly blended, allowing for ease of movement and soundness over a long, productive life.
3. Legs and hooves should exhibit adequate bone and size in proportion to the overall size of the animal, neither appearing too thick or too thin.
4. The front legs should be straight: the point of the shoulder, knee, pastern, and hoof should form a straight imaginary line from the point of the shoulder to the toe of the foot while viewing from the front of the animal.
5. The rear leg should form an imaginary line from the pin bone, down to the hock, and dropping down to the dewclaw when viewed from the side or rear of the animal.
6. Pasterns should be strong and of medium length with enough angulation to allow free, easy movement, but should not be soft or weak.
7. Hooves should be well-formed, as dark as possible, and point directly forward when viewed.
8. **Faults:**
  - a. Any deformities or abnormalities in the structure of the feet or legs
    - i. Knock knees
    - ii. Buck knees
    - iii. Calf knees
    - iv. Bowlegs
    - v. Pasterns too short
    - vi. Pasterns too long
    - vii. Sickie hocked
    - viii. Post legged

- ix. Straight shouldered
- x. Any deformities or abnormalities in the hooves
- xi. Legs lacking sufficient bone/size in proportion to the animal's body
- xii. Hooves pointing inward or outward
- xiii. Splayed toes

**9. Disqualifications:**

- a. Any foot or leg faults that adversely affects the animal's gait or causes lameness
  - b. Pasterns too weak or "down" while on the move or standing
10. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**F. Skin and Coverings**

- 1. The skin should be loose and supple, with no preference given to any hair type.
  - 2. Mature Percentage bucks should have a pleated appearance to the skin on the front of, and around, the neck.
  - 3. Percentage bucks less than 6 months of age are required to have at least 50% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail.
    - a. This includes around the anus.
    - b. 100% pigmentation is preferred.
  - 4. Percentage bucks 6 months of age and older are required to have at least 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail.
    - a. This includes around the anus.
    - b. 100% pigmentation is preferred.
- 5. Faults:**
- a. A six month old or older animal that does not exhibit the pleated appearance to the skin on the front of, and around the neck.
- 6. Disqualifications:**
- a. Bucks under 6 months of age with less than 50% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail
  - b. Bucks 6 months of age and older with less than 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail

**G. Reproductive Organs**

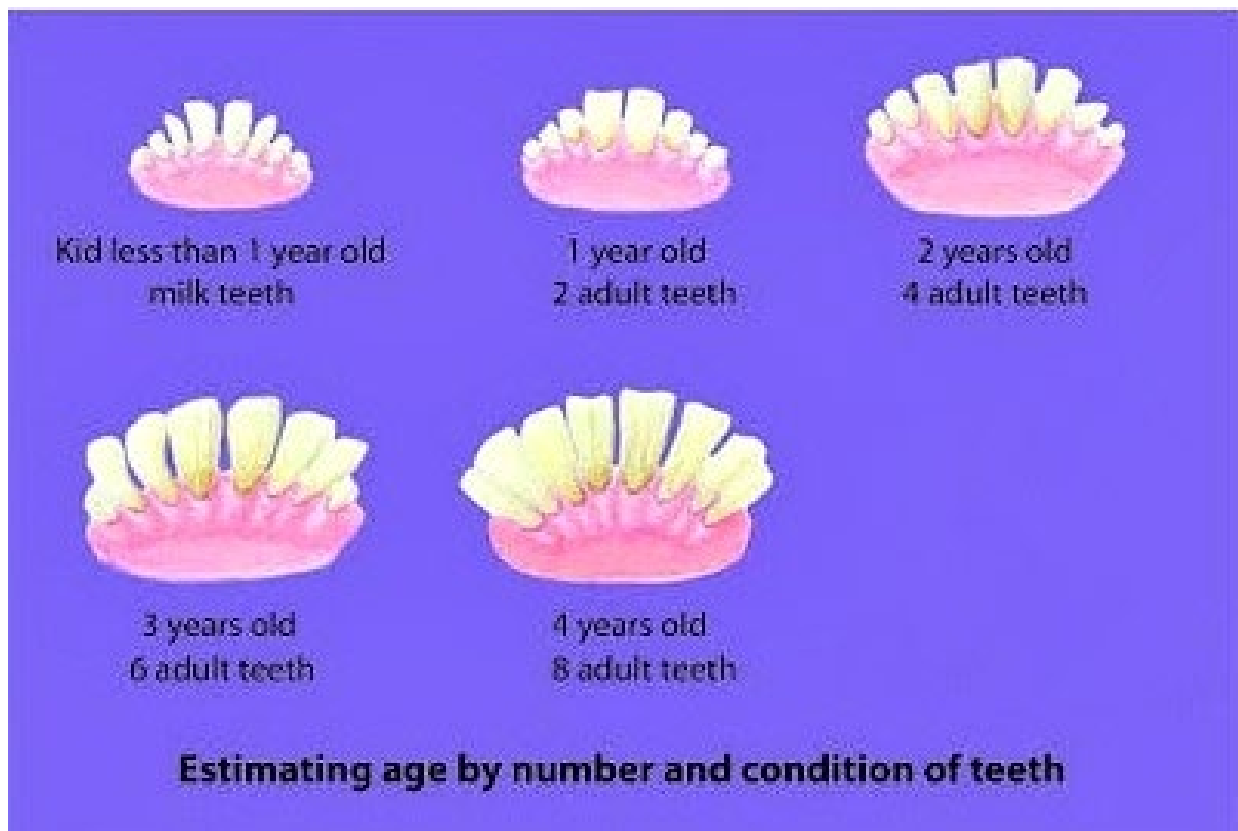
- 1. Percentage bucks must have two large well-formed testicles of equal size in a single scrotum with a distinct epididymis.
    - 1. A split in the apex of the scrotum of no greater than one inch in length is permitted but not preferred.
    - 2. The scrotum should be well attached and not overly pendulous.
    - 3. The apex of the scrotum should hang straight from the attached area of the body without having any twisting from one or both testicles.
- 4. Faults:**
- a. Excessively pendulous scrotum that allows for potential damage
  - b. Split in the apex of the scrotum
  - c. Lack of distinct epididymis
- 5. Disqualifications:**
- a. Undescended or missing testicle(s)

- b. Underdevelopment of the testicles for the age of the animal
- c. Abnormal or diseased testicle(s)
- d. A split in the apex of the scrotum that exceeds one inch in length
- e. Twisting of one or both testicles originating where the scrotum meets the body
- f. An extreme occurrence of an above-mentioned fault

**H. Coloration**

- 1. The traditional Boer goat is white bodied with a red head, but no preference is given to any hair color.

**V. American Boer Goat Association Teeth Eruption Diagram**

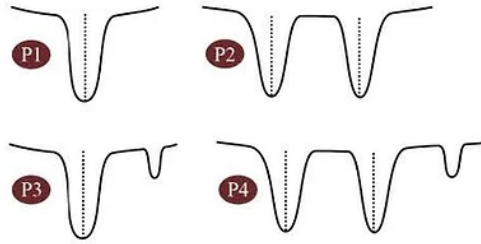


## VI. American Boer Goat Association Teat Chart

### PREFERRED TEAT STRUCTURES

Preferred teat structures offer the newborn kid the best opportunity to nurse unassisted.

Preferred teat structures consist of either one or two, well-separated, functional teats on each half of the udder (P1, P2). One additional, non-functional teat further toward the doe's stomach is not discriminated against (P3, P4).

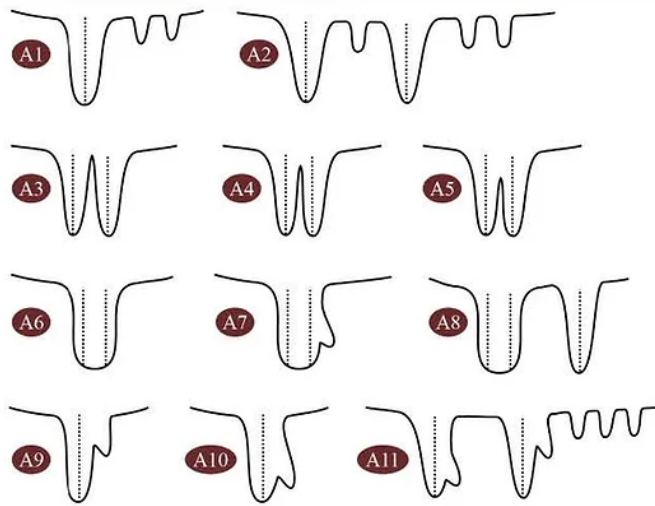


### ACCEPTABLE TEAT STRUCTURES

Acceptable teat structures should allow the newborn kid the ability to nurse unassisted and must have no more than two functional teats on each half of the udder. Some acceptable teat structures may become disqualifying over the productive life of the doe if the teat becomes difficult or impossible to nurse unassisted.

Acceptable teat structures include:

- One or more non-functional teats in addition to functional teat(s) (A1, A2, A11)
- Split teats, when at least 50% of the body of the teat is separated (A3, A4, A5)
- Teats containing two milk channels with no sign of separation between teat channels (A6, A7, A8)
- Teats with one additional, non-functional teat attached to the main teat (A7, A9, A10, A11)



### DISQUALIFYING TEAT STRUCTURES

Any teat structure that prevents a newborn kid from nursing unassisted is a disqualification.

Disqualifying structures include:

- Split teats, when less than 50% of the body of the teat is separated (D1, D2, D3, D4)
- Teats with additional, functional teat(s) attached to the main teat (D5, D6)
- Teats with more than two milk channels (D7)
- More than two functional teats on one half of the udder (D7, D8)
- Bulbous teats, or the complete lack of a milk channel on one half of the udder

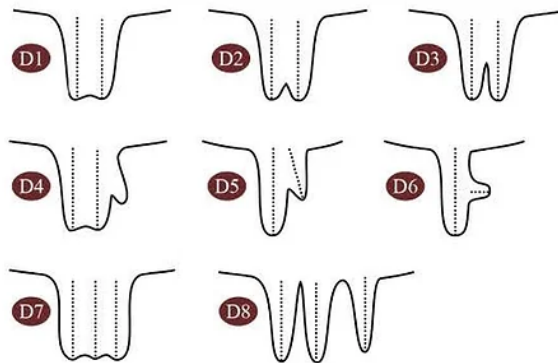


Figure 1 TEAT DIAGRAM



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# **I. Introduction**

The purpose of this manual is to describe all accounting policies and procedures currently in use at the American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) and to ensure that the financial statements conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); assets are safeguarded; guidelines of grantors and donors are complied with; and finances are managed with accuracy, efficiency, and transparency.

All ABGA staff and volunteers with a role in the management of fiscal and accounting operations are expected to comply with the policies and procedures in this manual.

These policies will be reviewed annually and revised as needed by the Executive Director and Finance Committee of the Board of Directors.

## II. Segregation of Duties

The following is a list of personnel who have fiscal and accounting responsibilities:

### ***Board of Directors***

1. Reviews and approves the annual budget.
2. Reviews financial statements monthly to include a Statement of Cash Flows, a Statement of Functional Expenses, a Statement of Financial Position, and a Statement of Activities.
3. Reviews Executive Director's performance annually and establishes the salary.
4. The President and Treasurer of the board will be appointed by the board to be authorized signers on the bank accounts in addition to the Executive Director and Office Manager.
5. Reviews and approves all contracts over five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with advisory committee input when possible.
6. Reviews and approves all non-budgeted expenditures over one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
7. Reviews and approves any draws from investment accounts.
8. Reviews and advises staff on internal controls and accounting policies and procedures.
9. Selects an independent CPA to conduct an annual audit of ABGA's financials. The auditor is required to present the results of the audit to the board of directors and explain any findings.
10. Treasurer performs duties as outlined in the ABGA bylaws.

### ***Executive Director***

1. Reviews and approves all monthly and annual financial reports to be forwarded to the board of directors.
2. Works closely with finance committee to see that an appropriate budget is developed annually and submitted to the board by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Reviews and authorizes all issued checks and/or approves check signing procedures.
4. Reviews and approves all contracts under five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with advisory committee input where possible.
5. Works closely with grant writing committee to develop and complete grant submissions.
6. Executes board approved inter-account bank transfers to or from investments as directed.
7. Is signatory on all bank accounts.

8. Monitors grant reporting requirements and appropriate release of temporarily restricted funds.
9. Receives all electronic bank statements, reviews for any irregularities, and reviews completed monthly bank reconciliations. Highlights any projected cash flow concerns in monthly report to the board.
10. Oversees the adherence to all internal controls and monitors program budgets.
11. Approves all program expenditures, reimbursed expense requests, and cost center allocations for the A/P process.

### ***Bookkeeper***

1. Codifies expenditures and cost center allocations, reviewing all incoming and outgoing invoices.
2. Books all payroll expenses as per reports provided by ADP.
3. Accounts payable processes to include production of checks for review and approval by the Executive Director.
4. Performs month, quarter, and year end closing to include any required accrual entries and reconciliations of balance sheet accounts.
5. Records all inter-account bank transfers with appropriate supportive documentation.
6. Assists Executive Director with the development of annual and program budgets.
7. Manages the petty cash voucher system to include monthly reconciliation.
8. Reviews all incoming accounting department mail (stamped and dated by office manager as received).
9. Regular development and oversight of expense allocations / allocation tables.
10. Maintains general ledger with appropriate supportive documentation for each GJE.
11. Prepares monthly and year-end financial reports for Executive Director and board of directors.
12. Assists finance committee in any requested matters.
13. Reconciles all bank and other asset accounts monthly for Executive Director signature.
14. Overall responsibility for data entry into accounting system and integrity of accounting system data.
15. Processes invoices and prepares checks for signature.
16. Accounts Receivable or Bookkeeper prepares bank deposits and records deposits into accounting system.
17. Mails vendor checks.
18. Inputs Accounts Receivable in accounting system and reconciles A/R monthly.

## ***Office Manager***

1. The Office Manager or Member Services Staff receives, opens, and dates the incoming mail
2. Stamps any checks “for deposit only” and makes two (2) copies of each check and then given to Bookkeeper or Accounts Receivable Staff for processing and input into accounting system. Is signatory on all operating bank accounts.
3. Signs checks prepared by Bookkeeper and approved by Executive Director.
4. Manages payroll through ADP and submits bi-weekly payroll reports to Executive Director for review and Bookkeeper for processing.
5. All corrections to timesheets are to be made by Office Manager via ADP.
6. Maintains all personnel files in a secure, locked file cabinet and only allows access by authorized personnel.

## **III. Chart of Accounts and General Ledger**

The ABGA has designated a Chart of Accounts (COA) specific to its operational needs and the needs of its financial statements. The COA is structured so that financial statements can be shown by expense type as well as by functional classification (program vs. fundraising vs. administration). The Bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining the COA and revising as necessary. The COA is attached to this manual as an addendum.

The general ledger is automated and maintained using our accounting software. All input and balancing is the responsibility of the bookkeeper, closely monitored by the Executive Director.

The bookkeeper should review the general ledger on a periodic basis for any unusual transactions.

## **IV. Cash Receipts**

Cash receipts generally arise from online and mail-in memberships and fundraising activities

The principal steps in the cash receipts process are:

The Office Manager or Member Services Staff receives, opens, and dates the incoming mail, except bank statements, which are opened electronically directly by the Executive Director before viewing by Bookkeeper. All other fiscal matters are given to the Bookkeeper or Accounts Receivable Staff. The Office Manager stamps any checks "for deposit only" and makes two (2) copies of each check and then given to Bookkeeper or Accounts Receivable Staff for processing and input into accounting system. The checks are kept in a locked cabinet until ready to process and deposit.

Weekly (or more often if necessary), the Bookkeeper or Accounts Receivable Staff processes the deposit and takes it to the bank for deposit. A copy of the deposit slip is attached to the deposit. A copy of the checks and deposit slip are put in a file for the Bookkeeper to record the monies received in the general ledger and then attached to the bank statement as it arrives for reconciliation. The second copy of the check goes into the member's file.

All cash received will be counted, verified, and signed off by the Bookkeeper and an additional staff member. There is to be (2) copies of the cash log made, and the cash itself in a locked cabinet until deposited to the bank. One photocopy of the cash log will be used as supportive documentation for the recording to the general ledger, and the second photocopy of the cash log goes into the member's file. The Bookkeeper will post the cash to the general ledger using the appropriate cost allocation. A receipt will be given to the paying party and a copy kept for internal purposes.

## **V. Inter-Account Bank Transfers**

The Bookkeeper, Executive Director, and finance committee monitor the balances in the bank accounts to determine when there is a shortage or excess in the checking account. The Executive Director and/or finance committee recommends to the board of directors when a transfer should be made to maximize the potential for earning interest or when there may be a need to draw from investment accounts. The Executive Director is directed by the board of directors when to make a transfer and in what amount. A copy of the transfer is provided to the board of directors at the next meeting.

## VI. Cash Disbursements & Expense Allocations

Cash disbursements are generally made for:

1. Payments to vendors for goods and services
2. Taxes/license fees
3. Staff training and development
4. Memberships and subscriptions
5. Meeting expenses
6. Reimbursed Expenses
7. Marketing/promotional materials

Checks are processed weekly. Invoices submitted to the Bookkeeper by Wednesday will be processed and paid by Friday of the same week. Checks can be prepared manually within one day, but this should be limited to emergency situations.

Requests for cash disbursements are submitted for payment in three ways:

1. Approved original invoice
2. Approved purchase request (submitted on approved form)
3. Approved employee expense report or reimbursement request

Every employee reimbursement or purchase request must be documented on the approved form with travel authorization, receipts, nature of business, program allocation, and funding source (if applicable) before approving for reimbursement as follows:

**Lodging** - an itemized receipt from the hotel detailing all charges, the person(s) for whom the lodging was provided, and the specific business purpose.

**Meals and Entertainment** - a receipt must be provided showing the cost of food, beverage, and gratuities, including the names of every person for whom food or beverage was provided, and the specific business purpose. No alcoholic beverages are permitted for reimbursement.

**Other Expenditures** - a receipt from the vendor detailing all goods or services purchased (including the class of service for transportation) and the specific business purpose.

The Executive Director reviews all requests for payment and:

1. Verifies expenditure and amount
2. Approve for payment if in accordance with budget
3. Provides or verifies appropriate allocation information
4. Submits to the Bookkeeper for processing

The Treasurer or President of the board reviews and approves any reimbursed expenses for the Executive Director

Bookkeeper processes all payments and:

1. Enters them into the Accounts Payable module timely
2. Prints checks according to allocation and payment date provided by the Executive Director
3. Submit a list of checks with documentation, to Executive Director for authorization to process, followed by Office Manager to sign. All checks in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) require a second signature from an authorized signor; checks in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) require a second signature from the Treasurer or President of the board
4. Stamps invoice "paid", recording date and any applicable check or transaction number
5. Mails checks and appropriate backup documentation
6. Files all backup documentation in the appropriate file and scans all documents for attachment into accounting system.
7. Runs an accounts payable aging at the middle and end of each month and submits to the Executive Director to assure timely payment and management of accounts payable

## **VII. Credit Card Policy and Charges**

All staff and board members who are authorized to carry an organization credit card will be held personally responsible if any charge is deemed personal or unauthorized, with the amount being reduced from the following paycheck. Unauthorized use of the credit card includes personal expenditures of any kind; expenditures which have not been properly authorized; meals, entertainment, gifts, or other expenditures which are prohibited by budgets, laws, and regulations, and the entities from which the ABGA receives funds.

The receipts for all credit card charges will be given to the Bookkeeper within two (2) weeks of the purchase along with applicable documentation. The Bookkeeper will verify all credit card charges with the monthly statements and will assign an applicable allocation for posting. A copy of all charges will be attached to the monthly credit card statement when submitted to the Executive Director for approval and payment.

The Executive Director's credit card usage will be provided to the Board President and the Board Treasurer for oversight of irregularity.

See travel policy implemented 08-02-2008 for missing receipt policy and specific credit card usage guidance.

## **VIII. Accruals**

To ensure a timely closing of the General Ledger each month, the ABGA books accrual entries. Some accruals will be made as recurring entries.

Accruals to consider for either monthly or year end:

1. Monthly interest earned on money market accounts, certificates of deposits, etc.
2. Recurring expenses, including employee vacation accrual, prepaid corporate insurance, depreciation, etc.
3. National / Regional Show Expenses
4. Draw-down from pre-paid accounts like general and directors & officer's liability insurance.
5. Reconciliation of the Accounts Receivable and Member Prepayments to the membership system.

## **IX. Bank Account Reconciliations**

1. All bank statements are opened electronically by the Executive Director. The Executive Director reviews and signs off on the statements for unusual balances and/or transactions.
2. The Executive Director gives the statements to the Bookkeeper for timely reconciliation as follows: a comparison of dates and amounts of deposits as shown in the accounting system and on the statement, a comparison of inter-account transfers, an investigation of any rejected items, a comparison of cleared checks with the accounting records including amount, payee, and sequential check numbers. This is performed in the accounting software, using the reconciliation module. The QuickBooks reconciliation report is to be attached to the statement along with copies of all deposits and checks made during that month.
3. The Bookkeeper will verify that voided checks, if returned, are appropriately defaced and filed.
4. The Bookkeeper will investigate any checks that are outstanding over three months.
5. The reconciliation report will be reviewed, approved, dated, and signed by the Executive Director.

## **X. Petty Cash Fund**

Petty cash funds are maintained by the organization. The funds are to be used for miscellaneous or unexpected purchases and the same approval procedures apply as mentioned in the cash disbursement section.

1. The petty cash fund will not exceed five hundred (\$500) and is always kept in a locked file cabinet.
2. The Bookkeeper oversees the petty cash fund.
3. All disbursements made from petty cash are acknowledged in writing by the receiving party.
4. All money returned to the petty cash fund is counted and verified by the Bookkeeper and a second staff member. Receipts for items purchased with petty cash must be included with the return and should include appropriate account allocations as well as supervisor approval using a Petty Cash form.
5. The Executive Director and the Bookkeeper together will periodically count the cash in the petty cash fund.
6. No checks will be cashed by the petty cash fund.

# XI. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment includes items such as:

1. Office furniture and equipment
2. Computer hardware
3. Computer software
4. Leasehold improvements

It is the organization's policy to capitalize all items which have a unit cost greater than one thousand hundred dollars (\$1,000). Items purchased with a value or cost less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) will be expensed in the period purchased.

The depreciation period for capitalized assets is as follows:

Computer Hardware	36 months
Office Equipment	60 months
Office Furniture	60 months
Computer Software	36 months
Leasehold improvements	Length of lease
Building Infrastructure	39 years

1. A Fixed Asset Log is maintained by the Bookkeeper including date of purchase, asset description, purchase/donation information, cost/fair market value, donor/funding source, identification number, life of asset.
2. The Log will be reviewed by the Executive Director periodically.
3. Annually, a physical inspection and inventory will be taken of all fixed assets and reconciled to the general ledger balances.
4. The Executive Director shall be informed in writing of any change in status or condition of any property or equipment.
5. Depreciation is recorded at least annually. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Any impaired assets discovered during the inventory will be written down to their actual value.

## **XII. Personnel Records**

1. All personnel files contain the following documents: an application and/or resume, date of employment, position and pay rate, all approvals for pay-rate increases, authorization of payroll deductions, W-4 withholding authorization, termination data where applicable, a signed confidentiality agreement, a signed acknowledgement of receipt of Employee Handbook, an emergency contact form, and other forms (any social medial policy or cybersecurity policy as determined) as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director and Board of Directors.
2. All employees will fill out an I-9 form and submit the allowable forms of identification to the Executive Director.
3. Copies of any background checks conducted during hiring or conducted periodically during working relationship
4. The electronically completed I-9 forms will be kept in a secure location through ADP separate from the personnel files.
5. All personnel files are to be kept in a secure, locked file cabinet and accessed only by authorized personnel.

## **XIII. Payroll Processing**

1. Timesheets are electronically maintained by employees through ADP and submitted on a bi-weekly basis. Exceptions to the submittal date may occur and will be communicated accordingly.
2. Timesheets are to be kept on a daily basis and completed in ink in circumstances where they are not tracked electronically.
3. All corrections to timesheets are to be made by Office Manager via ADP.
4. Timesheet data is to be reviewed and approved by the Office Manager for submission to ADP
5. Any changes to the standing information of the payroll register from the prior period including addition of new employees, deletion of employees, or changes in base pay rate must be accompanied by an Employment Information Form and signed by the Executive Director before the change can be made.
6. The Office Manager will process payroll in a timely manner and record vacation time, holiday hours, sick time, and any other information deemed necessary to properly reflect time worked.
7. Paystubs are sent electronically, and additional copies are available for employees online through ADP. Payroll is directly deposited into employee accounts on Fridays following the close of the pay period (Wednesday).
8. If the employee requests that his/her check or stub be turned over to a third party, the request must be made in writing prior to distribution.
9. Employees may choose to receive a physical check for payroll. Their paycheck is produced by ADP and arrives with the stubs on the payroll date. The employee will receive a verification stub and check to be delivered by the Bookkeeper.
10. The Executive Director will review payroll expenditures and allocations monthly.
11. All quarterly federal and state payroll reports will be prepared and filed appropriately.
12. All W-2 statements are issued to employees prior to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year for the prior calendar year.

## **XIV. End of Month and Fiscal Year-End Close**

1. The Executive Director will review and sign off on all month- and year-end journal entries. They will be printed and filed for audit trail purposes.
2. At the end of each month and fiscal year end, the Bookkeeper will review all balance sheet accounts including verification of the following balances: cash accounts match the bank reconciliations, appropriate period-ending accruals have been entered, fixed assets accounts reflect all purchases, write-downs and retirements, accounts receivable and payable accounts match outstanding amounts due and owed.
3. The income and expense accounts review will include reconciliation to amounts received and expended and verification that payroll expenses match the payroll reports including federal and state payroll tax filings.
4. Once the final monthly and fiscal year-end financial statements are run, reviewed, and approved by the Bookkeeper and Executive Director, no more entries or adjustments will be made into that month or year's ledgers.
5. At the end of the fiscal year, the board approved firm will perform an audit on all yearly financial proceedings. Any adjustments from the audit will be made and noted as such. Audit report will be given to the Executive Director, Finance Committee and Board of Directors for review.
6. At the end of the fiscal year, the outside CPA will prepare the annual Return for Organization Exempt from Income Tax (IRS Form 990). The return will be presented to the Executive Director, the Finance Committee, and the board of directors for their approval. The CPA will then file the return with the Internal Revenue Service by the annual deadline, striving to avoid extensions wherever possible.
7. All other appropriate government filings including those required by the state tax board and attorney general's office will be completed and filed with the appropriate agency.

## **XV. Financial Reports**

The Bookkeeper will prepare the monthly and annual financial reports for distribution to the Executive Director and Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Board members on the finance committee are responsible to share reports to member representatives on the finance committee. The reports will include a Statement of Activities, a Statement of Financial Position, a Statement of Cash Flows, and a Statement of Functional Expenses. Monthly reports should be dated the first day of the month to be reviewed through the end day of that same month (with a YTD column). Quarterly and annual reports should follow suit regarding dates used to run reports. During months that are both a month-end and quarter- or year-end, the board of directors should receive both the still picture of the month, as well as the quarter or year.

## **XVI. Fiscal Policy Statements**

1. All cash accounts (except petty cash) owned by the ABGA will be held in financial institutions which are insured by the FDIC. The association will strive to mitigate uninsured funds, re-evaluating and adjusting account structure as needed.
2. All capital expenditures which exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) will be capitalized.
3. Employee or public personal checks will not be cashed through the petty cash fund.
4. No salary advances will be made under any circumstances.
5. No travel cash advances will be made except under special conditions and pre-approved by the Executive Director.
6. Reimbursements will be paid upon complete expense reporting and approval using the official ABGA form. Reimbursements to the Executive Director will be authorized by the Board Treasurer.
7. Any donated item with a value exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) will be recorded and in-kind donations
8. The Treasurer and President of the board, the Executive Director, and the Office Manager are the signatories on the ABGA's bank accounts. Disbursements exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) require a second signature by an authorized board or staff member. Checks over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) require a second signature by an authorized board member.
9. Bank statements will be reconciled monthly. All bank statements will be given unopened to the Executive Director for review.
10. Financial reports are to be produced directly from accounting software, without reliance on auxiliary spreadsheets.
11. Correction fluid and/or tape will never be used in preparing timesheets or any accounting documents.
12. Accounting will be securely kept in cabinets in the finance office and only parties with financial will have access.

# 2026 NATIONAL SHOW RULES

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**In addition to the following rules, all ABGA and JABGA Sanctioned show rules will apply.**  
All Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority (Fonner Park) rules also apply.

#### **DEFINING AN EXHIBITOR**

Throughout the ABGA and JABGA National Show Rules, the term “exhibitor” is defined as listed in the ABGA registry.

#### **DEFINING A PARTICIPANT**

Throughout the ABGA and JABGA National Show Rules, the term “participant” includes but is not limited to an exhibitor, agent, custom fitter, vendor, office staff, ring steward, or spectator/visitor.

#### **ABGA NATIONAL SHOW ELIGIBILITY**

Exhibitors must be a current active adult or junior member, according to the requirements of JABGA to submit a show entry for the ABGA National Show. Active or junior members of ABGA must be listed as the current owner on the ABGA registration prior to entry.

#### **JABGA NATIONAL SHOW ELIGIBILITY**

Exhibitors must be a current member of the Junior American Boer Goat Association or American Boer Goat Association and must be 21 years old or under as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to submit a show entry for the JABGA National Show. Goats must be registered solely in the member’s name. No ranch or family name can be listed in the owner section of the certificate. If the owner has more than one entry in a class, the other goats must be shown by another JABGA member.

#### **ABGA/JABGA ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY**

Competition is open to goats registered in the herd books of the ABGA. No entries will be accepted until the animal is first registered in an ABGA herd book. The ABGA herd books will close on May 15, 2026 (5 p.m. CST).

All goats except those entered in Wether Dam, Market and Meat Goat Evaluation Classes must be registered Fullblood, Purebred, or Percentage Boer goats. Percentage doe classes are for goats 25% to less than 93.75% Boer. Percentage Buck classes are for goats 25% to less than 96.875% Boer, Fullblood/Purebred doe classes are for goats 93.75% to 100% Boer. Fullblood/Purebred buck classes are for goats that are 96.875% to 100% Boer.

#### **GOAT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

**All goats must have a current health certificate to enter the state of Nebraska. The health certificate is to be issued by your veterinarian within the past 30 days and must state the goats are for show purposes. All goats are expected to be healthy and free of disease. Any animal exhibiting signs of a contagious disease or animals of questionable health may removed from the barn at the discretion of the show veterinarian. Any animal removed from the barn will not be eligible to show the remainder of the ABGA/JABGA National Show. All goats in the barn must comply with National Scrapie Eradication Program and the State of Nebraska animal health import requirements.**

ABGA assumes no duty or responsibility, nor shall it otherwise be liable to any exhibitor for any of the following:

- The prevention of disease.
- The protection of goats from disease or exposure to disease.
- The enforcement of animal health laws or regulations; or notifications or warnings about disease or other animal health-related concerns. In this regard, ABGA shall not be liable for any damage, injuries, or losses arising from, connected with, or related to disease, or the exposure of goats thereto. This includes, but is not limited to, actual and consequential damages.

### **VETERINARY SERVICES**

ABGA will provide contact information to exhibitors during check-in of the onsite veterinarian who can assist exhibitors with goat health issues. The contact information of the veterinarian will also be posted in the show office area.

### **IDENTIFICATION**

All registered goats must have a legible permanent identification (tags are not permanent IDs) and/or a microchip corresponding to the ABGA registration certificate upon arrival on the grounds. An exhibitor must provide a reading device if a microchip is utilized for identification. Unregistered Market Goats and Wether Dams must have a Federal USDA Scrapie tag (State and Individual number present) **GOATS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING WITHOUT PROPER IDENTIFICATION OR IDENTIFICATION THAT DIFFERS FROM ENTRY.**

### **SHOW SCHEDULE**

A tentative schedule is listed in the show packet and noted as subject to change. The schedule of classes or heats is at the discretion of the Show Staff based on entries. The schedule of classes or heats for the show will be posted each day. Classes or heats will also be posted on [www.abga.org](http://www.abga.org) and AGBA/JABGA Facebook Pages

***All goats MUST be out of the barn by Saturday June 6, 2026.***

### **SHOW STAFF**

National Show regulations and show rules will be adhered to and enforced by ABGA National Show Staff. Show Staff includes National Show Committee Chair, ABGA Office Staff, Superintendents, Interns, and The National Show Leadership Team.

### **PENS AND SHAVINGS**

Pens will be pre-assigned before the show. Pens for entries received at check-in are subject to availability. Pens will be assigned based on 1.5 goats per pen based on the number of goats pre-entered by the exhibitor. Allowances are made for a tack area and multiple bucks over one year of age providing space is available. Members can divide the pens with a divider. If several exhibitors want to pen together, they must note this on their entry form. A goat pen can be used as a tack pen or display. Shavings may be brought in.

## END CAPS

End Cap Size: 12x 6'. NO VENDOR OR INDIVIDUAL SALES WILL BE ALLOWED, except for sales of semen or goats owned by the exhibitor advertising on the End Cap. Exhibitor's Display must stay within the defined area for end caps or tack pen. Majority of End Cap must be Display ONLY.

## EXHIBITOR DISPLAYS

Exhibitors may have a sign over their exhibit advertising their own herd. Show Staff can ask exhibitors to remove signs at their discretion. Exhibitor's Display must stay within the defined area for end caps or tack pen.

## JUDGING

Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the times at which their goats will be judged. Any goat not presented promptly will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition in the class or heat. Judging of the class or heat will begin once the entry gate is closed, at which time no animals will be allowed to enter. Progeny of fresh does will NOT be allowed in the ring except for The Coni Ross Memorial Class.

## JUDGE ELIGIBILITY

- Must have evaluated **500+ head collectively** in your judging career.
- Must **enter as a team.**
- **No regional restrictions.**
- Must have been a **judge in good standing as of January 1, 2025.**
- Cannot have judged the **same show** within the past **two years.**
- Judge must be in good standing the year of the show
- Judges will be requested to talk reasons through at least 10<sup>th</sup> place in all show classes (excluding pairs and groups).
- The JABGA Board will invite five (5) non-ABGA certified judges to be placed on the judging ballot for the JABGA Market/Wether Dam shows, in addition to the ABGA certified judges that have applied for nomination.

## JUDGES' DECISION

The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases except where fraud or misrepresentation on the part of an exhibitor is proven. Any such claim of an exhibitor's fraud or misrepresentation must be submitted as an official protest.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any goat found not to be in accordance with ABGA Rules and Regulations will be disqualified. Any goat showing any pronounced defect or abnormality will be barred from the show. Any evidence of a cosmetic surgical alteration of an exhibited goat will be a disqualification. Any altering of pigmentation is prohibited. If an exhibitor's goat is found to have altered pigmentation, the goat will be disqualified from the show and the exhibitor will be subject to the terms of ABGA Rules and Regulations. Artificial coloring that alters the natural color of a goat will be a disqualification. By 24 months of age, does must have kidded or show evidence of visible udder formation consistent with late-term pregnancy. Illegible tattoos or tattoos inconsistent with registration papers will result in disqualification. A microchip inconsistent with registration papers will result in disqualification. Any goat testing positive for any performance enhancing drug and/or chemical, their substitutes, or derivatives will be disqualified. Should any goat that has been awarded a prize be disqualified before its class has been dismissed from

the show ring, the lower placing goats shall move up to fill the vacancy. Should any goat be disqualified after the class has been dismissed from the show ring, the lower placing goats will not move into any higher position. Any animals that weigh out during a class will be disqualified.

### **EXHIBITOR NUMBERS**

Each entry will be assigned a number. Exhibitors will receive cards which correspond with the numbers; these cards must be worn by the exhibitor in the show ring when goats are being judged.

### **FITTING**

Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor. Artificial coloring that enhances the goat's natural color is acceptable. All fitting and clipping must be done in the designated area. No fitting or clipping will be permitted in the arena area. Tack will not be allowed in the showing area or staging area.

*Any participant, member, agent, or those directly connected to the participant, agent, or member, shall be solely responsible for any loss, damage (including consequential), or injury to livestock, personal property, the facility, other participants, volunteers, vendors, or casual bystanders, arising in connection with activities, not sanctioned by ABGA or deemed negligent by a reasonable person. THE HEATING OF AEROSOL CANS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.*

### **APPROPRIATE EXHIBITOR DRESS**

It is suggested that exhibitors dress in a professional manner as our National Show will be broadcast across several platforms. Clothing displaying Exhibitor name, Farm/Ranch name, Company logo/name may not be worn during JABGA Showmanship.

### **UNAUTHORIZED GOATS**

Goats for which the owner has not paid an entry fee will not be allowed in the barn except for those goats that are nursing kids registered in the show. (Must have Owner Identification). All goats on the grounds must meet Nebraska State health requirements. Bred recipcs that are consigned to the National Invitational Sale will be assessed a pen fee in lieu of an entry fee.

### **UNRULY GOATS**

The exhibitor will be liable for damage to fences, other goats, or injury to people. In addition to penning, unruly bucks may be required to be restrained or removed from the show if deemed necessary by the show management. If any goat is a threat to the public or is unruly, precautions must be taken. Exhibitors are responsible for the actions of their goats.

### **QUIET HOURS**

Quiet hours are between 11 pm and 6 am. Loud music, large gatherings, etc. are prohibited. Caretaking of animals, fitting, and show preparation is allowed.

### **FRIDGES AND CROCKPOTS**

Any use of heaters, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, ovens, barbeque grills, open flame cookers, turkey fryers and electric roasters is strictly prohibited inside barns, under pavilions, building overhangs and arenas.

## **PARTICIPANT CONDUCT**

If any participant, in any way, whether in person or by agent or employee, interferes with the judges, show officials or staff during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or the show, ABGA may demand a proper apology from the exhibitor, may exclude the exhibitor and goat in question from competition, bar exhibitor from the grounds, and may also withhold prizes that may have been awarded. The National Show Leadership Team may apply other penalties and sanctions from time to time as deemed appropriate. To ensure a family-friendly environment, **Alcohol consumption or possession while on Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority (Fonner Park) is prohibited for the entirety of the JABGA and ABGA Show.**

## **DOG POLICY**

Dogs must be on leash or in a kennel inside any Fonner Park barn or building. No dogs allowed in Pinnacle Bank Expo Center, Nebraska Building, Heartland Event Center or Fonner Park Concourse except certified service animals.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES**

The official show photographer, hired by ABGA for the National Show, will be provided exclusive rights to photograph show ring events and backdrop pictures, with exceptions approved by the National Show Committee Chairman or ABGA President. The exclusive rights for show ring pictures do not prevent show participants, spectators, and parents/guardians from taking pictures for personal use only. Pictures taken of show ring events and backdrop pictures may not be offered for sale by any source other than the official show photographer. Anyone in violation of this may be asked to leave the grounds.

## **EXHIBITOR PARKING**

Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority (Fonner Park) will provide trailer parking which is at the risk of the exhibitor. Exhibitors may only park in designated areas reserved for the ABGA Nationals. Vehicles and trailers improperly parked will be fined and towed at the exhibitor's expense.

## **ENTRY AGREEMENT**

By submitting entries to the National Show, the applicant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the American Boer Goat Association, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and volunteers (hereafter collectively "ABGA") shall not be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage in connection with, arising out of, or incident to the National Show. The applicant further and hereby expressly waives all rights to claims against ABGA by reason of, and releases ABGA from any liability whatsoever with respect to any injury to person or damage to or loss of property (including consequential damages) resulting from any cause whatsoever (expressly including ABGA's negligence). The applicant hereby agrees to hold harmless and unconditionally indemnify ABGA against and for all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, expenses, and damages (actual, consequential, or punitive) which ABGA may at any time suffer or sustain or become liable for by reason of any accidents, damages, injuries, or losses either to persons, property or both, of participant, of any other participant, of any other parties, or to the property of ABGA, in any matter arising from, connected with, or incident to the activities hereunder, including but not limited to any negligent act or omission of ABGA, its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.

The applicant further acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the National Show Rules and certifies that he/she has read and understands them. Applicant further agrees to abide by all the Show Rules and

acknowledges that the National Show Leadership Team of ABGA reserves the final and absolute right (a) to interpret the Show Rules; and (b) to determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto and from which determination no appeal or cause of action shall be available.

Animals entered in the ABGA/JABGA National show or on the grounds during the National Show at the direction of Show staff or Show Veterinarian may be subject to visual or physical inspections by the show staff, Veterinarian or their designee. Inspection may include, but is not limited to, visual inspections or physical inspections, blood draws, ultrasound, drug test, or necropsy. Exhibitors will be notified prior to any of these taking place.

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

To enter the 2026 National Show without paying late entry fees, your entries and payment must be submitted by May 8, 2026. Entry fees are non-refundable. Late entry fees will be assessed on ALL entries received from May 9, 2026 – May 15, 2026. No entries will be received after May 15, 2026. The ABGA office will announce when the online entries are open. The deadline for all online entries will be 11:59 p.m CST on the day of deadlines. All entries must be made through showman.app.

There is no limit on the number of goats that can be entered in a class by a member, except in Meat Goat Evaluation. Market goats, Meat Goat Evaluation, and Wether Dams must be entered on official entry form by the Scrapie identification tag (state and individual number must be provided) or permanent identification and match the health certificate as required. Animals not in compliance will not be eligible to show.

**ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee for goats is \$45 per head in the ABGA National Show and \$35 per head in the JABGA National Show. The entry fee for the JABGA Bred and Owned Show and JABGA National Meat Goat Evaluation is \$25 per head. Entry fee for the JABGA Market Wether and Wether Dam show is \$45 per head. Entry fee for group and pair classes is \$15 per entry with exact animals to be finalized before the class. Entries for both Market and Breeding showmanship will be \$10.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

**LATE ENTRIES**

All entry fee(s) for goats submitted after May 8, 2026, will have a late fee.

Substitutions are available for a fee of \$80 per head per show from May 15, 2026 up to close of check-in (any entry can be substituted for another animal despite its class as long they remain in the same show entry type). Exhibitors must contact the office for all substitutions.

There will be a \$100 National Show rush fee, per animal, for all corrections performed during the National Show, in addition to standard applicable fees. Corrections made will apply the following day.

SHOW ENTRY TYPE	ON TIME ENTRY	LATE ENTRY
	By May 8, 2026	May 9-15, 2026
ABGA	\$45	\$65
JABGA	\$35	\$65
JABGA BRED & OWNED	\$25	\$65
JABGA MARKET WETHER SHOW	\$45	\$65
JABGA WETHER DAM	\$45	\$65

<b>PAIRS CLASS</b>	\$15	\$25
<b>GROUP CLASS</b>	\$15	\$25
<b>SHOWMANSHIP</b>	\$10	\$20
<b>SUBSTITUTION FEE May 16, 2026 until check in closes</b>	\$80	NA
<b>ON SITE RUSH FEE CORRECTIONS</b>	\$100	NA

### COMPUTING AGES FOR ABGA & JABGA NATIONAL SHOW

Will be calculated from the first day of the JABGA breeding show. **For 2026 this will be June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### CLASS BREAKS FOR THE ABGA AND JABGA NATIONAL SHOW

Junior division (0-3, 3-6, 6-9, and 9-12 months)

- Within each of these age breaks, animals are to be broken by weight into sub classes or heats of a comparable weight range. The number of heats or classes will be determined by show staff based on the number of entries.
- Judges are to be provided the exhibitor number, date of birth (DOB), actual weight, and average daily gain (ADG) for each animal; and the class average for each class/heat.
- DOB, actual weight, and ADG for each animal as well as class averages will be published to the class list, show program, website, etc.
- ADG is to be calculated for all goats using the standardized birth weight (BW) of 8 pounds
- All junior division goats will have declared weights.
- Declared weights must be entered on Showman by 4:00 PM the day prior to the designated show. If an animal is entered in multiple shows, a weight must be submitted for each show, with the deadline being 4:00 PM the day prior to each individual show.
- Any animal that does not have declared weight turned into show management will not be eligible to show. (SHOW STAFF WILL NOT WEIGH ANIMALS PRIOR TO THE SHOW) (SCALES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SHOW for EXHIBITOR TO WEIGH ANIMALS)
- The top 10 from each class must submit to a weigh back. Animals must maintain a 5 LBS plus or minus of their declared weight. If an animal is outside of this range they will be considered a weight out and will be excused from that class. (THE EXHIBITOR MAY CONTINUE TO SHOW OTHER ANIMALS THEY HAVE ENTERED IN OTHER CLASSES OR SHOWS).

### Yearling Division (12-16, 16-20, and 20-24 months)

- Classes of 50 or more will be broken into classes or heats by age.

### Senior Division (24-36 and 36 plus months)

- Classes of 50 or more will be broken into classes or heats by age.

### JABGA

## **JABGA AGE**

To be eligible to show, the junior exhibitor must be at least 4 years as of July 1, 2025. The maximum exhibitor age is 21 years of age on July 1, 2025. Age divisions for showmanship and contests will be determined based on the contestant's age on July 1, 2025.

- Novice Division: 4-7 years of age
- Junior Division: 8-12 years of age
- Intermediate Division: 13-16 years of age
- Senior Division: 17-21 years of age.

## **JABGA SHOWMANSHIP**

There will be two showmanship competitions representing both market/wether dam livestock and ABGA breeding livestock. Participants may participate in both showmanship competitions, but must use an animal entered in that show.

Each exhibitor must use their own animal for the showmanship competition, if they have one entered in the JABGA National Show, or commercial/market show. Any discrepancies must be reported to show management (ABGA Executive Director, National Show Leadership Team, or National Show Chair) before class placing is final.

Only JABGA members with physical or mental disabilities are allowed to have a heeler and reasonable accommodation can be provided. Proper documentation needs to be provided to the Youth Coordinator or National Show Chair within two (2) hours of the show.

## **JABGA BRED & OWNED CLASSES**

All JABGA National Show entries where the JABGA member is both the animal's sole Breeder and Owner can be entered in the applicable JABGA Bred and Owned Class in addition to the regular class. Entry Deadline and Entry Fees/Late Entries Rules apply. The breeder of an animal is the sole owner. All JABGA National Show rules apply including weights and weigh backs.

## **HEELERS-JABGA NATIONAL SHOW**

JABGA members are allowed to have a heeler in the class and may independently lead or hold the animals. The heeler is not allowed to touch legs. The heeler must be a current JABGA member. JABGA members with physical or mental disabilities are allowed to have a heeler and reasonable accommodation can be provided. Proper documentation needs to be provided to the Youth Coordinator or National Show Chair within two (2) hours of the show.

## **JABGA WETHER DAM SHOW**

All Wether Dams must have scrapie tag (state and individual number included), tattoo or microchip in place that match the health certificate and entry.

- Participants must show their own Wether Dam unless there are two or more Wether Dams entered by the same participant in a particular class. This includes all divisions and champion drives.
- All Wether Dams must have ownership declared at entry and may not be entered or shown in another youth's name after entry deadline.
- Wether Dams may be exhibited with hair or slick shorn.

- Participation at the National Show is limited to JABGA members.
- Registered Does exhibited in the Wether Dam show are permitted to be exhibited in any of the JABGA Breeding, JABGA Bred and Owned Show, and ABGA Open Show that they qualify for.
- The exhibitor of the Wether Dam must be the same as the exhibitor in the JABGA Breeding Shows if entered in both shows.
- All fitting techniques must be within the accepted practices of the ABGA Sanctioned Show Rules.
- No twining will be allowed
- The Wether Dams will be shown in Divisions by teeth. Classes will be divided into three divisions:
  - Division 1 – Light Weight all milk teeth in place and no adult teeth present
  - Division 2 –Heavy Weight all milk teeth in place and no adult teeth present
  - Division 3 - 2 Teeth and Older
- All weights will be declared by the exhibitor (**SHOW STAFF WILL NOT WEIGH ANIMALS PRIOR TO THE SHOW**). All weights must be entered into showman app by the date and time posted on the show schedule for each show to be eligible for the show. (**SCALES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SHOW FOR EXHIBITORS TO WEIGH ANIMALS**)
  - \*Class breaks within the divisions will be calculated by weight. Show Staff reserves the right to adjust the class numbers and breaks as needed.
- Champion and Reserve in each Division will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion Wether Dam.
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals at the National Show will be drug tested. Random animals may also be selected for drug testing. Where drug testing applies, National and Sanctioned Show Rules will be followed.
- The top 5 from each class must submit to a weigh back. Each animal must maintain a 5 LBS plus or minus of their declared weight. Teeth will be checked for these animals at this time. If an animal is outside of this range they will be considered a weigh out and will be excused from that class. If teeth counts do not match the entry they will be excused from the class. (the exhibitor may continue to show other animals they have entered in other classes or shows)
- The highest placing registered wether dam will be recognized with an award in each class. Owner listed on registration paper must match exhibitor showing the animal.
- Registered wether dams must be declared at time of entry

#### **JABGA MARKET SHOW**

- Wethers and does may be exhibited.
- All market goats must have a scrapie tag (state and individual numbers included), tattoo or microchip in place that match the health certificate and entry.
- Participants must show their own market goat unless there are two or more entries entered by the same participant in a particular class. This includes all divisions and champion drives.
- Market goats must have ownership declared at time of entry and may not be entered or shown in another youth's name after entry closes.
- Wethers may not have testicular tissue or exhibit behavioral signs of still being an intact male.

- Participation at the regional show is not limited to JABGA members – Double entry fees will be charged for non-JABGA members. Participation at the National Show is limited to JABGA members.
- All fitting techniques must be within the accepted practices of the ABGA Sanctioned Show Rules.
- Market goats must be slick shorn, with maximum body hair length of ¼”.
- Market goats will be shown in classes by weight. Show Management reserves the right to adjust the class numbers and breaks as needed.
- All weights will be declared by the exhibitor **(SHOW STAFF WILL NOT WEIGH ANIMALS PRIOR TO THE SHOW)**. All weights must be entered into showman app by the date and time posted on the show schedule for each show to be eligible for the show. **(SCALES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SHOW FOR EXHIBITORS TO WEIGH ANIMALS)**
- Classes will be divided into four (4) divisions (where numbers permit). Top 5 will be selected in each division to compete for Top 5 Overall
- Division 1 Light Weight
- Division 2 Medium Weight
- Division 3 Heavy Weight
- Division 4 Registered Wethers
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals at the National Show will be drug tested. Random animals may also be selected for drug testing. Where drug testing applies, National and Sanctioned Show Rules will be followed.
- The top 5 from each class must submit to a weigh back. Each animal must maintain a 5 LBS plus or minus of their declared weight. If an animal is outside of this range this will be considered a weigh out and will be excused from that class. (the exhibitor may continue to show other animals they have entered in other classes or shows)

#### **REGISTERED WETHER SHOW RULES**

- Does are not permitted in the registered wether show class(es)
- Wethers entered in the registered wether show may not also show in unregistered wether classes
- Wethers must be under 1 year old and have all milk teeth in place
- Wethers must be tattooed or microchipped and will be checked on the Top 3 placing animals against the registration papers and entry information.
- Registered wethers must be declared at time of entry
- Wethers must be registered with a minimum of 6.25%
- Wethers must be entered in the herdbook by May 15, 2026
- All market show weight and weigh back rules apply

#### **PREMIER WETHER TYPE EXHIBITOR Sponsored by Hummel Livestock**

The Premier Wether Type Exhibitor will be calculated on the Junior Exhibitors highest placing in the following areas:

- On Foot Placing in the Market Show, Registered Wether Show, or Wether Dam Show
- Wether Type Showmanship
- Highest place in one of the three JABGA Contests
- Goat Judging

- Skill-a-thon
- Sales Talk
- or Public Speaking

The Premier Wether Type Exhibitor Award will be determined by the 10-point system. The exhibitor must be an active member of JABGA. If there are 10 or more goats in the class, the first-place goat will receive 10 points, second place 9 points, etc., through tenth. If there are less than 10 goats, the first-place goat will receive points equal to the number in the class. Class totals will be determined from the total number of goats exhibited in a class from the official class sheets. Tie breaking will be in order of – Highest placing in contest, Highest placing in Showmanship, Highest Divisional placing. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to review these points and report any discrepancies to the National Show Chair.

**Rotating Trophy will be awarded to be returned to the National Show the following year.** It will be the recipient's responsibility to have their name and year engraved on the trophy.

**PREMIER WETHER TYPE BREEDER Sponsored by SC Online Sales**

The Premier Wether Type Breeder will be determined by animals exhibited in the Market, Registered Wether, and Wether Dam Shows. The breeder will be determined by the Scrapie Tag Farm ID provided at time of entry. A minimum of three (3) animals must be exhibited from an individual breeder to be eligible for the Premier Breeder award.

The Premier Wether Type Breeder Award will be determined by the 10-point system. If there are 10 or more goats in the class, the first-place goat will receive 10 points, second place 9 points, etc., through tenth. If there are less than 10 goats, the first-place goat will receive points equal to the number in the class. Class totals will be determined from the total number of goats exhibited in a class from the official class sheets

**Rotating Trophy will be awarded and is to be returned to the National Show the following year.** It will be the recipient's responsibility to have their name and year engraved on the award.

Placing	Points
Division Champion Market Goat Show	10
Reserve Division Champion Market Goat Show	5
Champion Registered Wether	10
Reserve Champion Registered Wether	5
Grand Champion Market Goat	10
Reserve Champion Market Goat	5
Division Champion Wether Dam	10
Reserve Division Champion Wether Dam	5
Grand Champion Wether Dam	10
Reserve Champion Wether Dam	5

Market & Wether Dam Class Premium Payouts										
# in class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
1-2	\$15	\$5								

3-4	\$20	\$10	\$5							
5-8	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$5						
9-15	\$50	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$5					
16-20	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$5				
20-29	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5		
30+	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5

# in Show	Grand	Reserve	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
1-10	\$75	\$25			
11-20	\$125	\$50	\$25		
21-30	\$175	\$75	\$50		
31-40	\$200	\$100	\$75	\$25	
41-60	\$300	\$150	\$100	\$50	
61-80	\$400	\$200	\$100	\$50	\$25
81-100	\$500	\$250	\$125	\$50	\$50
101-125	\$600	\$300	\$200	\$75	\$50
126-150	\$700	\$400	\$200	\$100	\$75
151-175	\$800	\$450	\$250	\$125	\$75
176-199	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$135	\$100
200+	\$1,100	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$100

#### AWARDS FOR JUNIOR SHOW CLASSES

Class winners will receive a buckle in both the JABGA and Bred & Owned JABGA shows. Rosettes will be awarded to the first through tenth place goats in all JABGA classes and first through fifth on Bred and Owned JABGA classes. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Division Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions receive a banner in the JABGA and Bred & Owned JABGA shows. A cash prize, banner, and trophy will be awarded to the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion goats in the JABGA and Bred & Owned JABGA show.

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Buckles will be awarded to Market, Registered Market Wether, and Wether Dam. Rosettes will be awarded to first through tenth place goats in the Market and Wether Dam show.

#### JABGA PREMIUMS

Premiums in the individual JABGA and JABGA Bred and Owned classes will be paid based on the following schedule. Bred and Owned will pay through 5th place. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor's address provided upon entry.

Class Premium Payouts										
# in class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
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*\*Per IRS Regulations, a cash prize may be subject to an IRS Form 1099 and will be held for proper documentation as required.*

### ULTRASOUND CARCASS CONTEST

This contest is a new opportunity for JABGA members which replaces the Meat Goat Evaluation Contest. All data collected can be used by the ABGA for future research and education.

### GENERAL CONTEST RULES

- Exhibitor must be a member of JABGA
- Contest is open to both wethers and does entered into the Market Goat show
- Goat must have all milk teeth in place
- Goat must be slick shorn
- Animals can be registered or unregistered
- Contest entry will be done on Showman at time of entry
- This is not a terminal contest; animals will remain in the ownership of the exhibitor after ultrasound.

### CARCASS CLASS RULES

- Carcass ultrasound will be conducted for each animal entering this contest.
- Live weight will be taken on an official scale at time of ultrasound
- Minimum & maximum live weight = 60 to 125 pounds
- Estimated carcass weight = Live weight \* 58%
- Fat thickness, body wall thickness and ribeye area will be measured via ultrasound.

- $\%BCTRC = 49.936 - (0.0848 \times \text{Carcass Wt., lb.}) - (4.376 \times \text{Fat Thickness, in.}) - (3.530 \times \text{Body Wall Thickness, in.}) + (2.456 \times \text{Ribeye Area, square in.})$
- Goats will be ranked on %BCTRC

### SCORING AND PAYOUT

- Payout will be awarded for each division.
- The top 5 goats will be awarded prizes and cash payouts as follows:
  - Grand - \$500, banner and buckle
  - Reserve - \$250 and banner
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$150 and banner
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - \$100 and banner
  - 5<sup>th</sup> - \$50 and banner

### NATIONAL JABGA CONTEST COMPETITION

1. National Show High Point Winners will be determined by the highest points earned in four (4) of the six (6) following events: Public Speaking, Goat Judging, Sales Talk, Goat Show, Skill-a-thon and Showmanship.
  - a. JABGA National Show points possible – 600
  - b. 150 points possible per contest area
2. Individuals that participate in skillathon, sales talk, and public speaking will receive the total number of points earned in the respective contest to be put toward their overall score. Scorecards will be out of 150 points.
3. Goat Judging – All age divisions will evaluate four (4) classes of goats and have one class of questions and receive up to 250 points. To get the total points to be included in the overall score, the equation will be as follows:  $\text{Points earned} / \text{points possible} (250) \times 100 \times 1.5 = \text{Goat judging score}$ 
  - Senior Reasons Score will be used in the total for senior scores. Senior score will be calculated as follows:  $\text{Points earned} / \text{points possible} (300) \times 150 = \text{goat judging score}$ .
4. Points will be awarded to the top 10 competitors in all market, wether dam, breeding show classes and showmanship competitions. The highest placing will receive 150 points, and each subsequent score will receive 5 points less, down to 100 points for 10th place. Individuals that participate in the class, but do not place in the top 10 will receive 50 points.
5. National Show contest awards will be presented to the top ten (10) competitors in each age division for Public Speaking, Sales Talk, Goat Judging, and Skill-a-thon.
6. National Show awards will be presented to the National Show High Point and Reserve High Point Division Winner, for each age division, and an overall National Show High Point and Reserve High Point Winner will be awarded.
  - a. To receive awards, contestants must attend the entire awards ceremony. If any extenuating circumstances exist, a JABGA member representative must be named and approved by the Youth Coordinator or Youth Committee Chair, prior to the Awards Ceremony, to receive the awards. Any unclaimed prizes will be forfeited.
7. Ties: in the event of ties in the overall competition, ties will be broken by comparing scores in the following events:
  - i. Public Speaking
  - ii. Skill-a-thon

iii. Goat Judging

**OVERALL JABGA SERIES SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS**

1. Cumulative awards will be determined by highest converted points earned in four (4) of the six (6) following events: Public Speaking, Goat Judging, Sales Talk, Goat Show, Skill-a-thon and Showmanship.
  - a. Regional Shows: 400 points possible
    - i. Refer to Regional show rules for specific JABGA rules
  - b. National Show: 600 points possible
2. An individual's top four (4) event placings from Regional Shows and top four (4) event placings from the National Show will be used for the Overall Sweepstakes High Points.
3. Converted point values from Regional Shows are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive 100 points, down to 10 points for 10<sup>th</sup> place.
4. Converted point values from the National Show are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive 150 points down to 50 points for 10<sup>th</sup> place.
5. Awards will be presented to the top five (5) Sweepstakes winners for each age division, and the top five Overall Sweepstakes High Point Winners
6. Ties: in the event of ties for cumulative awards, ties will be broken by comparing scores in the following events:
  - i. Public Speaking
  - ii. Skill-a-thon
  - iii. Goat Judging

**CONI ROSS MEMORIAL CLASS**

The Coni Ross Memorial Production Aged Doe Class is designed to allow breeders to showcase the production, functionality and longevity within their doe herds. The animals will be evaluated on their ability to maintain these traits during and after being in production and raising multiple sets of offspring.

- **Body Condition:** Animals should be either currently in production and/or of the correct breeding body condition to breed and kid with ease. Animals with excess fat deposits will be faulted.
- **Udder:** Does must have a teat structure that allows a newborn kid to easily nurse without intervention. (Good udder attachment, no blown teats, etc.).
- **Structural Integrity:** Does should be sound on their feet and legs and exhibit the necessary structural traits: such as strong pasterns and wide pin set; to be functional in a breeding and/or pasture setting without intense management.
- **Production Value:** Number and quality of offspring raised.

**Special Rules:**

- Open to all ABGA registered does (Fullblood, Purebred and Percentage)
- All does must be 5 years or older.
- Does must show evident signs they have naturally kidded and raised offspring.
- Does may be exhibited with any natural born kid under 12 months of age at their side to demonstrate the animal's production ability and value. \*\*Preference given to does with kids who are currently nursing.

**Exhibitors will be required to provide production records to include:**

- Kidding dates
- Number of kids born
- Breeding information (Natural, AI, etc.)
- Milking and mothering ability
- Ease of kidding
- Preference will be given to registered progeny

### **GROUP CLASSES**

The following rules apply for group classes. Entry fee is \$15 per group per show. Entries will be made on showman.app and will close on the dates of National show entry deadlines. Exhibitors will only need to select the number of group or pair classes they intend to participate in at the time of entry. Exhibitors must declare animals on the entry form; listing each animal's tattoo and registration number and submit it to the office for verification by 9 am of the day of the show. The goats must also be shown in their regular class. Any animal disqualified in a regular class for a cull fault or tattoo, or weigh out will not be eligible for the pairs or group classes. Fullblood Group Classes will follow the Fullblood Doe Overall Drive and Percentage Group Classes will follow the Percentage Doe Overall Drive.

**FULLBLOOD GET OF SIRE:** Three Fullblood or Purebred offspring of the same buck with both sexes represented. Must have at least one (1) of each sex; animals may be of any age and do not have to be owned by the same person.

**PERCENTAGE GET OF SIRE:** Three Percentage offspring, any age, that are sired by the same buck. Both sexes may be represented and do not have to be owned by the same person.

**FULLBLOOD PRODUCE OF DAM:** Two offspring out of the same doe. Do not have to be owned by the same person.

**PERCENTAGE PRODUCE OF DAM:** Two offspring out of the same doe. To be eligible, the dam must be registered in an ABGA Herd book. Do not have to be owned by the same person. (Percentage bucks may be included).

**FULLBLOOD BREEDER'S HERD:** The exhibitor of the herd must be the breeder of record. Goats owned by other exhibitors may be included provided the exhibitor of the breeder's herd was listed as the owner or co-owner of the dam of the included goat(s) at the time of conception: Two Fullblood or Purebred does less than 12 months, Two Fullblood or Purebred does 12 months or greater, one buck of any age.

**PERCENTAGE BREEDER'S HERD:** The exhibitor of the herd must be the breeder of record. Goats owned by other exhibitors may be included provided the exhibitor of the breeder's herd was listed as the owner or co-owner of the dam of the included goat(s) at the time of conception: Two percentage does or bucks less than 12 months or two percentage does or bucks 12 months or greater.

### **PAIR CLASSES**

The following rules apply for pair classes. Entry fee is \$15 per pair per show. Entries will be done on showman.app and will close on the date of national show entry deadline. Exhibitors will only need to select the number of group or pair classes they intend to participate in at the time of entry. Pair entries must have the same owner(s). Exhibitors will declare animals on the entry form; listing each animal's tattoo and registration number and submitted to the office for verification by 9 AM of each show day. The goats must also be shown in their regular class. Any animal disqualified in a regular class for a cull

fault, tattoo, or weigh out will not be eligible for the pairs or group classes. Junior Pairs classes will follow the Junior Division Drive and the Senior Pairs classes will follow the Overall Drive. Best Pair of Doe/Buck Kids will follow the Junior Fullblood Doe Drive.

**BEST PAIR OF KIDS:** Two animals shown in the 0–12-month (Junior) classes of the respective division. Classes are Best Pair of Fullblood Buck Kids, Best Pair of Fullblood Doe Kids, Best Pair of Percentage Doe Kids, and Best Pair of Percentage Buck Kids.

**BEST PAIR ONE YEAR AND OLDER:** Two animals shown in the yearling and/or senior classes of the respective divisions. Classes are Best Pair of Fullblood Bucks, Best Pair of Fullblood Does, Best Pair of Percentage Does, Best Pair Percentage Bucks.

**BEST PAIR OF DOE and BUCK KIDS:** Both sexes represented. One buck and one doe shown in the 0–12-month (Junior) classes of the respective division. Classes are Best Pair of Fullblood Kids and Best Pair of Percentage Kids.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **PREMIER SIRE AWARD**

The Premier Sire Award will be given to the sire that has accumulated the most class points (10-point system) earned by three or more exhibited offspring during the Current year National Show. If there are 10 or more goats in the class, the first-place goat will receive 10 points, second place 9 points, etc., through tenth. If there are less than 10 goats, the first-place goat will receive points equal to the number in the class. Class totals will be determined from the total number of goats exhibited in a class from the official class sheets. The Premier Sire Award will be presented to the current owner of record according to ABGA.

### **PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD**

The Premier Exhibitor Award will be given to the Premier Percentage Exhibitor and the Premier Fullblood Exhibitor determined by the 10-point system. The exhibitor must be an active member of ABGA and be listed as the current owner on the ABGA registration certificate and in ABGA records. Premier JABGA Overall Exhibitor will be determined by the combination of Fullblood and Percentage Points. Each exhibitor must enter a minimum of three goats in the respective herd books. If there are 10 or more goats in the class, the first-place goat will receive 10 points, second place 9 points, etc., through tenth. If there are less than 10 goats, the first-place goat will receive points equal to the number in the class. Class totals will be determined from the total number of goats exhibited in a class from the official class sheets. Goats owned in partnership will accrue points for that partnership towards the Premier Percentage Exhibitor or Premier Full Blood Exhibitor Award. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor winning the most first place awards will receive the award. If the tie still exists, then the one with the most second place awards will win. If necessary, this process will continue until the tie is broken. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to review these points and report any discrepancies to the National Show Chair.

The Premier Exhibitor Award will be tallied as follows:

<b>Placing</b>	<b>Points</b>
Grand Champion Junior Percentage	10

Reserve Champion Junior Percentage	5
Grand Champion Yearling Percentage	10
Reserve Champion Yearling Percentage	5
Grand Champion Senior Percentage	10
Reserve Champion Senior Percentage	5
National Grand Champion Percentage	10
National Reserve Champion Percentage	5
Grand Champion Junior Fullblood	10
Reserve Champion Junior Fullblood	5
Grand Champion Yearling Fullblood	10
Reserve Champion Yearling Fullblood	5
Grand Champion Senior Fullblood	10
Reserve Champion Senior Fullblood	5
National Grand Champion Fullblood	10
National Reserve Champion Fullblood	5

**THE DONALD BIRD PREMIER BREEDER**

The point system for the Premier Exhibitor will be used giving the same points to the breeder. THIS AWARD IS FOR FULLBLOOD BOER GOATS ONLY.

**NATIONAL INVITATIONAL SALE**

Division Champions and Reserve Champions of the previous two National Shows are invited to consigned to the National Invitational Sale. This sale offers the highest caliber does, bucks, semen, and embryos from National Champion Genetics.

Junior owned animals that are consigned to the National Show Invitational Sale will remain in the ownership of the JABGA member until completion of the National JABGA Shows.

**INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES DURING THE SHOW**

The American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) National Show Leadership Team (Executive Director, National Show Chair, and all officers of the ABGA Board of Directors) have final and absolute right to interpret these rules and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or occurring during, or incident to, the ABGA National Show or JABGA National Show. All members of the Leadership Team must be notified of a meeting with a minimum of 4 present to constitute a quorum. The National Show Leadership Team further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor, custom fitter, agent, or spectator who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and be subject to such penalty as the National Show Leadership Team may order. The National Show Leadership Team may apply other penalties and sanctions from time to time as deemed appropriate.

**OFFICIAL PROTESTS**

Official protests for exhibitor’s fraud or misrepresentation shall be submitted to the Show Chair in writing and be accompanied by a \$500 fee. The ABGA National Show Leadership Team reserves the right to refund the \$500 fee. Only members in good standing with ABGA can file a protest. Any such protest must plainly state the fraud or misrepresentation of the exhibitor. Any protest filed more than 24 hours after the alleged incident shall not be considered. Protests shall be referred to the National Show

Leadership Team which shall have full and final authority to determine the matter and from whose decision there is no appeal. The National Show Leadership Team will determine the method in which the protest is reviewed. Judging procedures shall not be interrupted for protest investigation.

#### **NO LIABILITY**

ABGA OR JABGA SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, INJURY, OR DAMAGE IN CONNECTION WITH, ARISING OUT OF, OR INCIDENTAL TO THE ABGA NATIONAL SHOW OR JABGA NATIONAL SHOW.

#### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

PARTICIPANT EXPRESSLY WAIVES ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS AGAINST ABGA BY REASON OF, AND RELEASES ABGA FROM ANY LIABILITY WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO, ANY INJURY TO PERSON, OR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY (INCLUDING CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES) RESULTING FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER (EXPRESSLY INCLUDING ABGA'S NEGLIGENCE).

#### **INDEMNIFICATION**

PARTICIPANT AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS AND UNCONDITIONALLY INDEMNIFY ABGA AGAINST AND FOR ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITIES, LOSSES, COSTS, EXPENSES, AND DAMAGES (ACTUAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE) WHICH ABGA MAY AT ANY TIME SUFFER OR SUSTAIN OR BECOME LIABLE FOR BY REASON OF ANY ACCIDENTS, DAMAGES, INJURIES, OR LOSSES EITHER TO PERSONS, PROPERTY, OR BOTH, OF PARTICIPANT, OF ANY OTHER PARTICIPANT, OF ANY OTHER PARTIES, PROPERTY OF ABGA, OR **PROPERTY OF GRAND ISLAND LIVESTOCK COMPLEX AUTHORITY (FONNER PARK)**, IN ANY MATTER ARISING FROM, CONNECTED WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE ACTIVITIES HEREUNDER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF ABGA, ITS OFFICERS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OR VOLUNTEERS. [THE TERM "ABGA" MEANS AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION, JUNIOR AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, RING STEWARDS, AND VOLUNTEERS].

#### **GRAND ISLAND LIVESTOCK COMPLEX AUTHORITY (FONNER PARK) REGULATIONS**

Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the regulations of Fonner Park. Regulations will be enforced by ABGA Show Chair, Show Staff, and/or Fonner Park officials. *Any charges or material costs incurred by ABGA due to an exhibitor violation or ignorance of these regulations will be paid by the exhibitor. **No smoking is allowed inside the facility.***

## **2026 National Show Proposed Schedule**

### **Office Day- May 27, 2026- Wednesday**

- **Noon- Office Staff Move-In**

### **Early Access Day- May 28, 2026- Thursday**

- **10am-4pm: Early Pass Move-In (Committee & Early Pass holders ONLY)**
- **12pm-4pm: Optional Tack Unload**

### **Move-In Day- May 29, 2026- Friday**

- **6am-4pm: JABGA and ABGA Move-In**
- **5pm: Welcome Event**

### **JABGA Contest Day: May 30, 2026- Saturday**

- **6am-8am- JABGA move-in (must be in place by 8 am)**
- **8am-12pm- JABGA Check-In**
- **11 am- JABGA Opening Ceremonies**
- **12 pm- Goat Judging Contest**
- **1pm-6pm- Public Speaking, Sales Talk, and Skillathon OPEN**
- **4pm-6pm- Carcass Ultrasound Contest**
- **6pm- Exhibitor Dinner**

### **Showmanship & Market Shows- May 31, 2026- Sunday**

- **8am- Market Showmanship (RING A)- Oldest to Youngest**
- **Market Wethers- (30 mins following last showmanship class)**
- **Wether Dams- (Following market wethers)**
- **Wether Dam Grand Drive followed by Market Goat Grand Drive**
- **Fitting Contest – Will begin 1 hour following the conclusion of the Grand Drive**
- **5pm- ABGA Judging Class Educational Event**

### **Bred & Owned- June 1, 2026- Monday**

- **8am- Breeding Showmanship**
  - **(RING A)- Senior then Junior**
  - **(RING B)- Intermediate then Novice**
- **JABGA Bred & Owned Show**
  - **Percentage Does**
  - **Percentage Bucks**
  - **Fullblood Does**
  - **Fullblood Bucks**

- **LUNCH- Costume Contest & Invitational Sale Preview**
- **Bred & Owned Grand Drive**

**JABGA Fullblood- June 2, 2026- Tuesday**

- **8am- JABGA Fullblood Doe**
- **LUNCH- PeeWee Showmanship**
- **JABGA Fullblood Bucks**
- **JABGA Fullblood Pairs**
- **6am-2pm- ABGA Move-In (In Place by 2pm)**
- **8am-5pm- ABGA Check-In**

**JABGA Percentage- June 3, 2026- Wednesday**

- **8am-7pm- Online Invitational Sale**
- **8am- JABGA Percentage Does**
- **LUNCH- PeeWee Showmanship**
- **JABGA Percentage Bucks**
- **JABGA Percentage Pairs**
- **JABGA Grand Drive**
  - **Percentage Does**
  - **Percentage Bucks**
  - **Fullblood Does**
  - **Fullblood Bucks**
- **5pm- JABGA Awards Banquet**

**ABGA Percentage Shows and Fullblood Bucks- June 4, 2026- Thursday**

- **8am- ABGA Percentage Does**
- **ABGA Percentage Bucks**
- **ABGA Fullblood Bucks**
- **LUNCH**
- **Old Timers Showmanship – at Conclusion of Fullblood Bucks**

**ABGA Fullblood Doe- June 5, 2026- Friday**

- **8am- ABGA Fullblood Doe**
- **LUNCH**
- **Coni Ross Class before FB Doe Grand Drive**

**MOVE OUT - All animals and exhibitors out of the barn by 8am – June 6, 2026, Saturday**

**OFFICIAL BYLAWS**  
**of the**  
**JUNIOR AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 1 NAME, PURPOSE, AND AFFILIATES**

**1.1 Name and Purpose** A. The Junior American Boer Goat Association (“JABGA”) is an affiliate of the American Boer Goat Association (the “Association”) and is established under Section 1.4 of the Bylaws of the Association.

B. The Association is organized exclusively to collect and maintain the history and pedigree of American Boer Goats; to provide for their registration; to preserve the purity of the breed; and to encourage the further improvement and wider distribution of the breed through research, promotion, and education.

C. JABGA is organized to support the Association; to improve and promote the American Boer Goat breed; to improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising, and exhibition of American Boer Goats; to develop and improve scholarship, leadership, and community interest among youth; to encourage high moral character, sportsmanship, and clean living among all its members; to establish a means whereby youth members may work in conjunction with the Youth Committee of the Association; and to create, foster, and assist subsidiary youth affiliates composed of members of JABGA.

**1.2 Affiliates** JABGA, by action of its Board of Directors (the “JABGA Board”), with the approval of the ABGA Board of Directors may establish one or more affiliated organizations (each, a “JABGA Affiliate”) to assist and support JABGA in the achievement of its purpose. A

JABGA Affiliate shall have such geographic area, membership, purposes, and powers as may be approved from time to time by JABGA Board and the Board of Directors of the Association, but a JABGA Affiliate shall never have the authority to act in the name of JABGA or the Association.

**1.3 Youth Liaison**

The Board of Directors of the Association may hire, at such salary as it considers appropriate, a Youth Liaison for JABGA to enhance the communication and serve as a liaison between the JABGA Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Association, and the Board of Directors of the Association may, by resolution, delegate responsibility for managing the day-to-day business of JABGA to the Youth Liaison. The

Youth Liaison shall report to the Director of Community Engagement or, in absence of the Director of Community Engagement, shall report to the Executive Director or, in absence of the Executive Director the ABGA President.

## **ARTICLE 2 MEMBERS 2.1 Members**

Membership in JABGA is open to all individuals (i) who are under 21 years of age on January 1 of each year of membership, (ii) who have an interest in the purposes of JABGA, and (iii) who agree to comply with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association, these Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics of the Association, upon payment of membership fees as established by the Association from time to time. Continued membership in JABGA shall be subject to annual renewal and the continued payment of required membership fees. Failure by any member of JABGA (individually, a “Member” and collectively, the “Members”) to pay such Member’s annual membership fee on or before the due date established by the Association for such payment shall automatically terminate such Member’s membership in JABGA on such due date. The Association shall, from time to time, establish the date on which annual membership fees are due and the amount of such fees and shall provide notice thereof to all Members.

### **2.2 Annual Meeting of Members**

The annual meeting of the Members shall be held each year on a date, time, and place determined by the JABGA Board for the transaction of such business as may lawfully come before the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of JABGA to give not less than ninety (90) days’ notice of the annual meeting to each Member and to the Youth Liaison of the Association. Such notice shall be given by mail or by email or other electronic means to each Member not personally notified. Such notice may be given in the Association’s newsletter or other Association or JABGA publication provided to all Members. The initial annual meeting of the Members after the effective date of these Bylaws will be at the National JABGA Show. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section regarding notice of the annual meeting, notice of such initial meeting shall be provided to the Members by the Association.

- A. Members may submit written requests for matters to be included on the agenda for the annual meeting. Such written requests shall be submitted to the President of JABGA, c/o the Association’s office, and must be received at the Association’s office at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting. The President, in consultation with the Youth Liaison of the Association, shall determine whether matters so requested shall be included on the agenda.
- B. Only matters included on the agenda prepared by the President, in consultation with the

Youth Liaison of the Association, shall be considered at the annual meeting of the Members. The agenda for the annual meeting shall be made available to the Members at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting.

### **2.3 Special Meetings of Members**

Special meetings of the Members shall be held upon the direction of the President of JABGA, in consultation with the Youth Liaison of the Association, a majority of the JABGA Board, or upon written request of not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the Members.

### **2.4 Notice**

Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of the date, time, and place of special meetings of the Members shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the meeting, either personally or by mail or e-mail or other electronic means to each Member at his or her address as the same appears on the records of JABGA. Such notice need not be given to any Member who attends such meeting in person, nor to any Member who waives notice of such meeting, whether before or after such meeting. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the notice of any meeting of the Members is not required to state the business to be transacted at such meeting. Such notice may be given in the Association's newsletter or other Association or JABGA publication provided to all Members.

### **2.5 Quorum; No Proxies**

A quorum at meetings of the Members shall be the number of Members present. Each Member in attendance at a meeting shall have one (1) vote. The act of the majority of the Members present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Members, except as otherwise specifically provided by these Bylaws. A majority vote of the Members at a meeting may vote to adjourn the meeting from time to time, and a meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice, at which meeting any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. Proxies shall not be permitted at meetings of the Members to establish a quorum of Members or to cast a Member's vote. Except as otherwise specifically required by these Bylaws (such as in the election of directors by mailed ballot), all actions by Members shall be taken in person at any meeting of the Members.

### **2.6 Termination of Membership**

The membership of any Member may be terminated at any time without cause by the vote of at least seven (7) members of the JABGA Board.

**2.7 Rules and Regulations; Code of Ethics**

The Members shall comply with the Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics established from time to time by the Association.

**ARTICLE 3 JABGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 3.1 Number**

The direction and management of the affairs of JABGA shall be vested in the JABGA Board, which shall consist of ten (10) persons who must at all times be Members of JABGA. The directors shall be elected as set forth in Section 3.3 to represent five (5) geographic areas as described in Section 3.2. As of July 1, 2015, the directors are as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 1a)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 1b)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 2a)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 2b)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 3a)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 3b)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 4a)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 4b)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 5a)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Area 5b)

**3.2 Areas**

JABGA Members shall be divided into five (5) geographic areas; the Members in each area shall be represented by two (2) directors. The geographic boundaries of those areas are attached to these Bylaws as Exhibit A.

- A. Board of Directors elected to the ‘a’ term will be elected on even years.
- B. Board of Directors elected to the ‘b’ term will be elected on odd years.

**3.3 Election of Directors; Removal of Directors**

The procedure for electing and removing directors of JABGA shall be as follows:

- A. Any Member who is 16 years of age or older on January 1 of the year of election who desires to be a director of JABGA shall (i) so notify JABGA at the Association’s principal office in writing not later than March 1 of the year of election and (ii) submit at such time a completed and signed Conflict of Interest Statement and Code of Conduct on the forms required by the Association.

- B. The Youth Liaison of the Association (or in his or her absence the Office Staff of the Association) shall prepare a ballot for each JABGA area. Each such ballot

shall contain the names of the Members residing in such area who have complied with the provisions of subpart (a) above.

- C. The Youth Liaison of the Association (or in his or her absence the Office Staff of the Association) shall mail, not later than April 1 of the year of election, a ballot for each JABGA area to the Members who reside in such area and who were Members in good standing as of January 1 of that year. The Youth Liaison of the Association (or in his or her absence the office staff of the Association) shall implement a balloting system to assure that ballots may be cast only by Members and that each Member may vote on only one ballot.
- D. Members must return their ballots to the approved third party of the Association. Any ballot received later than May 1 of the election year shall be disregarded. The ballots shall be counted by the approved third party of the Association.
- E. If the Members of any area fail to elect one or both of its directors, such director(s) shall be appointed from Members residing in such area by the President of JABGA with the approval of at least six (6) directors on the JABGA Board.
- F. The results of the election shall be announced to the Members at the annual awards banquet during the National Show of the election year for terms to begin after the awards banquet of such year.
- G. At all times during each director's term, he or she must reside in the area for which he or she was elected, and he or she must maintain his or her membership. Failure to comply with either of the above requirements shall result in the automatic removal of a director from JABGA Board.
- H. A director shall be subject to removal by a vote of least seven (7) members of the JABGA Board for the following reasons: (i) missing more than two (2) consecutive meetings of JABGA Board; or (ii) whenever in JABGA Board's judgment, and in consultation with the Youth Liaison of the Association, the best interests of JABGA would be served thereby.
- I. In the situation where a board member is removed from the JABGA Board for any reason they can no longer apply to serve another term.

### **3.4 Term of Directors**

Each director elected to fill an available position shall be elected for a term of two (2) year beginning directly after the JABGA Awards Banquet at the National Show and shall hold office until his or her successor has been elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, or removal. As of January 1, 2015 if a JABGA director ages out they may serve out their elected term, as long as they are in good standing with their ABGA membership. But this director will not be able to show in any JABGA events.

### **3.5 Director Vacancies**

Any vacancy occurring in the JABGA Board resulting from the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, or removal from office of any director shall be filled by a successor Member who resides in the same area for which the vacancy has occurred. Such successor shall be appointed by the President of JABGA with the approval of at least six (6) members of the JABGA Board and shall serve until their successor is announced.

### **3.6 Annual Meeting of Directors**

The annual meeting of the JABGA Board shall be held each year on a date and at a time and place determined by the JABGA Board for the transaction of such business as may appropriately come before the meeting. Such meeting date may be, but is not required to be, the same date as the annual meeting of the Members. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of JABGA to give at least ten (10) days' notice of such meeting to each director. Such notice shall be given by mail or e-mail or other electronic means to each director not personally notified. The initial annual meeting of the JABGA Board after the effective date of these Bylaws is January 1, 2015. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section regarding notice of the annual meeting, notice of such initial meeting shall be provided to the directors named in Section 3.1 by the Association.

### **3.7 Regular Meetings of Directors**

Regular meetings of the JABGA Board shall be held at least two (2) times each year on dates and at such times as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the JABGA Board. Such meetings shall take place at such a place as the JABGA Board may determine. The annual meeting of the JABGA Board may be one of such regular meetings. Notice of the dates and locations of such regular meetings shall be provided to the Members.

### **3.8 Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the JABGA Board shall be held whenever called by the Secretary of JABGA upon the direction of the President of JABGA, in consultation with the Youth Liaison of the Association, or upon written request of at least three (3) directors.

### **3.9 Notice**

Except as provided herein, notice of the date, time, and place of special meetings of the JABGA Board shall be given not less than five (5) business days before the meeting, either personally or by mail or e-mail or other electronic means to each director at his or her address as the same appears on the records of JABGA and to the Youth Liaison of the Association. Such notice need not be given to any director who attends such meeting in person, nor to any director who waives notice of such meeting, whether before or after such meeting. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or by statute, notice of any meeting of the JABGA Board need not state the business to be transacted at such meeting.

### **3.10 Quorum; Majority Vote; No Proxies**

A quorum for the transaction of business by the JABGA Board shall be the presence of at least six (6) directors. The act of the majority of the directors present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the JABGA Board, except as otherwise specifically provided by these Bylaws. No proxy may be used to establish a quorum of directors or to cast a director's vote. The directors present at any meeting, whether or not less than a quorum, by a majority vote may adjourn the meeting from time to time, and a meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice, at which, if a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

### **3.11 Action Without a Meeting**

Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the directors of JABGA may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, is signed by at least the number of directors that would have been required to take the action if a meeting had been conducted and such consent is acknowledged by the Youth Liaison of the Association. Each written consent shall bear the date of signature of each director who signs the consent and the Youth Liaison of the Association. Prompt notice of the taking of any action by directors without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to all directors who did not consent in writing to the action.

### **3.12 Participation by Conference Telephone**

Directors may participate in and hold a meeting of the JABGA Board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in such a

meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. The Youth Liaison of the Association shall be given prior notice of any such meeting.

### **3.13 Conflict of Interest Policy**

The Association has adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy which shall apply to all directors and officers of JABGA.

### **3.14 Director's Responsibilities**

Each director agrees to serve as an example and leader to the Members; to promote JABGA, the Association, and the American Boer Goat; to maintain the Association's Code of Conduct; to act professionally; to be familiar with all JABGA programs and opportunities; to keep up with current events in the Boer Goat and livestock industries; to stay in weekly contact with the Youth Liaison of the Association; to promptly review mail, e-mail, or other materials received from JABGA or the Association; to write articles for the JABGA newsletter and Association publications; to assist with JABGA fundraising activities; and to comply with all JABGA deadlines, assignments, and responsibilities.

## **ARTICLE 4 COMMITTEES 4.1 Committees**

The President, with the approval of the JABGA Board, may designate committees, with each committee consisting of two or more Members who may be but are not required to be directors, and each such committee shall have such power and authority and shall perform such functions as may be provided in such resolution; however, such committee(s) shall never have the power to exercise the authority of the JABGA Board.

Committees may also include non-voting ex officio members who are not JABGA Members. The President shall appoint a committee chairperson of each designated committee, who shall establish the rules of procedure for meetings of such committee. Such committee or committees shall have names designated by the JABGA Board and shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings and report the same to the JABGA Board and to the Youth Liaison of the Association. Any member of such a committee may be removed, for or without cause, by the President, with the approval of at least six (6) directors.

### **4.2 Action Without a Meeting**

Any action required to be taken at a meeting of a committee of JABGA may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, is signed by a sufficient number of members of the committee as would be necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the members of the committee were present and voted.

Each written consent shall bear the date of signature of each member of the committee who signs the consent. Prompt notice of the taking of any action by members of the committee without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to all members of the committee who did not consent in writing to the action.

#### **4.3 Participation by Conference Telephone**

Members of a committee may participate in and hold a meeting of the committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

### **ARTICLE 5 OFFICERS 5.1 Election of Officers**

There shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Reporter of JABGA. At its annual meeting (and at its organizational meeting following adoption of these Bylaws), the JABGA Board shall elect the officers, each of whom shall serve until the next annual meeting or until their successor is elected. A person elected to an office cannot be more than 21 years of age on the January 1 of the year of election.

#### **5.2 Duties**

The principal duties of the officers of JABGA are as follows:

- A. President. The President shall be the presiding officer of JABGA and, subject to the control of the Board, shall have general charge and supervision of the administration of the affairs and business of JABGA. The President shall work with the JABGA Board, the Members, and the Youth Liaison and Youth Committee of the Association to assure that all orders and resolutions of the Association and the JABGA Board are carried into effect, shall generally represent JABGA, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the JABGA Board. The President shall be counted for purposes of determining a quorum for any meeting and in the event of a tie between the Board Members. The President must serve a one year term before being elected to office.
  
- B. Vice President. The Vice President shall discharge the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or disability for any cause whatever and shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the JABGA Board. The Vice President must serve a one year term before being elected to office.

- C. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep account of all money received and disbursed. The Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts, which shall be made available to the JABGA and ABGA Board of Directors at all times. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all the duties which are incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the direction of the JABGA Board, and shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the JABGA Board. Treasurer will be expected to provide guidance to the JABGA Board for ideal spending and current standings of the account. In case of absence or disability of the Treasurer, the JABGA Board may appoint an Assistant Treasurer to perform the duties of the Treasurer during such absence or disability.
- D. Secretary. The Secretary shall be in charge of the records and correspondence of JABGA under the direction of the President. The Secretary shall give notice of and attend all meetings of the JABGA Board and shall take and keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the JABGA Board of which he or she shall be the Secretary. The Secretary shall discharge such other duties as shall be assigned to the Secretary by the President or the JABGA Board.
- E. Reporter. The Reporter shall be responsible for reporting on and publicizing actions of JABGA to newspapers and other publications and at JABGA and Association events.

### **5.3 Removal**

An officer may be removed from office by a vote of at least six (6) directors, in consultation with the Youth Liaison of the Association.

### **5.4 Vacancies**

Whenever a vacancy occurs in any office of JABGA, such vacancy shall be filled by the majority vote of the JABGA Board present, and such replacement officer shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the JABGA Board and until his successor is elected and qualifies; provided, a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President.

### **5.5 Officer election ties**

In the result of a tie during officer elections, the tie will be broken by a select committee consisting of the Youth Liaison, the ABGA President, and the ABGA Vice President.

## **ARTICLE 6 GENERAL PROVISIONS 6.1 Rules of Procedure**

Meetings of the JABGA Board and the Members shall be conducted by the President of JABGA under such rules of procedure as the President may determine from time to time; however, upon the vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the directors present at any time during any such meeting, the remainder of such meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order in effect from time to time.

### **6.2 Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of JABGA shall be the calendar year.

### **6.3 Resignation**

Any director, officer, or committee member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no date be specified, on the date of its receipt.

### **6.4 Notices**

Whenever under the provisions of these Bylaws notice is required to be given to any director or committee member, and no provision is made as to how such notice shall be given, it shall not be construed to mean personal notice or notice by e-mail or other electronic means, by facsimile, or by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such director or committee member or other required person at such address as appears on the books of the Association. Such notice may be given by inclusion in the Association's newsletter or other JABGA or Association publication provided to all Members. Any notice required or permitted to be given by mail shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same be thus deposited, postage prepaid, in the United States mail. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any director or committee member or other person under these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice.

### **6.5 Voting**

Whenever under the provisions of these Bylaws a vote is required or permitted to be taken by Members, directors, or committee members and it is not otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the vote of a majority of the Members, directors, or committee members, as the case may be, present and eligible to vote shall be effective to authorize the action voted on.

### **6.6 Construction**

Article and section headings in these Bylaws are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof. Pronouns used in these Bylaws shall be construed as feminine,

masculine, or neuter, as the context requires, and words of singular number in these Bylaws shall be construed as plural, as the context requires.

## **ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENTS AND GOVERNING LAW**

### **7.1 Amendments**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by the JABGA Board, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.

### **7.2 Texas Law.**

It is expressly recognized that when these Bylaws are silent as to the manner of performing any corporate function, the provisions of applicable Texas law shall control.

Dated: May 12, 2014—Approval of the Bylaws by the JABGA Board

February 27, 2014—Approval of the Bylaws by the Youth Committee of the Association

September 26, 2014—Approval of the Bylaws by the Association Board

January 1, 2015—Effective Date of the Bylaws

August 8, 2023 – Approval of the Bylaws by the Association Board and effective date

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Approval of the Bylaws by the JABGA Board

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Approval of the Bylaws by the Association Board and effective date

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## JABGA Sanctioned Show Rules – Effective January 1, 2026

1. Exhibitors must be 21 years old or under on July 1 of the current year and be an active member of the Junior American Boer Goat Association or American Boer Goat Association (JABGA). Exhibitors must be ~~21 years old or under on July 1 of the current year~~ under 21 years of age January 1<sup>st</sup> and be an active member of the Junior American Boer Goat Association or American Boer Goat Association (JABGA) (Effective 7/1/2026).
2. Non-JABGA members under 21 years of age January 1<sup>st</sup> are only eligible for prizes and or exhibiting in the market, wether dams, market showmanships.
3. Exhibitors must present a current ABGA/JABGA membership card or verified active JABGA membership in the web-based database at check-in. Copies or digital copies of cards are acceptable.
4. If the child is present and physically able, they must show their own animal unless they have multiple entries in one class; then they must have another JABGA member to show the animal for them. If not enough JABGA members are present, any youth 21 and under as of January 1 of current year may fill in. If not enough JABGA members are present, any youth under 21 years of age January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year may fill in (effective 7/1/2026).
5. If the child is physically unable or not present due to specific circumstances approved by Youth Committee or involving death in the family, family emergencies, or religious reasons, they must have a JABGA member show for them, and it must be reported to the ABGA Youth Liaison before the goats arrive at the show.
6. JABGA members are allowed to have a heeler in the class and may independently lead and/or hold the animal. The heeler is not allowed to touch legs or assist in leg placement. The heeler must be a current JABGA member. JABGA members with physical or mental disabilities are allowed a heeler and reasonable accommodation can be provided. Documentation needs to be provided to the Youth Liaison (and in absence of the Youth Liaison, the ABGA Board President), at least 72 hours prior to the show.
7. All goats must be registered in the JABGA member's name ~~only~~. No ranch or family name can be listed in the owner section of the certificate. Any goat that is transferred to a Junior exhibitors name for showing at a JABGA Sanction show cannot be transferred back to the seller and/or seller's agent for a period of 1 year.
8. Showmanship is not required but highly recommended for both breeding and market type classes. ABGA will not provide ribbons or awards. The following age breaks are suggested for sanctioned shows. Age ~~division~~ for showmanship for regular sanction shows is determined on the day of the show. Personal, Farm, and/or company logos may not be worn during showmanship. Only JABGA members with physical or mental disabilities are allowed to have a heeler and reasonable accommodation can be provided during showmanship.
  - a. Novice Division: 4-7 years of age
  - b. Junior Division: 8-12 years of age
  - c. Intermediate: 13-16 years of age
  - d. Senior Division: 17-21 years of age
9. No bumping up age divisions in showmanship.
10. Exhibitors entering showmanship must use a goat that is registered in his/her name and entered in the JABGA show.
11. If the JABGA member has a goat entered in the JABGA show, goats in sibling's/step- sibling's names may not be used for showmanship purposes.
12. Participants that do not have an animal entered any JABGA competition may borrow an animal for showmanship purposes only. That selected animal can only be used by one exhibitor per age division.
13. All show results received by the JABGA will be final.
14. All ABGA rules, breed standards, classes, judges, and entries apply.
15. Please note the ~~new~~ ABGA no Alcohol Policy.



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16. All JABGA Sanctioned shows are required to have a BRED AND OWNED CLASS. One class each for the PERCENTAGE DOES, PERCENTAGE BUCKS (Effective June 1, 2026), FULLBLOOD DOES, FULLBLOOD BUCKS. All ages will compete in one class.
17. Market, Wether Dam Classes, and Market Showmanship are not required but are highly recommended. ABGA will not provide ribbons or awards. The following rules are suggested:

## JABGA Wether Dam Show

1. Participants must show their own Wether Dam unless there are two or more does entered by the same participant in a particular class. This includes all divisions and champion drives.
2. Participation is not limited to JABGA members – Non-members allowed.
3. All Wether Dams must have ownership declared before weigh-in and may not be entered or shown in another youth's name after being weighed in.
4. All Wether Dams must have scrapie tag, tattoo or microchip in place and match health certificate
5. Wether Dams may be exhibited with hair.
6. Does exhibited in the Wether Dam show are ~~not~~ permitted to be exhibited in the JABGA/ABGA Breeding Show.
7. If the wether dam is registered it must be in the exhibitor's name.
8. The coordinator of each individual show reserves the right to refuse entry into the show for any animal that exhibits a transmissible disease, fungus, etc.
9. All fitting techniques must be within the accepted practices of the ABGA Sanctioned Show Rules.
10. No twining allowed.
11. The Wether Dams will be shown in Divisions by teeth then by weight. Classes will be divided into three divisions:
  - a. Division 1 - ~~All milk teeth in place~~ Light Weight all milk teeth in place and no adult teeth present
  - b. Division 2 – ~~All milk teeth in place~~ Heavy Weight all milk teeth in place and no adult teeth present
  - c. Division 3 – ~~2 adult teeth or more~~ 2 Teeth and Older

## JABGA Market Show

1. Wethers and does can be exhibited.
2. Participation is not limited to JABGA members – Non-members allowed.
3. Participants must show their own market goat unless there are two or more entries entered by the same participant in a particular class. This includes all divisions and champion drives.
4. Market goats must have ownership declared before weigh-in and may not be entered or shown in another youth's name after being weighed in.
5. All market goats must have a scrapie tag, tattoo or microchip in place and match health certificate.
6. Wethers may not have testicular tissue or exhibit behavioral signs of still being an intact male.
7. The coordinator of each individual show reserves the right to refuse entry into the show for any animal that exhibits a transmissible disease, fungus, etc.
8. All fitting techniques must be within the accepted practices of the ABGA Sanctioned Show Rules.
9. No twining allowed.
10. Market goats will be shown in classes by weight. Show Management reserves the right to adjust the class numbers and breaks as needed.
11. Classes will be divided into three divisions (where numbers permit)
  - a. Light
  - b. Medium
  - c. Heavy
18. If the market wether is registered it must be in the exhibitor's name.



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19. The JABGA reserves the right to not sanction and/or to not tabulate placing's for points submitted by a show or not yet submitted by a show that didn't follow the ABGA rules, breed standards, classes, judges, and entries.
20. The JABGA strongly suggest that JABGA members own and care for his/her own goats. Directors and members of the JABGA discourage unethical ownership and care. Exhibitors and parents should always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Infractions of this rule may cause immediate termination of membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
21. Judges for JABGA sanction shows are required to be an ABGA Approved Judge.
22. Judge's names should be published thirty (30) days prior to the show.
23. Drug testing cannot be refused if the show deems necessary.
24. All JABGA and ABGA Sanction show rules must be followed. Responsibilities of Host Show.

Please contact the ABGA office, 325-486-2242 or [shows@abga.org](mailto:shows@abga.org), for more information.

**BYLAWS OF THE  
AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION**

**EFFECTIVE JULY 6, 2023**

**ARTICLE 1**

**NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

1.1 Name. The name of the corporation is: American Boer Goat Association (the “Association”).

1.2 Principal Office. The principal office of the Association shall be located in the City of San Angelo, Texas.

**ARTICLE 2**

**PURPOSE AND AFFILIATES**

2.1 Purpose. The Association is organized to collect and maintain the history and pedigree of Boer Goats, to provide for their registration, to preserve the purity of the breed, and to encourage the further improvement and wider distribution of the breed through research, promotion, and education. More specifically, the Association is created solely as an organization described in section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), or corresponding provisions hereafter in effect, and exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(a) of the Code, or corresponding provisions hereinafter in effect.

2.2 Affiliates. The Association, by action of its Board of Directors (the “Board”), may establish one or more affiliated organizations (each, an “Affiliate”) to assist and support the Association in the achievement of its purpose. An Affiliate shall have such geographic area, membership, purposes, and powers as may be approved from time to time by the Board, but an Affiliate shall never have the authority to act in the name of the Association.

**ARTICLE 3**

**MEMBERS**

3.1 Members. Membership in the Association is open to all individuals and entities that have an interest in the purposes of the Association, upon payment of dues as established by the Board from time to time. An individual Member may also have an interest in one or more corporate, partnership, or other business entity Members. A Member that is not an individual shall designate in writing to the Association a person authorized to act on behalf of such Member; such representative must be twenty one years of age or older. A Member that is not an individual is deemed to “reside” in the location that is the location of its designated principal place of business.

3.2 Membership Year. The membership year shall be defined as being January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year. All annual membership dues are due no later than the close of business on January 1.

3.3 Membership Dues. The Board shall, from time to time, establish the amount of membership dues and shall provide notice thereof to all Members.

3.4 New Members. Membership privileges and benefits for all new Members shall commence upon the date payment of dues is received in the Association's Office and shall remain in effect until the last day of the same calendar year.

3.5 Renewing Members. Continued membership in the Association shall be subject to annual renewal and the continued payment of Member's dues. Failure by any Member of the Association (individually, a "Member" and collectively, the "Members") to pay such Member's dues on or before the due date established by the Board for such payment shall automatically terminate such Member's membership in the Association on such due date.

3.6 Classification and Rights of Members. Members of the Association shall have the following classifications, qualifications, and voting rights:

(a) Regular Members. Each Regular Member shall have the right to vote in any election held by the Association or any matter subject to a vote by the regular membership. Regular Members must:

(i) be an individual 21 years of age or older on January 1 of the year for which the membership application or the membership renewal applies; or

(ii) be an entity with an authorized representative who is 21 years of age or older on January 1 of the year for which the membership application or the membership renewal applies; and

(iii) agree to comply with the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, these Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics of the Association, as may be amended from time to time.

(b) Junior Members. Junior Members shall not have the right to vote in any election held by the Association or any matter subject to a vote by the Members. Junior Members must:

(i) be an individual under 21 years of age January 1 of the year for which the membership application or the membership renewal applies; and

(ii) agree to comply with the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, these Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics of the Association, as may be amended from time to time.

3.7 Termination of Membership. The membership of any Member may be terminated at any time without cause by the unanimous vote of the whole Board; provided, if such Member is a Director of the Association, the membership of such person in the Association cannot be terminated at any time without cause except by the unanimous vote of the remainder of the whole Board.

3.8 Rules and Regulations; Code of Ethics; Code of Conduct. The Members shall comply with the Rules and Regulations, Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct, and any other rules of disciplinary procedure or conduct as established from time to time by the Board for Members pursuant to Section 5.7. The Rules and Regulations, Code of Ethics,

Code of Conduct, and any other rules of disciplinary procedure or conduct shall contain such penalties and sanctions as the Board may from time to time deem appropriate to address violations of such Rules and Regulations, Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct, and any other rules of disciplinary procedure or conduct.

## ARTICLE 4 MEMBER MEETINGS

### 4.1 Annual Meeting.

(a) Time and Place. The annual meeting of the Members shall be held each year on a date and at a time and place determined by the Board for the transaction of such business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

(b) Notice. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Association to cause written notice to be given not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting to each Member. Such notice may be given in the Association's newsletter or other official Association publication provided to all Members. Any notice must be given to the last address of the Member as shown in the Association's records. Notice shall be deemed given at the time of delivery-via electronic delivery or time of depositing it in the United States Mail or other delivery service.

(b) Agenda. The agenda for the Annual Meeting of the members shall be set by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has the sole and exclusive discretion and authority to determine what items shall be placed on the agenda and what shall not. Only matters included on the agenda prepared by the Executive Committee shall be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Members. The agenda for the Annual Meeting shall be made available to the Members at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting. Regular Members may submit written requests for matters to be included on the agenda for the Annual Meeting that require or permit action by the Regular Members. Such written requests shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, c/o the Association's Office, and must be received at the Association's Office at least sixty (60) days before the Annual Meeting. The written request may be, but is not required to be, in the form of a motion. The Executive Committee shall determine whether matters so requested shall be included on the agenda and its decision shall be final.

4.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members shall be held upon the direction of the President of the Association, a majority of the Board, or upon written request of not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the Regular Members. Except as provided herein, notice of the date, time, and place of special meetings of the Members shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the meeting, either personally or by mail or electronic mail to each Member. Notice shall be given to the last address or electronic mail address of the Member as shown in the Association's records. Such notice need not be given to any Member who attends such meeting in person, nor to any Member who waives notice of such meeting, whether before or after such meeting. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or by statute, the notice of any meeting of the Members is not required to state the business to be transacted at such meeting. Such

notice may be given in the Association's newsletter or other official Association publication provided to all Members.

4.3 Quorum. A quorum at meetings of the Members shall be the number of Regular Members present. Each active Regular Member (as evidenced by a current regular membership number) in attendance at a meeting shall have one (1) vote. The act of the majority of the Regular Members present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Members, except as otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws. A majority vote of the Regular Members at a meeting may vote to adjourn the meeting from time to time, and a meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice, at which any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

4.4 Proxies. Proxies shall not be permitted at meetings of the Members to establish a quorum of Members or to cast a Member's vote. Except as otherwise specifically required by these Bylaws (such as in the election of Directors or amendments of these Bylaws by ballot), all actions by Regular Members shall be taken in person at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Members.

4.5 Actions Requiring Member Approval. The Board shall not, without the approval of a majority of the Regular Members who are present at a meeting, take any of the following actions:

- (a) approve a merger, acquisition, or consolidation of the Association;
- (b) approve the dissolution of the Association; or
- (c) approve any alteration or amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

5.1 Number. The direction and management of the affairs of the Association and the control and disposition of its properties and funds shall be vested in the Board, which shall consist of not less than eight (8) nor more than thirty (30) persons (thirty-one (31), if the Immediate Past President's term on the Board as a Regional Director has expired). All Directors must at all times be individual Regular Members or the designated representative of a Regular Member that is not an individual. The Directors shall be elected as set forth in Section 5.3 to represent regions as described and determined in Section 5.2. If the Immediate Past President's term on the Board as a Regional Director has expired, or he has failed to be re-elected, he shall continue to be a Director in an advisory, non-voting capacity for a period of one year immediately following his Presidency, so long as he remains a Regular Member or representative of a Regular Member and is subject to all conditions of a Director. In this capacity, he shall not be a representative of any region nor hold any voting privileges on the Board.

5.2 Regions.

- (a) The Association shall be composed of regions, each of which shall be represented by one or more Directors, determined from time to time as set forth in Sections 5.2(b) and 5.2(c) below. On the effective date of these Bylaws, the Association

has fifteen (15) regions. The geographic boundaries of those regions on such date are on file in the Association's principal office.

(b) Based on the number of Regular Members of the Association on December 31 of each year, commencing December 31, 2005, the number of Directors to be elected from each region will be determined by the number of Regular Members within the region's boundary, determined as follows: the total number of Regular Members shall be divided by the total number of regions. This quotient shall then be divided into the total Regular Members in each of the regions, calculated to the one-hundredths decimal place. This number shall then be rounded to the nearest whole number or one (1), whichever is greater. For example, if the Association has 7,250 Regular Members and fifteen (15) regions on a December 31:  $7,250 / 15 = 483$ . If on such date, a particular region has 750 Regular Members:  $750 / 483 = 1.55$ ; therefore, such region will have two (2) Directors. If on such date a region has 520 Regular Members:  $520 / 483 = 1.08$ ; therefore, it will have one (1) Director. If on such date, a region has 330 Regular Members:  $330 / 483 = 0.68$ ; it will have one (1) Director.

(c) On or before February 1 in 2007, 2010, and each fifth (5th) year thereafter, the Board, by a majority vote of the whole Board, may modify the number of regions and the boundaries of those regions, in each case to the extent reasonably necessary so that the regions shall have approximately equal numbers of Regular Members per Director. Such modifications shall be based on the number and location of Regular Members as of December 31 preceding such February 1 and shall be effective as of such February 1. The Board shall promptly notify all Regular Members if it makes any such modifications.

5.3 Election of Directors; Removal of Directors. The procedure for electing and removing Directors of the Association shall be as follows:

(a) Director Candidacy. Any individual Regular Member who desires to be a candidate for Director shall:

(i) so notify the Association at the Association's principal office on the form required by the Association no later than March 1 of the year of election, and;

(ii) submit at such time a completed and signed Conflict of Interest Statement on the form required by the Association, and;

(iii) be a Regular Member in good standing as of January 1 of the current calendar year.

(iv) have not served as a Board of Director in the prior two terms without a one year **recess** of office, and;

(v) have not been removed from the Board of Directors by two-thirds vote for any reason.

(b) Ballot Preparation. The Office Manager (or in his absence, the Secretary of the Association) shall prepare a ballot for each region which has one or more Director's positions eligible for election. Each such ballot shall contain the names of the Members residing in such region who have complied with the provisions of subpart (a) above.

(c) Ballot Distribution. The Office Manager (or in his absence, the Secretary of the Association) shall mail, not later than May 1 of the year of election, a ballot for a region to the Regular Members who reside in such region and who were Regular Members in good standing as of January 1 of that year. The ballot for each region shall state the number of Directors to be elected for such region. Regular Members shall be entitled to vote for the number of Director candidates for their region as indicated on the ballot. Cumulative voting for one or more candidates shall not be allowed. This ballot can be delivered electronically or by mail. The Office Manager shall implement a balloting system to assure that ballots may be cast only by Regular Members and that each Regular Member may vote on only one ballot.

(d) Ballot Return. Regular Members must return their ballots, postage paid or electronically, to the Association's designated independent vote-counting agent for receipt not later than May 20 of the year of election. Any ballot received later than May 20 or on or before May 20 with postage due shall be disregarded.

(e) Failure to Elect a Director. If any region fails to elect one or more of its designated Director candidates, suitable interim Director(s) shall be appointed from such region by the President of the Association with the approval of a majority of the Board for a term of one (1) year.

(f) Military Service. If a Director is called for military service (Defined as service in the uniformed armed services of the United States of America, including service and deployment in the National Guard or Reserve) for a period of time reasonably anticipated to exceed six (6) months, and he will be unable to attend committee meetings or meetings of the Board, and wishes to retain his position as an elected Director, a suitable interim Director shall be appointed annually from such Director's region by the President of the Association with the approval of a majority of the Board to serve until such Director returns from such service. Upon his return, the interim Director shall vacate the seat and the returning Director whose term was interrupted by military service shall be allowed to serve the unexpired remainder of his or her term.

(g) Election Results. The results of the election shall be announced to the membership on or before June 1.

- (h) At all times during each Director's term, he must:
- (i) reside in the region for which he was elected (unless such Director's regional boundaries have been changed by the Board in accordance with Section 5.2); and
  - (ii) remain current in his payment of Regular Member dues; and
  - (iii) sign the annual Conflict of Interest Policy Statement.

Failure to comply with any of the above requirements shall result in the automatic removal of a Director from the Board.

(i) Removal. A Director shall be subject to removal by two-thirds of the whole Board for the following reasons missing more than two (2) consecutive regular or special meetings of the Board (except as the result of having been called for military service that prevents attendance);

whenever, in the Board's judgment, the best interests of the Association would be served thereby.

(j) Tenure of Directors. Beginning with the election of Directors in 2016, subject to the provisions of Section 5.3(e), each Director elected to fill an available position shall be elected for a term of three (3) years beginning on the date of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, as established in Section 6.1, in the year of election and shall hold office for the term for which he is elected until his successor has been elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal. If a Director's region is changed by the Board pursuant to Section 5.2 in a manner that eliminates a sitting Director's position on the Board, such Director shall serve out the remainder of his term. On the effective date of these amended Bylaws, the election of Directors will take place on a three year rotation by region as maintained by the ABGA office.

5.4 Director Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board resulting from the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, or removal from office of any Director shall be filled by a successor individual Regular Member who resides in the same region for which the vacancy has occurred. Such successor shall be appointed by the President of the Association with the approval of a majority of the whole Board and shall serve until the following annual meeting of the Board. If any of the unexpired term of the Director who died, resigned, retired, was disqualified, or was removed continues after such date, a successor shall then be elected by the procedure set forth in Section 5.3 for the balance of the original term being filled.

5.5 Conflict of Interest Policy. The Board shall adopt, modify from time to time as it deems appropriate, and enforce a Conflict of Interest Policy, which shall apply to all Directors and officers. On and after January 1, 2005, it shall be a conflict of interest if a Director engages in any competitive activity as to the business or purpose of the Association. For purposes of this provision, "competitive activity" shall include:

- (i) a Director being a member of the governing board or serving as an officer of an organization (other than an Affiliate of the Association) that registers Boer Goats; or
- (ii) such other activity as may be set forth as a competitive activity in the Conflict of Interest Policy, as amended from time to time by the Board.

5.6 Rules and Regulations; Code of Ethics. The Board shall adopt and enforce Rules and Regulations and a Code of Ethics which shall apply to all Members. The Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics shall contain such penalties and sanctions as the Board may from time to time deem appropriate to address violations of such Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics.

## ARTICLE 6

### MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held each year between July 1 and July 31 on a date and at a time and place determined by the Board for the transaction of such business as may lawfully come before the meeting. Such meeting date may be, but is not required to be, the same date as the Annual Meeting of the Members. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Association to give at least ten (10) days' notice of such meeting to each Director. Such notice shall be given by mail or electronic mail to each Director not personally notified.

6.2 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least two (2) times each year on dates and at such times as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Such meetings shall take place at such place as the Board may determine. The annual meeting of the Board may be one of such regular meetings. Notice of the dates and locations of such regular meetings shall be provided to the Members. Such notice shall be given by mail or electronic mail, or in the Association's official publication.

6.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held whenever called by the Secretary of the Association upon the direction of the President of the Association or upon written request of at least one-fourth (1/4) of the Directors.

6.4 Notice. Except as provided herein, notice of the date, time, and place of special meetings of the Board shall be given not less than five (5) business days before the meeting, either personally (including by telephone or any electronic means) or by mailing such notice to each Director at his or her address as the same appears on the records of the Association. Such notice need not be given to any Director who attends such meeting in person, nor to any Director who waives notice of such meeting, whether before or after such meeting. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or by statute, notice of any meeting of the Board need not state the business to be transacted at such meeting.

6.5 Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of business by the Board shall be the presence of at least a majority of the number of Directors then constituting the whole Board. The Directors present at any meeting, whether or not less than a quorum, by a majority vote may adjourn the meeting from time to time, and a meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice, at which, if a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

6.6 Majority Vote. The act of the majority of the Directors present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board, except as otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws.

6.7 Proxies. No proxy may be used to establish a quorum of Directors or to cast a Director's vote.

6.8 Action Without a Meeting. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the Directors of the Association may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, is signed by a majority of the whole Board. Each

written consent shall bear the date of signature of each Director who signs the consent. Prompt notice of the taking of any action by Directors without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to all Directors who did not consent in writing to the action.

6.9 Participation by Conference Telephone. Directors may participate in and hold a meeting of the Board by means of internet or web based conference, telephone conference, video conference, or using similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

6.10 Closed Meetings of the Board. The Board may, when the President deems it appropriate and in the interest of the Association, meet in closed session, excluding all persons other than members of the Board and those with whom the Board may wish to consult (such as the Office Manager, legal counsel, and/or any other advisors). Such closed meetings shall be held to receive information or for discussion only, and no votes may be taken and no other final decisions of the Board may be made during such closed meetings. The Board's minutes for the meeting during which a closed meeting was held shall indicate that such closed meeting was called and conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and shall state the general subject matter of such closed meeting and list those in attendance, but the minutes are not required to include any summary of the substance of such closed meetings.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **OFFICERS**

7.1 Election of Officers. There shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Association. The President and Vice President must be Directors who have each served on the Board for at least one (1) year. As the first order of business at its annual meeting, the Board shall elect the officers, each of whom shall serve a term of one (1) year or until their successor is elected.

7.2 Duties. The principal duties of the officers of the Association are as follows:

(a) President. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Association and, subject to the control of the Board, shall have general charge and supervision of the administration of the affairs and business of the Association. The President shall direct and work with any employees of the Association to assure that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect, shall sign and execute all legal documents and instruments in the name of the Association when authorized to do so by the Board, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board. During proceedings of the Board and the Executive Committee, unless there is a conflict of interest, the President shall vote in the event of a tie vote of the other members of the Board or Executive Committee present and voting, or in the event that a two-thirds vote is required and his vote would sway the outcome.

(b) Vice President. The Vice President shall discharge the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or disability for any cause whatever and shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.

(c) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep account of all money, credit, and property of the Association and shall keep an accurate account of all money received and disbursed. Except as otherwise ordered by the Board, the Treasurer shall have the custody of all the funds and investments of the Association and shall deposit the same in such banks or depositories as the Board shall designate. The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account and other books showing at all times the amount of the funds and other property belonging to the Association, all of which books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board. The Treasurer shall also submit a report of the accounts and financial condition of the Association at each annual meeting of the Board. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all the duties which are incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the direction of the Board, and shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board. The Treasurer shall give bond only if required by the Board. In case of absence or disability of the Treasurer, the Board may appoint an assistant Treasurer to perform the duties of the Treasurer during such absence or disability.

(d) Secretary. The Secretary shall have charge of the records and correspondence of the Association under the direction of the President and shall be the custodian of the seal (if any) of the Association. The Secretary shall give notice of and attend all meetings of the Board and shall take and keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board of which he or she shall be the Secretary. The Secretary shall discharge such other duties as shall be assigned to the Secretary by the President or the Board.

7.3 Removal. An officer may be removed from office by two-thirds (2/3) of the whole Board.

7.4 Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office of the Association, such vacancy shall be filled by the majority vote of the Board present, and such replacement officer shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Board and until his successor is elected. Provided, a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President. If an officer is called for military service for a period of time reasonably anticipated to exceed six (6) months and he will be unable to attend committee meetings or meetings of the Board, a substitute officer shall be appointed annually the Board to serve until such officer returns from service.

## ARTICLE 8

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES

8.1 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Board shall be composed of the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President of the Association, and four (4) other persons. These officers and the five additional members, with the exception of the Immediate Past President, shall be elected by and from the Board at the annual meeting of the Board, each for a term of one (1) year and until the selection and qualification of his successor. The persons other than the President and Vice President, or Immediate Past President named to the Executive Committee may be

removed from the Executive Committee at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the whole Board. The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Association, except to the extent that the Board has by resolution previously limited the Executive Committee's power pertaining to a particular matter, transaction, or undertaking (or class or series of matters, transactions, or undertakings). The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, defer action that it could take on a particular matter to consideration by the Board. The Executive Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings and shall promptly report any final action it takes to the Board. The President shall serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee and shall establish rules of procedure for meetings of the Executive Committee.

8.2 Additional Committees. The President, with the approval of the Board or the Executive Committee, may designate committees in addition to the Executive Committee, with each committee consisting of two or more Regular Members who may be but are not required to be Directors, and each such committee shall have such power and authority and shall perform such functions as may be provided in such resolution; however, such committee(s) shall never have the power to exercise the authority of the Board. The Board shall appoint a committee chairperson of each designated committee, who shall establish the rules of procedure for meetings of such committee. Such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be designated by the Board and shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings and report the same to the Board when requested by the Board. Any member of such a committee may be removed, for or without cause, by the President, with the approval of the Board or the Executive Committee.

8.3 Action Without a Meeting. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of a committee of the Association may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, is signed by a sufficient number of members of the committee as would be necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the members of the committee were present and voted. Each written consent shall bear the date of signature of each member of the committee who signs the consent. Prompt notice of the taking of any action by members of the committee without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to all members of the committee who did not consent in writing to the action.

8.4 Participation by Conference Telephone. Members of a committee may participate in and hold a meeting of the committee by means of internet or web based conference, telephone conference, or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

8.5 Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy shall occur on the Executive Committee of the Association, such vacancy shall be filled by the majority vote of the Board present at a face to face meeting, and such replacement committee member shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Board and until his successor is elected.

## ARTICLE 9

### ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND AGENTS

9.1 Employees. All employees of ABGA shall be at will employees unless there is a written contract of employment with ABGA approved by the Board of Directors.

9.2 Officers and Agents. The Board may appoint such officers and agents in addition to those provided for in Article 7 as it may deem necessary, which officers and agents shall have such authority and perform such duties as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Board. All such officers and agents shall hold their respective offices or positions at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed from office or discharged by the Board at any time with or without cause.

## ARTICLE 10

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

10.1 Rules of Procedure. Meetings of the Board and the Members shall be conducted by the President of the Association under such rules of procedure as the President may determine from time to time; provided, however, upon the vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Directors present at any time during any such meeting, the remainder of such meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order in effect from time to time.

10.2 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.

10.3 Seal. The Association may have a seal, and such seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed, affixed, printed, or in any other manner reproduced. Any officer of the Association shall have authority to affix the seal to any document requiring it.

10.4 Resignation. Any Director, officer, or committee member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no date has been specified, on the date of its receipt.

10.5 Notices. Whenever under the provisions of these Bylaws notice is required to be given to any Director or committee member, and no provision is made as to how such notice shall be given, it shall not be construed to mean personal notice, but any such notice may be given by electronic mail or other electronic means, by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such Director or committee member at such address as appears on the books of the Association. Such notice may be given by inclusion in the Association's newsletter or other Association publication provided to all Members. Any notice required or permitted to be given by United States mail shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same be thus deposited, postage prepaid, in the United States mail. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Director or committee member under these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice.

10.6 Voting. Whenever under the provisions of these Bylaws a vote is required or permitted to be taken by Regular Members, Directors, or committee members and it is

not otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the vote of a majority of the Regular Members, Directors, or committee members, as the case may be, present and eligible to vote shall be effective to authorize the action voted on.

10.7 Voting by electronic transmission. Whenever under the provisions of these Bylaws a vote is required or permitted to be taken by regular members, the Board of Directors may determine that some or all votes may be conducted by electronic transmission. A vote conducted by electronic submission will have the same effect as an in-person or mail-in vote and will be counted for quorum purposes.

10.8 Construction. Article and section headings in these Bylaws are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof. Pronouns used in these bylaws shall be construed as feminine, masculine, or neuter, as the context requires, and words of singular number in the Bylaws shall be construed plural, as the context requires.

## ARTICLE 11

### INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

11.1 Persons Indemnified. The Association shall, subject to the limitations provided in this Article, indemnify any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association and any person who is or was serving at the request of the Association as a Director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, employee, agent, or similar functionary of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise who, because such person is or was serving in such capacity, was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in (a) any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitral, or investigative; (b) any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding; and (c) any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding, against judgments, penalties (including excise and similar taxes), fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses (including court costs and attorneys' fees) actually incurred by such person in connection with any such action, suit, proceeding, appeal, inquiry, or investigation, but if such action, suit, proceeding, appeal, inquiry, or investigation was brought by or on behalf of the Association, such indemnification shall be limited to reasonable expenses actually incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit, proceeding, appeal, inquiry, or investigation.

11.2 Indemnification Allowed. A person shall be indemnified by the Association under this Article only if he has been wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of the action, suit, proceeding, appeal, inquiry, or investigation described in Section 11.1 or if it is determined in accordance with Section 11.5 that such person (a) conducted himself in good faith; (b) reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his or her official capacity, that his or her conduct was in the best interests of the Association and, in all other cases, that his or her conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of the Association; and (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

11.3 No Indemnification. A person shall not be indemnified by the Association under this Article for obligations resulting from any action, suit, proceeding, appeal, inquiry, or investigation in which such person is found liable (a) on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him or her, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken in such person's official capacity, or (b) to the Association.

11.4 Advancements. The Association may pay or reimburse reasonable expenses (including court costs and attorneys' fees) in advance of the final disposition of an action, suit, proceeding, appeal, inquiry, or investigation described in Section 11.1, but only after (a) the Association receives a written affirmation of the person receiving the payment or reimbursement of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification under this Article and a written undertaking by or on behalf of such person, consisting of an unlimited general obligation, secured or unsecured, of such person, to repay the amount paid or reimbursed if it is ultimately determined that he or she has not met those requirements, which undertaking shall be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment, and (b) a determination made in accordance with Section 11.5 that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification under this Article.

11.5 Standard for Indemnification. Any determination of indemnity under Sections 11.1 through 11.3, any determinations as to reasonableness of expenses, and any determination or authorization of payment under Section 11.4 must be made (a) by a unanimous vote of the Directors who at the time of the vote are not named defendants or respondents in the action, suit, proceeding, appeal, inquiry, or investigation described in Section 11.1; (b) if such a quorum cannot be obtained, by a majority vote of a committee of the Board, designated to act in the matter by a majority vote of all Directors, consisting solely of two or more Directors who at the time of the vote are not named defendants or respondents in such action, suit, proceeding, appeal, inquiry, or investigation; (c) by special legal counsel selected by the Board or a committee of the Board by vote as set forth in (a) or (b) above, or, if such quorum cannot be obtained and such a committee cannot be established, by a majority vote of all Directors; provided, however, that if a determination that indemnification is permissible is made by special legal counsel, authorization of indemnification and determination as to reasonableness of expenses must be made in the manner specified in (c) above for the selection of special legal counsel.

11.6 Insurance. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person described in Section 11.1 against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in a capacity described in Section 11.1 or arising out of his or her status as such a person, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against that liability under this Article.

11.7 Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify any Director or officer or former Director or officer of the Association, against any and all losses, costs, and expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and necessarily incurred by such person in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which such person is made a party by reason of being or having been such Director or officer, except in relation to matters as to which such person shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in performance of duty. The Association shall also reimburse any such Director or officer or former Director or officer for the reasonable cost of settlement of any such action, suit, or proceeding, if it shall be found by a majority of the Directors not involved in the matter in controversy, whether or not a quorum, that it was in the best interests of the Association that such settlement be made, and that such Director or officer or former Director or officer was not guilty of negligence or misconduct in performance of duty. Such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or officer or former Director or officer may be entitled, under any Bylaw, agreement, insurance policy, or otherwise.

## ARTICLE 12

### AMENDMENTS AND GOVERNING LAW

#### 12.1 Amendments.

(a) These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by the Board subject to the approval of the Regular Members as set forth in this Section.

(b) In the event the Board adopts a resolution altering, amending, or repealing these Bylaws or adopting new Bylaws and requesting approval thereof pursuant to this Section, the Association office shall mail a ballot to each Regular Member permitting each such Regular Member to vote either in favor of or against such proposal. Ballots must be returned to the Association office or third party designation—electronically or postage paid, on or before the date indicated thereon by the Board, which date shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date such ballot is sent electronically or deposited in the United States mail by the Association office. Ballots received at the Association office with postage due or after the due date shall be disregarded.

(c) In the event a majority of the ballots received by the Association office or third party designation on or before the specified date are marked in favor of the proposal, such proposal shall be deemed to be approved by the Regular Members, and such alteration or amendment shall thereupon be effective.

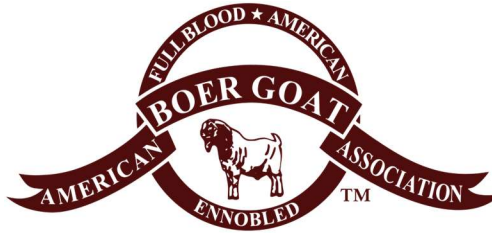
(d) The results of the balloting shall be promptly posted on the Association's website.

(e) The text of the proposed Bylaw provisions as well as the text of any existing provision proposed to be altered, amended, or repealed shall be posted on the Association's website and in the official publication of the Association to be received on or before the date such ballots are mailed. Any Regular Member may make a request via electronic mail to the Association Office for an electronic copy of such information; in such case, the Association Office shall promptly forward an electronic copy of such information to such Regular Member by electronic mail. Alternatively, any Regular Member may make a written request to the Association office for a copy of such information, which request must be accompanied by a self-addressed, prepaid envelope of appropriate size; in such case, the Association office shall promptly place a plain-paper copy of such information in the envelope provided and deposit the same in the United States mail.

12.2 Texas Law. It is expressly recognized that when these Bylaws are silent as to the manner of performing any corporate function, the provisions of applicable Texas law shall control.

Directors present when amendments were approved:

- Region 1: Rosalinda Vizina
- Region 2: Ken Baty
- Region 3: Leah Maertens
- Region 4: Kevin Richmond
- Region 5: Mike Reis
- Region 6: Absent
- Region 7: Katherine Klug
- Region 7: Gage Taylor
- Region 8: Sam Knott
- Region 9: Kim Morgan
- Region 10: BJ Carbino
- Region 11: Amy Scharmer
- Region 12: Chuck Fitzwater
- Region 13: Jacob Tipton
- Region 14: Lane Reigle



# American Boer Goat Association

## Code of Ethics

Revised and Approved 7/14/2023

The American Boer Goat Association (ABGA), Its Board of Directors, Members, Non-Members and/or Agents are committed to conducting ourselves in a professional manner that does not reflect negatively on themselves or the association. Members are to conduct ourselves in a manner that:

- Adheres to the professional standards of the American Boer Goat Association.
- Creates good corporate citizenship in all jurisdictions in which we operate.
- Ensures the welfare of the Boer Goat is of the greatest importance and that animals will be treated humanely at all times.
- Treats all members with respect, courtesy, consideration, and compassion. Avoids insults, name calling, or use offensive language that is likely to hurt, offend, or set a bad example for the American Boer Goat Association.
- To handle our communications, (including those through social media), operations or business transactions in a manner that promotes a positive image for the American Boer Goats Association.
- Provide accurate reporting of pedigree by members to the association.
- Refrain from any conflict of interest or the perception thereof.
- Maintain a high level of ethical behavior.
- Honor the core values of integrity, respect, and accountability, as this is at the heart of everything we do.
- Does not discriminate on the basis of; age, disability, economic status, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

By the authority given to the Board of Directors through Section 3.8 of the Bylaws of the ABGA, this Code of Ethics may be enforced by; a letter of written reprimand, which may or may not be made available to the general membership; a fine of up to \$10,000; freezing of accounts; ban from participating in ABGA functions; or a combination of any or all of the above, dependent upon the severity of the infraction which is approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors present that constitute a quorum.



## ABGA Policies

### ABGA & JABGA Travel Policy

The object of this policy is to combine all aspects of ABGA and JABGA Travel under one policy by Sections, as outlined below:

#### 1. Approved Travel

- a. Reimbursement for travel to any seminar, conference, show or other activity as an ABGA or JABGA representative will require prior approval of the ABGA Executive Director or the ABGA President unless it falls within the prior approved yearly budget.
- b. All travel by ABGA office staff, employees, or contract labor on behalf of ABGA or JABGA will require prior approval of the ABGA Executive Director.
- c. Any travel that exceeds the prior approved yearly budget must have prior approval by the ABGA Board of Directors.
- d. If travel is approved through appropriate channels, travel will be reimbursed as outlined in this policy.

#### 2. Reimbursement of Expenses

- a. All reimbursement requests must be on the ABGA Travel Expense Form.
- b. The ABGA Travel Expense Form and all detailed receipts must be turned into the ABGA office within 14 days of the conclusion of travel for the event.
- c. Expenses turned in after 14 days will not be reimbursed.
- d. Meal receipts must show items ordered. Credit card slips showing only a total will not be accepted.

#### 3. Air Travel

- a. It is required that round trip air fare be booked a minimum of 14 days in advance of the event.
- b. Any air travel booked less than 14 days in advance will be reimbursed at fifty percent of allowed fees.
- c. No upgrades will be reimbursed by ABGA.
- d. Round trip mileage from the director's home to the airport will be reimbursed at the current IRS mileage rate.
- e. Reimbursement for airfare and rental car will be given up to the equivalent of mileage if travel was completed by vehicle.
- f. Airport parking will be reimbursed for economy/standard lot rate. Any expense over standard parking will be the responsibility of the director.
- g. If a rental car is required, the director will be reimbursed for an economy vehicle when the original, detailed receipt is received.
- h. Local transportation (bus, taxi, subway, etc.) will be reimbursed at the exact rate with a receipt.
- i. Toll expenses will be reimbursed at exact rate with a receipt.
- j. Tips will be reimbursed at a rate of twenty percent of the receipt. Maximum amount of tip reimbursed will be \$10.00 per day when no receipt is submitted.

#### 4. JABGA Travel

- a. This section is in addition to all other aspects of the travel policy.
- b. Each youth and parent shall be provided with the cell phone number of Chaperone/Youth Coordinator for contact throughout the travel.



- c. Each youth will be picked up and dropped off at the given airport by the Chaperone/Youth Coordinator.
  - d. Flight for the Chaperone/Youth Coordinator will be booked for one day after youth depart.
  - e. Chaperone/Youth Coordinator will be available to assist as needed with airport items but may not be available to enter secured areas.
  - f. Parent or guardian signature will be required on the travel authorization form.
  - g. Parents shall send their youth only if they feel that the youth is both old and secure enough in their judgments to travel without an adult chaperone.
  - h. Parents are responsible for all travel costs incurred for a youth that must return home before the end of the event.
- 5. Mileage**
- a. Round trip mileage from the director's home will be reimbursed at the current IRS mileage rate.
  - b. Reimbursement for mileage will be given up to equivalent of airfare and rental car amount.
- 6. Meals**
- a. Meals will be reimbursed up to a total of \$50.00 per day when itemized receipts are submitted with the ABGA Travel Expense Form.
  - b. No alcohol will be reimbursed.
- 7. Hotel**
- a. ABGA will secure hotel reservations and will be responsible for payment.
  - b. If a participant chooses not to stay at the hotel at which reservations have been made, that participant will be responsible for the expense of other accommodations.
  - c. Reimbursement for alternate accommodations will be made for the lesser of the actual expense of other accommodation or a rate equal to that secured by ABGA.
  - d. ABGA will only be responsible for hotel expenses beginning the day before the start of the activity and ending the day after the conclusion of the activity.
- 8. National Show Travel**
- a. Expenses incurred in conjunction with the National Show beginning one day prior to show date and continuing through the National Show will be reimbursed as outlined in this policy.
  - b. Expenses will only be reimbursed for those individuals that have been approved prior to the event by the ABGA Executive Director or the ABGA President.
- 9. Supervisors of JABGA Youth**
- a. 1. Any supervisors of Youth must pass a background check designed to protect youth with ABGA.
  - b. 2. Any adult that is acting in a supervisory position for JABGA members during an approved event will be required to:
    - i. Respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others and not use obscene or discriminatory language.
    - ii. Have a valid driver's license and carry proof of automobile liability insurance if the adult is to use a motor vehicle to transport self or others. Also, ensure that all passengers use seatbelts.
    - iii. Not possess or use alcohol and/or illegal drugs (or be under the influence thereof) while involved in any JABGA event, meeting, or activity.



- iv. Make all reasonable efforts to supervise the team, account for members' whereabouts, and not leave the site.
- v. Not allow any youth to leave the event premises unless written authorization from the youth's parent/guardian is given prior to the event.
- vi. Not allow unauthorized visitors to participate in group activities.
- vii. Never be alone with a youth. A 2:1 ratio of adults to youth shall be maintained at all times.
- viii. Complete and keep on person the Youth Emergency Contact List.
- ix. Represent the JABGA to youth and adults by conducting themselves courteously in manner and language, serving as a positive role model, and demonstrating reasonable conflict resolution skills.

*Effective 1-20-2022*

## **Board of Directors Meeting Policies**

### **1. Board Meeting Schedule**

The ABGA Board of Directors shall meet for the purpose of conducting the business of the Association each month. An in-person meeting will be considered the monthly business meeting. Implemented: New Date

*Implemented: 03-11-2025*

### **2. Closed Session of the Board**

Bylaw 6.10

From time to time the Board of Directors may enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of a sensitive and confidential nature. Non-members of the Board may be excluded from participating in these sessions during which no records of conversation or debate are kept except for results, which are reported out and recorded in the minutes of the regular Board meeting when the Executive Session has concluded.

Due to the extremely sensitive, confidential, and liability-laden nature of Executive Session deliberations and decisions, it is of paramount importance that Directors keep all Executive Session events, conversation, and comments confidential. Any director violating the confidentiality of the Executive Session shall be removed from office in accordance with Section 5.3.I In the interest of openness and transparency, it is the intention of the Board that Executive Sessions be used sparingly, but when used, that the information from those sessions be kept confidential.

*Implemented: 03-11-2025*



## **Executive Committee Policies**

### **1. Executive Committee Meeting Schedule Polices**

The ABGA Executive Committee may meet for the purpose of conducting its business on the third Tuesday of each month, if necessary. These meetings shall commence at 7:00 PM Central Time.

Exception to this policy may be observed in months during which the ABGA Executive Committee meets in a face-to-face capacity at a different time, but during the same month. Adjustment may also be made when there is a conflict with a nationally recognized holiday. Emergency meetings of this committee may be called as necessary.

*Implemented: 08-02-2008*



## **Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

**Purpose:** In accordance with Bylaw 8.2, the President, with approval of the Board of Directors (BOD) or the Executive Committee, may designate committees that shall perform such functions as provided during committee designations.

**Led by:** Each committee shall be led by a committee chair, who shall be appointed by the President of the BOD with majority approval of the board. The appointed chair of the committee shall nominate a co-chair of their choosing to be approved by the BOD.

**Reports to:** Committees will report to the BOD and shall never have the power to exercise the authority of the BOD.

**Committee Member Selection and Quantity:** Regular members in good standing of the ABGA may apply for any active committee. The chair and co-chair of the committee shall select members based on the qualifications indicated in the application. Each committee shall consist of no less than 4 total members. At least one, but no more than 50% of the whole committee, shall be currently seated on the BOD. ABGA staff members can be on committees as voting or non-voting members, as designated by the Committee Chair. Any BOD shall reserve the right to attend a committee meeting they are not an active member of in a non-voting capacity.

**Meeting minutes and recordings:** A committee member shall be designated to keep minutes of all meetings. Recordings of the meetings shall also be taken and placed in ABGA designated electronic file. Minutes shall be made available to the BOD upon request.

**Meeting times and host:** Each committee shall meet at least bimonthly. Meetings shall be conducted through a selected online platform as designated by the BOD. Meetings shall be hosted and organized by the Office Manager or committee chair to ensure proper recording and access is available to the ABGA.

**Meeting schedule policy:** Meetings shall be scheduled, and committee members notified a minimum of 5 business days in advance of the meeting unless otherwise needed on a case by case basis.

**Confidentiality agreement:** Members of the finance committee, and any other committees, as directed by the President of the ABGA, shall sign and submit a confidentiality agreement, upon acceptance to the committee, and then on an annual basis to the ABGA office.

**Removal from Committee:** Failure to comply with any of these policies will result in removal from the committee in accordance with Bylaw 8.2.



# ABGA RULES & REGULATIONS

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# Rules & Regulations of the American Boer Goat Association

## Definitions

The following definitions or descriptions shall apply when used in the Association Rules. Words, phrases, or terms not defined here shall be given their normal meaning in the Purebred goat industry.

**Affiliate Member:** An association that has paid affiliate membership dues and has been accepted by the Association as an affiliate member.

**Agent:** A person or firm empowered to act on behalf of another.

**Applicant:** The individual applying for registration of an animal with the Association.

**Applicant's Tattoo:** A sequence of letters and/or numbers assigned to each member to be tattooed in the right ear of animals.

**Artificial Insemination:** Breeding service using fresh or frozen semen.

**Association-Approved Testing:** Any test or tests that may be approved by the Board of Directors of the Association from time to time.

**Buck:** Male goat.

**Breeder:** An individual(s) who is the owner or lessee of record of a kid's dam on the date of service.

**Doe:** Female goat.

**Date of Sale:** The date on which an animal was offered for sale at public auction or, in the case of private transactions, the date on which a bona fide change of ownership took place.

**DNA Profile:** A DNA profile or DNA genetic record of the animal is recorded with the association.

**Embryo:** A fertilized egg flushed from a donor doe. Embryos may be transferred fresh or preserved by freezing in liquid nitrogen.

**Embryo Recipient Doe:** A surrogate dam that carries embryos transferred from another doe.

**Embryo Transfer:** The process of transferring an embryo into a recipient doe.

**Exhibit:** To present an animal to an ABGA judge for placement.

**Exhibitor:** Owner or individual approved by the owner to present an animal to an ABGA judge for placement.

**First Owner:** The owner or lessee of record of a kid's dam on the date of birth of the kid, except in the case of embryo kids, as provided.

**Frozen Semen:** The semen collected from a Boer buck that is processed and frozen in liquid nitrogen for future insemination.

**Genetic Factors:** The presence of genes that may or may not produce a certain type of offspring.

**Gestation:** The length of time from the time a doe is bred to when she gives birth. The industry standard gestation length for Boer goats is 150 days.

**Herd Name:** A name or series of letters and numbers assigned to an owner. The herd name will be used as the prefix for all goats registered by that owner.

**Herd Prefix:** A series of letters or letters and numbers assigned to an owner.

**Imported:** A live animal, semen, embryo, or clone originating from outside of the United States of America.

**Kid:** Young goat.

**Joint Ownership:** Two or more members sharing ownership of an ABGA registered animal. Up to four members are allowed to jointly own an animal.

**Lease:** A contract by which a person allows another person the use and possession of an animal for a specified time period; the document in which the contract is written.

**Lessee:** The person to whom a lease is given.

**Lessor:** The person from whom a lease is given.

**Member:** An individual, partnership, company, corporation, limited liability corporation, limited liability partnership, or other legal entity that has paid dues to the Association and has been accepted into the membership of the Association.

**Membership Number:** A number assigned to a member by the Association.

**Nuclear Transfer Clone:** Cloned goats resulting from nuclear transfer of adult cells.

**Out of Herd Mating:** The parents of an animal are not listed in the same ownership at the time of mating.

**Owner:** The recorded owner of animal, according to ABGA records.

**Owner of Record:** The member in whose name an animal is registered.

**Permanent Identification:** Ear tattoo or tail web tattoo.

**Producer:** The recorded owner of a cell donor at the time of collection.



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**Regular Employee:** A person whose principal occupation is full-time employment in connection with the agricultural or livestock business of the Owner(s) of Record of an animal.

**Sanctioned Show:** Any fair, association, livestock show or exposition that meets the requirements of the ABGA Sanctioned Show Program.

**Service:** A mating that may or may not result in a pregnancy, whether by natural service or artificial insemination.

**Wether:** Castrated male goat.



# Rules & Regulations of the American Boer Goat Association

## **Rule 100: Privileges of Registration**

Regular, junior, and non-member members are eligible to register goats with the American Boer Goat Association. Affiliate Memberships or terminated members of the Association shall not be entitled to the privileges of registration. Members or non-members terminated after May 1, 2009, are not eligible to register animals. It is the responsibility of the person who seeks to register a goat to be aware of all applicable requirements for such transactions at the time the submittal or request is made.

## **Rule 101: Request for Services**

The submission of an application or the request for ABGA services is an agreement by the individual to pay all related fees in preparation and/or processing the request.

- A. Fees shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors and shall be published by the ABGA.
- B. No service of any kind will be processed unless the appropriate fees are submitted.
- C. The acceptance of payment, including cashing of a check or the processing of a credit card payment for any fee shall not be deemed to acknowledge that the material is in proper order.
- D. Incomplete requests or applications that are submitted without funds can be assessed fees for staff time to research and process the stated request.
- E. In the case of registration applications submitted where multiple owners qualify as the First Owner as defined in Rule 103, where any of those owners is a non-member, applicable non-member rates will apply to that transaction.

## **Rule 102: General**

- A. All monies received are applied to the appropriate owner transaction number. Monies received without a designated owner transaction number shall have a transaction number assigned. All owners with monies owed over ninety (90) days shall be placed on administrative hold, curtailing any further business transactions until the balance due is paid. Any owner(s) with monies due in excess of ninety (90) days shall receive written notice that their rights and privileges have been denied and that the fact of such denial may be published. Those wishing to object may submit a written request to the Executive Committee.
- B. The individual submitting work is responsible for supplying all required information. All supporting documentation will be returned to the applicant as incomplete or with an RFI (Request for more Information). The applicant may resubmit the work with the necessary supporting documentation or cancel the transaction and incur a \$5 cancellation fee. All work returned to the applicant and not resubmitted within 90 days will be cancelled and subject to the cancellation fee.
- C. All ABGA applications and reports, and all rights, privileges, and activities relating in any way to the ABGA, are in all respects subject to the Rules and Regulations of the ABGA.
- D. All ABGA requirements for signature(s) of owner(s) or lessee(s) shall refer to the personal signature(s) on file with the ABGA or the encrypted digital/electronic signature, e.g.; /s/ (Typewritten Name of E- Filer).
- E. In any case where these Rules and Regulations require the personal signature/electronic equivalent of a particular person, the Board of Directors may waive such requirement after being satisfied that such person cannot or unreasonably refuses or neglects to provide such signature.
- F. The Rules and Regulations in effect at the time of submission of application for services, entry, or other participation in ABGA programs will apply to each transaction.
- G. These Rules and Regulations are subject to change by the Board of Directors of the American Boer Goat Association at any time without notice.

## **Rule 103: First Owner**

Applicant for registration must be the first owner of the kid. The dam must be officially entered on the records of the Association under the exact same name as the first owner's membership on the date of birth of the kid unless a lessee has been designated on that date, except in cases of embryo kids as provided for in Rule 500.

## **Rule 104: Breeder**

The breeder of an animal is the owner or lessee of record of a kid's dam on the date of service.



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## Rule 200: Herd Books

The record of animal registrations of the Association shall be known as the American Boer Goat Herd Book. The methods in which the records are kept are vested with the Board of Directors.

- A. The American Boer Goat Herd Book is made up of three (3) herd books:
  - i. Fullblood
  - ii. American Purebred
  - iii. American Percentage
- B. The herd book(s) are divided into categories. Each category is assigned a level of Boer breeding that determines the category of next generation. In order to maintain common percentage breaks, the percentage of the animal may be rounded to the nearest category.

## Rule 201: Fullblood Boer Goats

Fullblood Boer Goats must have originated from 100% Fullblood stock, either imported or American born.

## Rule 202: American Purebred Boer Goat Does

American Purebred Boer Goat Does must have a minimum of 93.75% and less than 100% Boer blood and originate from any combination of Fullblood, American Purebred, or American Percentage parents whose average percentage falls within the requirements for this category of registration. Does in this category become eligible to be shown in the same classes as Fullblood Boer goats.

## Rule 203: American Purebred Boer Goat Bucks

American Purebred Boer Goats Bucks must have a minimum of 96.875% and less than 100% Boer blood and originate from any combination of Fullblood, American Purebred, or American Percentage parents whose average percentage falls within the requirements for this category of registration. Bucks in this category are eligible to be shown in the same classes as Fullblood Boer goats.

## Rule 204: American Percentage Boer Goat Bucks and Does

American Percentage Boer Goat Does must have a minimum of 25% and less than 93.75% Boer blood American Percentage Boer Goat Bucks to have a minimum of 25% and less than 96.875% and originate from any combination of Fullblood, American Purebred, American Percentage, or unregistered parents whose average percentage falls within the requirements for this category of registration. (07/14/25)

## Rule 206: Percentage Boer Wethers; Record of Pedigree

Bucks of less than 50% Boer goat blood will not be eligible for registration. Wethers (castrated males) that are at least 6.25% are eligible for a "Record of Pedigree" certificate. This "Record of Pedigree" will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the wether's herd prefix, herd name, date of birth and tattoos, scrapie tags/federal ID, or microchips. (02-11-2025)

- A. **Native on Appearance:** Does Otherwise Ineligible for Registration or Record of Pedigree that have the appearance of a Boer goat will be eligible for "Native on Appearance". The "Native on Appearance" document will be issued after the proper documentation and a full profile body picture of the doe has been submitted with the does herd prefix, herd name, and tattoos, scrapie tags/federal ID, or microchips. "Native on Appearance" does will be granted 12.5% Boer blood. Native on Appearance does must appear to be a Boer goat. The traditional Boer Goat is white bodied with red head, but no preference is given to any color. (07-14-2025)

## Rule 207: Animals Otherwise Ineligible for Registration or Record of Pedigree

- B. **Listing Paper:** Bucks that are otherwise ineligible for registration or a Record of Pedigree will be eligible for a "Listing Paper" with the Association. This "Listing Paper" will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the applicant's herd prefix, herd name, and tattoos, scrapie tags/federal ID, or microchips. (02-11-2025)

## Rule 208: Registration of Imported Fullblood Animals

The term imported shall apply to live animals, semen from animals, embryos, and/or clones bred and produced



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outside the United States of America. To be eligible for registration with ABGA, these animals must meet the following criteria:

- A. An official certificate of pedigree or verification of breed purity from the official registry association of the country of origin is required with ABGA registration application.
- B. Imported animals must be declared at time of entry as to their breeding to qualify for registry in the ABGA.
- C. The animal to be registered is to meet the requirements in Rule 210.
- D. If an animal is imported as a frozen embryo, or an embryo carried in a recipient doe, the sire and dam must be properly recognized in one of the recognized Boer goat associations or registries.
- E. If the animal is imported in utero, the dam and sire must be properly recognized in one of the recognized associations or registries
- F. If the animal is sired by artificial insemination, using imported semen, semen must be from a sire recognized in one of the recognized associations or registries
- G. Imported percentage animals are not eligible for the ABGA herd books.
- H. Notation of country of origin shall appear on the ABGA Registration Certificate.

## Rule 209: Ineligible for Registration

- A. Date of Birth Issues:
  - i. A kid born less than one hundred and forty (140) days after birth of its dam's most recent kid(s) shall not be eligible for registration, except in the case of embryo kids, as provided for in Rule 501.
  - ii. An offspring born greater than one hundred and fifty-nine (159) days from the service date as listed on the ABGA certificate, embryo transfer form, transfer records or other records.
- B. Kids whose sire or dam was less than 90 days old at time of their conception.
- C. Uncertain or Unknown Parentage:
  - i. Whenever the eligibility for registration of any animal is in doubt because of uncertain or unknown parentage, DNA testing will be required by the Association.
  - ii. If an animal is found to have incorrectly listed parentage, the animal will not be eligible for registration until correct parentage is confirmed through DNA parentage verification.
  - iii. If an animal submitted for registration has the documented sire excluded through DNA marker testing, the animal will not be eligible for registration until a qualifying sire is identified through DNA marker testing.

## Rule 210: Registration Form; Content and Methods

A complete application for registration must be submitted to the ABGA office, along with any required additional forms, signatures, and payment of all applicable fees. Current forms are available from the ABGA office or on the ABGA website: [www.abga.org/forms](http://www.abga.org/forms).

- A. Applications for registration will include the following:
  - i. Animal's requested name (see [Rule 214: Naming of Animals](#)).
  - ii. Registration number and name of sire.
  - iii. Registration number of dam, if applicable.
  - iv. Sex of the animal.
  - v. Date of birth.
  - vi. How many in birth.
  - vii. Type of mating: natural, artificial insemination, or embryo transfer.
  - viii. Horn information.
  - ix. Animal's tattoos (see tattoo policy). All animals shall be tattooed at the time of application for registration.
  - x. External identification, if any. Note: This is not a form of permanent identification. To be eligible for registration in the ABGA herd books, goats must have permanent identification in the form of tattoos.
  - xi. Breeder's information.
  - xii. Transfer information, if applicable.
  - xiii. Specify herd book for which the animal is eligible: Fullblood, American Purebred, or American Percentage.
  - xiv. When an application for a ½ (50%) Part-bred American Boer doe is made, specify the breed



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of the dam, if known, that is not a registered Boer.

- xv. Authorized signatures or electronic equivalent.
- B. Applications for registration must be typed or legibly written on current ABGA forms. Whenever an application for registration is incomplete or on non-ABGA forms, and the applicant has failed to provide all the information required by the Association's Rules within 90 days of the date the Association receives the application, such application shall be considered null and void. An application shall be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee.
- C. In the event that the sire of an animal to be registered was not registered in the name of the owner or lessee of record of the dam at time of service, the owner or lessee of record of the sire must fill in and sign a Service Memo, giving name and registration number of the buck and date of service. If the dam was pasture-bred and the exact date of breeding is not known, the word "pasture" may be inserted in lieu of a date.
- D. Every Registration Certificate is based on the representations contained in the Application for Registration and/or Certificate of Transfer. If an animal has been registered or transferred through error, misrepresentation or fraud, such Registration Certificate is VOID, together with any registration or transfer of progeny. The American Boer Goat Association assumes no liability for damages arising from such entry or transfer.
- E. It is strongly recommended that unsound or unworthy animals not be presented for registration.
- F. ABGA reserves the right to request further documentation to confirm an animal's eligibility for entry.
- G. In the event of a conflict, ABGA records shall control. Appeals may be addressed to the Board of Directors.

## **Rule 211: ABGA Registry Forms**

Current forms are available from the ABGA office or on the ABGA website: [www.abga.org/forms](http://www.abga.org/forms).

Members can call the ABGA office for free forms. The following forms are available:

- A. ABGA Registration Application for a Single Animal
- B. ABGA Registration Application for Multiple Animals
- C. ABGA Online Actions (Electronic form)
- D. ABGA Transfer of Registration Form
- E. ABGA Service Memo
- F. ABGA Embryo Ownership Transfer Form
- G. ABGA Animal Lease Form
- H. ABGA DNA Form
- I. ABGA Agent Authorization Form

## **Rule 212: ABGA Prefix and Tattoo Sequence**

Members and non-members shall select a unique herd prefix. The unique herd prefix can be submitted with the new membership application or by written letter to the ABGA office. The herd prefix can be a word or words, or a series of numbers and/or letters, that are unique and not assigned to other individuals. Once assigned, the prefix is used for animal identification by tattooing the herd prefix in the right ear of each animal registered by the applicant. Junior members may utilize the herd prefix assigned to an adult member residing in the same household and serving as their agent. The herd prefix must meet the following requirements:

- A. No herd prefix can be more than 5 numbers or letters.
- B. Effective April 5, 2009, no herd prefix may contain spaces or special characters.
- C. Each herd prefix must be unique and not assigned to other individuals.
- D. No herd prefix will be assigned that utilizes one letter followed by a number or series of numbers (example: D4 or R278).
- E. Once assigned, the herd prefix and tattoo sequence cannot be changed. Exception: Rule 212F
- F. An ABGA herd prefix may be reassigned in the case of court order, inheritance, or sale of herd prefix by submitting a completed ABGA Name & Herd Prefix Transfer Form and appropriate fee to the ABGA office.

## **Rule 213: ABGA Herd Name**

Members may also apply for assignment of a unique herd name to be used in the naming of an animal.



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The herd name can be submitted with the new member application or by written letter to the ABGA office along with filing the appropriate fee. The herd name must meet the following requirements:

- A. A herd name may or may not be the same as the herd prefix.
- B. Only members of the Association may reserve a herd name.
- C. Each membership is limited to one active herd name at a given time.
- D. Once assigned, the herd name cannot be changed.
- E. Herd names are limited to a set of letters and/or numbers not to exceed 32 characters.
- F. Herd name and animal ID (name or ID number) may not exceed 32 characters
- G. An ABGA herd name that is no longer being used may be purchased by submitting a completed ABGA Name & Herd Prefix Transfer Form and appropriate fee to the ABGA office.

## **Rule 214: Naming of Animals**

Animal names consist of two parts. The first part of an animal name is the applicant's herd prefix or the applicant's herd name. The second part of the animal's name is the actual name of the animal as provided by the applicant.

- A. Example 1: XCDFG Billy Twin M172. The member prefix is XCDFG, and the applicant requested name of the animal is Billy Twin M172.
- B. Example 2: Clear View Billy Twin M172. The herd name is Clear View and the applicant requested name of the animal is Billy Twin M172.
- C. Herd names are available by completing the herd name section of an ABGA membership form and paying the herd name fee.
- D. Each animal to be registered must have a name, limited to 32 letters, numbers, and spaces. All letters must be in English, and all numerals must be in Arabic. Joint letters or other unusual marks or symbols will not be accepted. If a herd name is included in the name of an animal to be registered, it shall be the duty of the applicant to determine the correctness of such name before assigning it. The Association reserves the right to refuse a name request.
- E. The assigned herd prefix or herd name of the applicant shall be the first part of the registered name of the goat. The breeder of an offspring is the registered owner of the doe at the date of conception.
- F. If a doe is sold to a new owner during pregnancy, all offspring of that mating shall be given the herd prefix or herd name of the applicant for registration of the offspring
- G. In naming an animal, care must be taken to avoid including another person's herd name/prefix as part of the chosen name. Using another person's herd name/prefix may be considered an infringement upon that person's registered herd name/prefix unless this is agreed to by that breeder. The use of another person's registered herd name/prefix could result in misrepresentation of an animal's pedigree.
- H. Once an animal has been officially registered and named with ABGA, the original herd name or prefix cannot be changed. Other name changes must have written approval by the original applicant for registration. This type of name change will not be allowed if the animal has offspring registered with the Association at the time of the request.
- I. Members are allowed to receive a corrected certificate if the name was printed different from the application or online entry due to a system error. (6-2-2020)

## **Rule 215: ABGA Tattoo Policy**

- A. Each applicant is assigned a unique tattoo sequence. ABGA has an "exclusive use" policy for assigned tattoo sequences. Assigned tattoo sequences are protected, with their use restricted to the applicant they are assigned to, or those individuals duly authorized to use that assigned tattoo sequence. Members are required to use the sequence assigned to their membership number. They may not use a sequence assigned to someone else.
- B. When filling out the application for registration, state on the application the tattoo exactly as it appears on the animal. Do not show tattoo information on the application that has not actually been tattooed on the animal.
- C. If a mistake in tattooing has occurred, what is actually tattooed on the animal must be reported on the application for registration. In some cases, additional numbers or letters may need to be added to the animal, in order for the tattoos to be unique to that animal.
- D. The applicant's tattoo shall be tattooed in the right ear of all animals submitted for registration.
- E. If a doe is sold to a new owner during pregnancy, offspring resulting from that pregnancy shall



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have the herd prefix of the owner of the doe at kidding tattooed in the right ear of each offspring submitted for registration. The name of the animal will have the herd prefix or herd name of the applicant as part of the animal's name on the Certificate of Registration.

- F. It is recommended that the left ear of all animals submitted for registration shall be tattooed with a letter to indicate the year the animal was born, followed by a serial number to designate the order of birth. The recommended year letters for ABGA are as follows:

Year	Letter	Year	Letter	Year	Letter	Year	Letter
1993	E	2005	T	2017	G	2029	W
1994	F	2006	V	2018	H	2030	X
1995	G	2007	W	2019	J	2031	Y
1996	H	2008	X	2020	K	2032	Z
1997	J	2009	Y	2021	L	2033	A
1998	K	2010	Z	2022	M	2034	B
1999	L	2011	A	2023	N	2035	C
2000	M	2012	B	2024	P	2036	D
2001	N	2013	C	2025	R	2037	E
2002	P	2014	D	2026	S	2038	F
2003	R	2015	E	2027	T	2039	G
2004	S	2016	F	2028	V	2040	H

**The letters I, O, Q, and U are not used.**

- G. No animal shall be registered by ABGA with the same tattoo (combination of right and left ear tattoos) within a 22-year period.
- H. Tattoos are important, not only for positive permanent individual identification, but also for identification of animals who participate in the various ABGA programs, such as shows, performance (gain) testing, inspection for ennoblement, and the BGIN program. In addition, the USDA Scrapie Eradication program and US Animal Identification program recognize registry tattoos as permanent identification for both programs.
- I. Animals submitted for registration in the ABGA that list a tattoo sequence already assigned within the ABGA registry will require the following:
- i. The applicant will be required to re-tattoo the animal's right ear with their ABGA assigned prefix.
  - ii. The registration certificate will reflect that the animal has been re-tattooed.
- J. If an animal requires re-tattooing, the applicant will return registration certificate to ABGA noting all characters as they appear on the animal. The registration certificate will be reissued to reflect that the animal has been re-tattooed in accordance with Rule 712.
- K. Permanently implanted microchip identification will be accepted by ABGA as official identification in addition to, or in lieu of, tattoos. The owner is responsible for providing the appropriate scanning device to read any microchip used for identification purposes.
- L. Freeze Branding will be accepted by ABGA as official identification and is considered a method of tattoo. The applicant's assigned herd prefix will be branded into the right ear and it is recommended that the left ear be tattooed with a letter to indicate the year the animal was born, followed by a serial number to designate the order of birth. (7-14-2023)

### **Rule 216: Leasing ABGA Bucks and Does**

The owner of an ABGA registered animal may lease that animal to another breeder by completing a lease document. In the case of a partnership doe lease, or a lease to more than one person, the lessees may divide the ownership of the resulting offspring, and each may use their individual herd prefix to name the offspring in their ownership. All lessees will be recorded as the breeder of any offspring conceived during the lease period. When leases of bucks are in effect, the lessee(s) is authorized to sign service memos for offspring conceived during the lease period.

- A. An ABGA lease form or acceptable lease document must be submitted to the ABGA office in order for the lessee to register goats or sign for buck services.
- B. Registration and transfers of offspring from leased parent(s) are subjected to current registration and transfer requirements and fees.



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## **Rule 300: Transfers**

When a registered goat is sold, it must be transferred to the buyer and a transfer recorded with the ABGA before its progeny can be registered. The original Registration Certificate, properly signed by the owner(s) of record, must be returned to the ABGA for a transfer to be recorded. The owner(s) of record at the time of sale has the responsibility for completing an ABGA transfer in its entirety.

## **Rule 301: Transfer Content**

- A. An Application for Transfer must state:
  - i. Name, address, and, if available, membership number of each transferee.
  - ii. Date of sale.
  - iii. Service date, natural or artificial, and registration number of buck, if animal being transferred has been serviced. (The date of service and registration number of the buck may be entered only if service was prior to the date of sale of the animal being transferred. If the doe was pasture-exposed and the exact date of service is unknown, the word “pasture” may be entered instead of a date.)
  - iv. Signature and Membership Number of individual(s), partnership, corporation, or other legal entity in whose name the service buck is registered, indicating whether females have been serviced naturally or artificially inseminated.
  - v. If the doe has been serviced by a buck not owned by the breeder, a completed and signed Service Memo from the buck owner will be required to register any resulting offspring.
- B. Transfer applications will not be processed if any of the required data is omitted, except as otherwise provided in Rule 308 or 309.
- C. Transfer of ownership is to be completed on the back of an ABGA registration certificate or ABGA approved transfer form. In the absence of the original ABGA registration certificate at the time of transfer, a statement verifying the whereabouts of the original certificate will be required and the transferred certificate will be marked “Duplicate” in accordance with Rule 705.
- D. Every change of ownership of record of an animal used for registered breeding purposes must be recorded with the Association by official transfer. Missing or skipped transfers of ownership are subject to a transfer fee. In the case of an animal that is not registered with ABGA, both registration and transfer fees will apply

## **Rule 302: Transfer Fees**

Payment of the required transfer fees shall be a matter of private negotiation between the buyer and seller and may be paid by either of them, but such fee must accompany the transfer, with the membership status of the buyer determining the applicable transfer fee. Transfer applications will be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee. Incomplete transfer applications shall be returned to the applicant.

## **Rule 303: Transfer of a Registered Animal**

Every application for transfer of an animal shall be taken as a guarantee by the buyer and seller that the animal is as represented and that all matters stated in the application are true.

## **Rule 304: Transfer of Registration**

- A. No entry on the transfer record of a Certificate of Registration shall be made except by the Association, and any unauthorized entry is subject to the issuance of a replacement Certificate at an additional fee.
- B. It shall be the duty of the seller before offering a registered animal for sale, or applying for transfer, to verify that the animal carries legible permanent identification marks, corresponding to the permanent identification marks entered on its certificate.
- C. Transfer entries of jointly owned animals shall not exceed four (4) recognized memberships.

## **Rule 305: Transfer of Animal on Application for Registration**

A breeder may transfer an animal on the registration application by completing the transfer portion of the registration application. The correct registration and transfer fees are required with the application.



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## **Rule 306: Transfer of Bred Doe**

When a doe has been transferred subsequent to being serviced but prior to the birth of her kid(s), and the service was not reported on the transfer application,

- A. The breeder (owner of record of the dam at the time of service) must provide a service memo with all required signatures to register any resulting offspring.
- B. If a pregnant recipient doe is being sold, the owner of the embryo(s) must sign an application for transfer of embryo ownership. Failure to sign will indicate the seller of the animal is retaining ownership of the resulting offspring.

## **Rule 307: Transfer of Doe with Unregistered Offspring at Side**

If a doe is transferred with an unregistered offspring(s) at side, the seller must provide a completed application for registration and transfer.

## **Rule 308: Special Transfers**

The following types of transfers, not classified as transfers in the ordinary usage of the term, may be made at fees established by the Board of Directors.

- A. Transfers from estates to heirs under terms of wills or court orders.
- B. Transfers from court orders.
- C. Transfers to individuals of partnerships.
- D. Transfers to stockholders upon the dissolution of corporations or to members or stakeholders of other legal entities upon the dissolution of such entities.
- E. Papers and documents necessary to show that the person requesting transfer is legally authorized and entitled to request such transfer must be filed with the Association.

## **Rule 309: Transfer of Applications of Animals Consigned to Public Sales**

Sale managers or their representatives may fill in buyers' names on applications for transfer of animals consigned to public sales and, if authorized by the consignor, may sign such application in his stead. Such applications must indicate the name of the sale manager or agent representing the consignor and be signed by him. Applications executed under this Rule are subject to Rule 708.

## **Rule 310: Transfer of Exported Animals**

Application for transfer of an animal exported to another country shall be made with a regular Transfer Application.

## **Rule 311: Responsibility for Legal Title**

A transfer of registration entered on an application or a Certificate of Registration, or on the records of the Association, shall not be construed as the conveyance of legal title by the Association. The Association shall in no way be involved in or assume liability for the purchase, sale, or terms of sale of registered animals, or the passage of legal title thereto.

## **Rule 312: Errors in Recording of Transfers**

The Association shall not be held liable for any errors in its recording of transfers.

## **Rule 400: Artificial Insemination**

Females may be bred by artificial insemination using either fresh, chilled or frozen semen.

## **Rule 401: Documentation of Progeny by Artificial Insemination**

- A. The vial, straw, or other container carrying the semen must be clearly and accurately labeled in permanent ink with the following information:
  - i. ABGA name and registration number of the buck.
  - ii. Date of collection.
  - iii. Name and ID of the business or person doing the collection of the semen. If the person doing the collection of semen is the owner of the buck being collected and is not a commercial processor, then the buck owner may use his or her ABGA membership number as the processor ID.
- B. At time of service, each doe must be identified by tattoo and description as verified by the



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registration certificate.

- C. Boer Goat semen imported from other countries must have documents from the supplier verifying that the semen is from Fullblood Boer goat stock. Copies of these documents must accompany the registration application.
- D. ABGA will consider the use of semen in an AI service to constitute the right of usage for the semen specified in that breeding.

## **Rule 500: Embryo Transfer Rules**

In all cases, the breeder of an embryo is defined as the owner or lessee of the dam (in this case, the donor doe) at the time of service. The breeding date is the date that the donor doe was serviced.

## **Rule 501: Embryo Transfer Report Content**

The breeder of the animal (owner or lessee of record of the donor doe at conception) bears the responsibility to ensure embryo information is properly recorded and retained. At the time of the embryo flush, the person or company providing the service is required to complete an embryo transfer record. A separate embryo form for each donor doe shall be completed, and will include the following information:

- A. Record of service (date, registration number and permanent ID of embryo sire).
- B. Registration number, permanent ID (tattoos), and DNA case number of donor doe.
- C. If an AI service, a completed and signed AI memo must be included.
- D. Date of embryo transfer.
- E. Name and signature of technician/company.
- F. Number of embryos recovered.
- G. Number of embryos transferred.
- H. Number of embryos frozen.
- I. ID of recipient doe(s).
- J. If embryos from multiple donors are transferred to one recipient doe, DNA parentage verification will be required prior to registration.

## **Rule 502: Acceptable Embryo Transfer Forms**

The preferred form is from the International Embryo Transfer Society, which may be downloaded at <http://www.IETS.org>.

## **Rule 503: Proper Documentation**

- A. A properly completed and signed Embryo Transfer Report shall be submitted with each application for registration of kids resulting from that particular embryo flush.
- B. When an embryo changes ownership, an Embryo Ownership Transfer form must be submitted that provides for embryos in recipients, fresh, or frozen embryos. One Embryo Ownership Transfer form must be submitted with each change of ownership.

## **Rule 504: Imported Frozen Embryos**

Frozen embryos imported from other countries must have documents from the exporter verifying the embryos originated from animals eligible for registration with ABGA. These documents must also accompany the application for registration.

## **Rule 600: Cloning Process**

Members desiring to register animals from nuclear transfer cloning are required to submit properly completed documentation as stated in Rule 602, in addition to the application for registration.

## **Rule 601: Producer**

The owner of a cell-donor animal at the time of cell collection must be identified as the producer of a cell- cloned offspring.

## **Rule 602: Cloning Content**

The owner of the genetic material to be cloned bears the responsibility to ensure clone information is properly recorded and retained. The cloning facility is required to collect the following information and provide the same to



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the owner of the resulting nuclear transfer clones or resulting goat(s):

- A. Record of donor tissue collection.
- B. Registration number and permanent ID (tattoos) of donor animal.
- C. Date and location of biopsy.
- D. Signed authorization of donor animal owner.
- E. Name and signature of individual performing biopsy.
- F. Record of nuclear transfer clones.
- G. Date of embryo transfer.
- H. Number of embryos transferred and permanent ID of recipient doe(s).
- I. Name & signature of person or company performing the embryo transfer.

## **Rule 603: Sellers of Genetic Material**

Sellers of genetic material, nuclear transfer clones, and/or animals shall provide buyers with copies of all properly completed documentation.

## **Rule 604: DNA Testing Requirements for Clones**

Cell donors and nuclear transfer clones that apply for registration shall be DNA marker tested by the DNA testing laboratory approved by ABGA.

## **Rule 605: Importing Clones from Other Countries**

Boer goat nuclear transfer clones and/or animals imported from other countries must have documents from the seller verifying the embryos or animals originated from animals eligible for registration with ABGA. These documents must also accompany the application for registration.

## **Rule 700: Certificate of Conditional Issuance**

The certificate evidencing registration in the ABGA herd books is issued on the following condition:

“The American Boer Goat Association (“ABGA”) has recorded the registration and/or transfer(s) of the within described animal (“animal”) strictly in reliance on the truthfulness of representations made in applications, certificates of pedigree furnished with applications, and any other applicable information. ABGA makes no representations or warranties, either express or implied, as to the accuracy of this certificate or as to the animal’s breeding, health, existence, ownership, or value.”

## **Rule 701: Registration of Offspring**

In order to protect innocent third-party owners of offspring which are the product of breeding of previously eligible parents taking place prior to date of cancellation of the certificate of a parent or parents, with the exception specified in Rule 705 below, such offspring are eligible for listing in the American Boer Goat herd book, if otherwise eligible. If an offspring currently has a numbered certificate, the certificate shall be recalled and a new certificate issued.

## **Rule 702: Certificate based on Members’ Applications**

Certificates are issued based upon member’s registration applications, other associations certificates of pedigree furnished with the application, and other sources available to the American Boer Goat Association.

## **Rule 703: Procedures for Revoking Certificate of Registration**

The American Boer Goat Association Executive Committee can revoke a certificate if that certificate is incorrect. The Executive Committee can make a determination that the certificate should be revoked and specifically set out the reason(s) for revocation. This shall apply to the original certificate, which was issued in error, and any subsequently issued certificates that are affected (e.g., certificates of offspring).

## **Rule 704: Recall and Issuance of Offspring Certificate**

Issued certificates, either by recall or original issue, of offspring by a parent whose registration certificate is cancelled shall indicate the identity of the ineligible parent and date of Executive Committee action as follows:

- A. “(Name of goat) certificate cancelled (date of cancellation) previously designated parentage incorrect.”
- B. The second and third generation notation on the certificate shall carry the designation “Unknown.”



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## **Rule 705: Duplicate Registration**

A duplicate registration certificate is a new registration certificate when the original has been lost or destroyed. It is issued when sufficient proof of loss and proper identification of the goat has been submitted to the ABGA office. The duplicate registration certificate will be denoted "Duplicate," and the original will become void.

## **Rule 706: Court Order for Duplicate Certificate**

In regard to involuntary transfer of title situations, including but not limited to court judgments or security interest foreclosure, when it is proven to the Association's satisfaction with legal court documents, requirement of affidavit of the recorded owner may be waived and the current owner deemed eligible for a duplicate registration certificate.

## **Rule 707: Replacement of Registration Certificate**

A replacement registration certificate is a new registration certificate, issued when the original certificate is in existence but has been defaced. The original certificate must be surrendered to the ABGA office.

## **Rule 708: Agent Authorization**

- A. When an animal is owned by a company, ranch, farm, club, corporation, University or school, family, partnership or joint ownership (of related or unrelated persons), or any entity other than an individual, the Association must have an Agent Authorization form on file to indicate who may sign documents for that entity. (Forms are available upon request from the ABGA office at no charge.)
- B. Written authorization is also required when an individual owner appoints another individual to sign in his or her behalf.
- C. In the case of a minor child (younger than 18 years of age), the Association requires a statement from the legal guardian or parent giving the birth date of the child and designating the person(s) signing on behalf of the minor child. An agent for a minor child must be an active ABGA member.
- D. When the owner of an animal is deceased, the Association must have legal documentation on file appointing the agent or representative for the estate (Letters of Administration, etc.) and bearing the original certification or seal of "the Clerk of the Probate Court." In the event there was not a formal probate of the estate, an Affidavit of Heirship must be completed by the heirs and notarized. Forms are available upon request from the ABGA office at no charge.
- E. Authorization of an agent may be canceled by written notification by record owner. Such termination of authorization will take effect upon receipt in the Association office.

## **Rule 709: Representations**

Every registration certificate is based on the representations contained in the application for registration and/or certificate of transfer. If an animal has been registered or transferred through error, misrepresentation, or fraud, such registration certificate is VOID, together with any registration certificates of progeny, except as defined in Rule 701. The American Boer Goat Association assumes no liability for damages arising from such entry or transfer.

## **Rule 710: ABGA Records**

In the event of a conflict, ABGA records shall control.

## **Rule 711: Re-Registration Certificate**

Re-registration certificates are issued to indicate a correction of the sire or dam.

- A. A re-registration certificate requires a properly completed registration application with proper supporting forms and a signed statement which gives details as to why the goat was incorrectly registered.
- B. ABGA must be provided with the original registration certificate before a re-registration certificate can be issued
- C. When the correct parentage has been established through DNA parentage verification, the Executive Committee may, in the interest of fairness and equity toward an innocent third party, authorize re- registration without the application and supporting breeding documents if it is determined to be unreasonable to require these documents under the particular circumstance.
- D. Proper fees must be remitted.



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## Rule 712: Correction of a Registration Certificate

- A. The applicant is responsible for immediately reporting any discrepancy in registration certificate to ABGA and returning it for correction.
- B. A corrected certificate is issued to indicate a change in color, sex (male to female or vice versa) or date of birth, to correct a date of transfer or reflect a re-tattoo.
- C. ABGA must be provided with the original certificate before a corrected certificate can be issued.
- D. If a registration certificate is delivered to ABGA's office for a correction, but the correction items are not in proper order to issue a corrected certificate, the registration certificate will be retained by ABGA until the correction can be completed and a new certificate issued.
- E. To correct the date of transfer recorded with ABGA, ABGA must be provided with the goat's original registration certificate along with signed statements from both seller and buyer on the transfer report that is to be corrected, giving the correct date. At ABGA's discretion and in the interest of equity, date of transfer may be corrected on the signed statement of either buyer or seller.
- F. The current owner of record shall be notified of any correction made to a registration certificate.
- G. Correction fees may apply.

## Rule 800: ABGA DNA Program

ABGA has designated UC Davis as the official ABGA-approved DNA testing facility. (01-14-2025)

## Rule 801: ABGA DNA Testing

- A. As of September 1, 2021, DNA testing will be on a voluntary basis. However, DNA testing must be requested and processed through the ABGA office to be eligible for use with ABGA registration.
- B. All other DNA Rules are under review and subject to change; however, they remain in effect as associated with the use of voluntary DNA submission.
- C. Parent qualification and/or parent verification will be performed on all animals submitted for DNA marker testing when required samples are on file with ABGA. If a parent has been STR tested through UC Davis, parentage verification requires either: a.) SNP testing of the parent or b.) a STR & SNP combo test submitted for the offspring. (01-14-2025)
- D. Animals must be registered with the highest likely parentage prior to submitting DNA samples.
  - i. The \$10 correction fee will be waived if the sire identified is not the correct one on the pedigree. (01-14-2025)

## Rule 802: ABGA DNA Marker Testing Procedure

- A. DNA test kits must be requested through the ABGA website or directly from the ABGA office.
- B. Only current ABGA or JABGA members can request DNA testing.
- C. Only the current owner of the animal can request DNA Testing.
  - i. Written and signed confirmation from the current owner on record or their descendants will be required for the release to test an animal not belonging to the member requesting to test said animal.
  - ii. If an animal has previously been tested using STR technology, any current or previous owner of that animal may pay to have the DNA transitioned to SNP technology. (01-14-2025)
  - iii. If an animal has previously been tested using STR technology, that remaining stored sample will take precedent to test before a new sample can be submitted for testing with SNP technology. If the remaining stored sample is degraded or there is insufficient sample remaining to do additional testing, a new sample would be required.
- D. All DNA test kit requests must be accompanied by the appropriate test fee.
- E. The following will be submitted DIRECTLY TO THE ABGA – approved DNA testing facility:
  - i. Fully completed test kit – signed and dated.
  - ii. All required samples
- F. No tampering with or modifying of the information printed on the individual animal test kit.
- G. The ABGA-approved DNA testing facility will remit all results directly to the ABGA to be included in the animal's permanent record.



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- H. Upon submission of the original certificate of a DNA tested animal to the ABGA office for transfer or correction, the ABGA certificate will bear the printed statement “DNA SNP Tested” for animal that have been tested through UC Davis using SNP technology.
  - i. No correction fee will be assessed to add “SNP Tested” onto the certificate. A new printing fee will be assessed if member wants a reprinted certificate showing “SNP Tested.” (01-14-2025)
- I. No transfer of DNA testing to another animal – each testing kit will be designated to a specific registered animal. No refunds for requested DNA testing after the testing kits have left the office.

## **Rule 803: DNA Parentage Qualification**

Parentage qualification between one parent and the offspring offers a high probability that the tested individuals are related as a parent and offspring, without consideration of the second parent. Parentage qualification does not offer a guarantee of correct parentage. For parentage to be qualified through DNA marker testing, both the potential parent and the offspring must have individual DNA marker testing on file with ABGA.

## **Rule 804: DNA Parentage Verification**

For parentage to be verified through DNA marker testing, each of the dam, sire, and offspring in question must be verified through individual DNA marker testing.

## **Rule 805: Ownership of DNA Samples and Results**

All genetic material submitted, samples, and results of DNA testing performed as part of the ABGA DNA Program will become property of ABGA. A copy of the official test report will be released to the current owner of record.

## **Rule 900: Disciplinary Procedures:**

- A. Definitions.
  - i. “ABGA Rules” means Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics established from time to time by the ABGA Board of Directors for members pursuant to Section 3.8 of the Bylaws. The term “ABGA Rules” also includes all rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Board regarding any ABGA services, if any, which are provided to participating non-members from time to time.
  - ii. “ABGA services” means services which ABGA provides such as the recording of documents in connection with the mission of maintaining the pedigrees and bloodlines of the Boer goat. This term also includes any and all related programs and services the ABGA may provide from time to time.
  - iii. “Bylaws” means the Bylaws of the American Boer Goat Association, as such may be amended from time to time.
  - iv. “Cruel or Inhumane treatment” means and includes, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:
    - a. Using inhumane techniques, equipment or methods in the raising, training or exhibiting of goats; or
    - b. Using any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug which could affect the goat’s performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance unless such procedures, foreign substance or drugs are used for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the goat.
    - c. The standard by which conduct, or treatment will be measured to determine if it rises to the level of misconduct is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted Boer goat raising and exhibition procedures would determine to be cruel, abusive, and inhumane.
  - v. “Holder” means a person who holds a Certificate of Registration issued by ABGA.
  - vi. “Members” means those persons whose membership is in good standing and includes Regular, Junior, and Affiliate Members.
  - vii. “Membership in good standing” means a person whose membership has not been suspended or terminated under sections 3.5 or 3.7 of the Bylaws or this Rule 900. Membership in the ABGA is a privilege, not a right, application for which shall be made by procedures prescribed by ABGA. Membership or application, therefore, may be suspended, terminated, or rejected by the Board under:



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- (i) Section 3.5 of the Bylaws.
  - (ii) Section 3.7 of the Bylaws; or
  - (iii) for cause detrimental to the interest of ABGA, its programs, policies, objectives, and harmonious relationship of its members. Suspension or termination proceedings “for cause” shall be conducted under this Rule 900. The effect of suspension or termination may be a denial of the privileges of membership in ABGA.
- viii. “Misconduct” means and includes, but is not limited to, one or more of the following acts by a member or non-member:
- i. making any misrepresentation or perpetrating a fraud under any rule, requirement or regulation of the ABGA, including the breeding, showing, registration, purchase or sale of Boer goats or with respect to the submission of data or other information to ABGA or any programs which may be developed from time to time;
  - ii. violating any rules of the ABGA as such rules are adopted and amended from time to time;
  - iii. violating any Bylaws of the ABGA as such Bylaws are adopted from time to time. Specifically, but without limiting the foregoing, no person shall:
    - a. represent any goat owned or managed by him to ABGA registered unless the same is registered in the official herd book of ABGA;
    - b. furnish false information to ABGA;
    - c. issue, sell, exchange, give away, or receive, or offer a false or fraudulent certificate, representing the same to be a genuine official certificate issued by ABGA;
    - d. represent as a registered American Boer Goat any goat other than the goat for which said certificate was issued;
    - e. bribe, or attempt to bribe, an ABGA representative, ABGA Certified or Approved judge, or any other official of an ABGA-approved event;
    - f. conspire, cooperate, or contribute with another person or persons to violate ABGA rules;
    - g. refuse to assist ABGA, its officers, committees, or agents in locating, identifying and inspecting, securing DNA samples as might be required, or to answer promptly and truthfully any inquiry concerning a goat or an ancestor thereof that has been registered with ABGA, or for which application to register has been made;
    - h. refuse to assist ABGA, its officers, committees or agents, or to promptly and truthfully give information, in form requested, concerning any ABGA matter;
    - i. engage in any form of cruel or inhumane treatment of goats;
    - j. with respect to exhibitor conduct, fail to treat judges and show officials with courtesy and respect;
    - k. direct any abusive, threatening, or obscene conduct toward judges, show officials, ABGA staff members or other exhibitors.
- ix. “Non-members” means persons who are either participating non-members or non-participating, non-members.
- x. “Non-participating, non-members” means persons who are not members of the ABGA and have no privilege whatsoever to access ABGA services.
- xi. “Participating non-members” means persons who are not members of the ABGA, but who are, from time to time, granted the privilege of limited participation in ABGA, such as the filing of registration applications or other documents with ABGA or participating in ABGA related activities. The term “participating non-members” may include
- (i) a “holder;”
  - (ii) a person whose membership is not in good standing; or
  - (iii) a person who has been suspended or terminated, but only to the extent that the person is allowed to access the services of ABGA. The term “participating non-member” does not include any person who has, for whatever reason, no privilege to access the services of ABGA or participate in ABGA related activities. Participating non-members, who access ABGA services, by such access and in regard to such transactions, do thereby agree to be bound by all Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of the ABGA.
- xii. “Person” means an individual or entity.



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- B. Complaint Procedure:
- i. A member may make a complaint regarding any member, or judge, alleging that such member or judge has engaged in misconduct under the procedures set out in this rule.
  - ii. The Executive Committee may file a complaint if it deems it necessary in the best interest of the Association and is exempt from any filing fee.
  - iii. If the complaint alleges misconduct in reference to items h, i, j, or k as listed in 900.A.viii, the complaint must be filed within 90 days of the alleged misconduct.
  - iv. The Complainant shall submit his or her complaint in writing to the Executive Director or the CEO of the ABGA through the ABGA office, along with a non-refundable filing fee, the amount of which shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Board may, in its discretion, refund all or part of any filing fee after completion of the complaint process when deemed appropriate under the circumstances.
  - v. No complaint will be considered by the Executive Committee which does not set forth in writing a plain statement of facts on which the allegation of misconduct is based. This complaint procedure is not applicable to complaints made against ABGA employees or members of ABGA in their official capacity as board members, as contrasted with their individual capacities. Complaints against employee or board members in their official capacities may only be made directly to the Board of Directors and shall be received and considered strictly at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - vi. Upon receiving a complaint under this Rule, the Executive Director or CEO shall refer the complaint to the Executive Committee within 5 working days. Upon reviewing the complaint, the Executive Committee shall determine if the complaint alleges misconduct or a violation of any rules or regulations of the ABGA, and if a response shall be required of the member(s) who are the subject of the complaint. In determining whether a response is necessary, the Executive Committee may consider:
    - a. Whether the factual allegations made in the complaint would constitute misconduct or a violation of any of the rules of the ABGA.
    - b. Whether the complainant has filed previous complaints against other members, and the outcome of those complaints.
    - c. Whether the complainant or respondent has been previously disciplined by the Executive Committee or the ABGA Board of Directors.
    - d. Any other factors the Executive Committee deems relevant as to whether a response to the complaint is required.
  - vii. If upon reviewing the complaint, the Executive Committee determines that it alleges conduct that is reasonably likely to cause immediate and irreparable harm to the ABGA or any of its members, the committee will freeze the account and suspend the membership privileges of the respondent pending the outcome of the complaint or take other action as may be necessary to prevent the irreparable harm from occurring.
  - viii. If the Executive Committee determines that the complaint does not allege misconduct or a violation of any of the rules of the ABGA, the Executive Committee shall notify the ABGA Board of its findings and recommendation for dismissal within 7 working days of that determination, and upon a vote by the majority of the Board present, the complaint will be dismissed and the complainant will be notified in writing of the finding of the Board. The Board shall also notify the complainant as to whether the complaint may be amended to be sufficient and is eligible to be reconsidered. Otherwise, all dismissals are final.
  - ix. If the Executive Committee determines that the complaint does allege misconduct or a violation of any of the rules of the ABGA, the Executive Committee will, within seven working days of the determination:
    - a. provide the ABGA Board of Directors with a copy of the complaint;
    - b. provide the respondent with a copy of the complaint with written notice, advising respondent they have 14 calendar days to respond to the complaint in writing. The notice shall contain the date and time when the written response must be received. The complaint and written notice shall be sent to the respondent's last known address as contained in the ABGA data base via regular mail and by a nationally recognized courier service specifying overnight delivery ensuring delivery no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the response deadline. Service of the complaint and written



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- notice as set forth above shall be deemed to have been timely and effectively given.
- x. If the Respondent fails to submit a written response by the deadline, the Board shall proceed to consider the complaint within three business days after expiration of the response deadline.
  - xi. Upon receipt of respondent's written response and upon review of the complaint and the response, the Board shall determine the outcome of the complaint by a simple majority vote of the Board members present at the meeting where the complaint is considered. The Board may also review official documents or business records in the possession of the ABGA, if deemed necessary. The ABGA Board may take any of the following actions:
    - a. Sustain the complaint;
    - b. Dismiss the complaint;
    - c. Suspend consideration of the complaint to request additional information
  - xii. No formal hearing shall be required. The Board may, at its discretion, hold a live, telephonic, or electronic hearing if deemed necessary. Complaints should ordinarily be decided solely on the basis of the written record. However, the Board may choose to hold a hearing on the complaint, upon a 2/3 vote of the Board. The hearing may be held at any regular or specially scheduled meeting of the ABGA Board of Directors.
  - xiii. If the Board sustains the complaint, it may impose one or more of the following:
    - a. A private oral or written reprimand
    - b. A public written reprimand
    - c. A fine of up to \$10,000.00
    - d. The freezing of all ABGA accounts and member services
    - e. Suspension of membership
    - f. Expulsion from membership
    - g. Require DNA testing of any animals owned or registered to the respondent
  - xiv. Any other disciplinary action approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. Immunity
- i. All Executive Committee and Board members and employees or agents of the ABGA shall be immune from any individual civil liability whatsoever, including, but not limited to, negligence, libel, slander, invasion of privacy, defamation, or product disparagement, for participating in the review, consideration, and decision of any complaint filed under this rule.
- D. Finality of Decision
- i. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.
  - ii. In the event any judicial action is brought against the ABGA or any of its Board Members, officials, employees, or agents in connection with any proceedings under this Rule 900, such proceedings may only be brought in a federal or state court located in Tom Green County, Texas. If a judicial action is brought against ABGA in connection with any proceedings under this Rule and the decision of the ABGA is upheld, the petitioner shall reimburse the ABGA for its reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses incurred in defense of the lawsuit.
- E. No Duty
- i. Nothing in this Rule shall impose any duty or obligation on the ABGA to either initially investigate or continue to investigate any complaint or to enforce any purported contract or agreement between the parties to any transactions. In the event any court action is threatened or commenced which relates, mentions, or pertains in any manner, to a complaint, ABGA, in its sole discretion, may either temporarily or permanently terminate its investigation or dismiss any pending complaint.

## Rule 901: Judge Disciplinary Procedures:

- A. Definitions
- i. "Inspector" means an individual that is recognized as an approved visual inspector for ABGA.
  - ii. "Judge" means an individual that has passed the ABGA Judge's Certification Program and is recognized as a judge on the ABGA's list of Certified judges. It shall also include individuals recognized as Approved judges for ABGA commercial doe and market goat



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- shows.
- iii. “Misconduct by a Judge” means the failure of a Judge to follow the Judge’s Code of Conduct.
  - iv. “Judge’s Code of Conduct” means:
    - a. The goal of the Judge’s Code of Conduct is to ensure that each Judge strives to provide a fair, unbiased, objective inspection of each animal as it is presented for his/her evaluation and, in so doing, provides for a positive experience for all individuals involved including exhibitors, spectators, and show personnel.
    - b. As a representative of the American Boer Goat Association, an ABGA Judge, through his or her appearance, evaluations, and presentations, is to conduct him or herself in a professional manner with show officials, exhibitors, and spectators at all times.
    - c. A judge is, at all times, to evaluate Boer goats in accordance with the ABGA Sanctioned Show Rules and the ABGA Boer Goat Breed Standards, disregarding any personal preferences. Animals should be evaluated according to the degree with which they meet the desired traits outlined within the ABGA Breed Standards.
    - d. A judge will check all animals retained in the show ring from which the final selections will be made for any disqualification.
    - e. Judges are required to set their final placement line in numerical order prior to giving reasons so that exhibitors and spectators may clearly see and understand the placements.
    - f. A judge shall be responsible for ensuring that the tattoos are read on the winner of each class as well as any goats in that class other than the winner that, by virtue of class size, are eligible for points under ABGA rules before those animals leave the ring.
    - g. No judge shall judge an animal:
      - i. that is owned partially or entirely by that judge; or
      - ii. that is owned partially or entirely by any member of that judge’s immediate family, including children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings, spouse, or in-laws.
    - h. A judge shall be courteous at all times and kind, when called for, in his/her evaluations, refraining from negative comments that would unnecessarily embarrass any exhibitor. All necessary criticism of the animal to be evaluated shall be constructive in nature and should serve an educational purpose for the exhibitor of the animal, other exhibitors, and spectators.
    - i. A judge shall refrain from visiting the pen area or more than normal exchange of pleasantries with exhibitors where possible prior to and during the judging of a show.
- B. Complaint Procedure:
- i. The Executive Committee may file a complaint if it deems it necessary in the best interest of the Association and is exempt from any filing fee.
  - ii. The complaint must be filed within 90 days of the alleged misconduct.
- C. The following Rule 900 – Sections A-E will apply to Rule 901 where appropriate:
- i. Definition
  - ii. Complaint Procedure
  - iii. Immunity
  - iv. Finality of Decision
  - v. No Duty

## Rule 1000: Ennoblement Program Rules

- A. Animal Eligibility
- i. The ABGA ennoblement program is open to animals in the following categories of registration:
    - a. ABGA registered Fullblood doe.
    - b. ABGA registered Purebred doe.
    - c. ABGA registered Fullblood buck.
    - d. ABGA registered Purebred buck.
  - ii. Any animal owned by an individual whose membership has been denied or revoked is ineligible for Ennoblement.
  - iii. ABGA sanctioned show exhibitors are to present a valid ABGA registration paper at show



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- entry for tracking of placing.
- iv. Animals are required to meet inspection and point requirements as listed in the Ennoblement Requirements (Rule 1000.E.) to receive ennoblement status.
  - v. Non-inspected animals can achieve ennobled status through their progeny. This requirement includes but is not limited to deceased ABGA registered Fullblood & Purebred bucks and does. A minimum of three (3) progeny (sons and/or daughters) are required to contribute points to the parent.
  - vi. The progeny, registered Fullblood/Purebred sons and/or daughters as defined in Rule 1000.A.i, may begin earning points for their sire and/or dam as well as themselves either through ABGA sanctioned shows or performance testing.
  - vii. Progeny is defined as the direct offspring of a buck or doe, i.e., sons and daughters (not grandsons and granddaughters).
  - viii. The progeny may come from live coverage, artificial insemination, and embryo transfer.
- B. Points at ABGA Sanctioned Shows**
- i. Points are awarded based on ABGA judges' placement of animals at an ABGA sanctioned show.
  - ii. Animals entered into an ABGA sanctioned show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
  - iii. ABGA cannot change placing without written authorization from the show secretary and one other show official.
  - iv. A formal show report containing the animals' names, ABGA registration numbers, tattoos, the total number of animals exhibited in the show and in each class shall be completed by the show secretary and submitted to the ABGA office within 30 days of the show.
  - v. The overall Grand and Reserve Champions of ABGA sanctioned shows will receive additional points correlating with the total number of Fullblood or Purebred animals exhibited in their gender division.
  - vi. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Division Champions shall receive additional points based on the number of animals exhibited in their gender division.
  - vii. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004, will not be awarded points.
  - viii. Points will be awarded as shown in the Sanctioned show Points Charts under Rule 1400.
- C. Points at the ABGA National Show**
- i. Points awarded by ABGA at the ABGA National Show will be subject to the requirements posted in the ABGA National Show rules.
  - ii. Animals entered into an ABGA National Show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
  - iii. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Grand Champion and Junior, Yearling, and Senior Reserve of the ABGA National Show will receive class points and Champion points according to the published scale for number of animals exhibited in their gender division of the National Show.
  - iv. National Grand and National Reserve Champions of the ABGA National Show will receive an additional fifty (50) and thirty (30) points respectively.
  - v. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004, will not be awarded points.
  - vi. Points for the ABGA National Show will be awarded based on the following schedule:

# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class					
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
10 or fewer	5					
11 to 25	10	5				
26 to 50	15	10	5			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5		
101 to 175	15	20	15	10	5	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5

# Exhibited in Section	Division Champ.	Division Reserve	National Grand Champ	National Reserve Champ
10 or fewer	5		50	30
11 to 25	10	5		
26 to 50	15	10		
51 to 100	20	15		
101 to 175	25	20		
176 or more	30	25		

## D. Performance Testing Points



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- i. Bucks entered into an ABGA Approved Performance Gain Test are required to be ABGA registered as Fullblood or Purebred to receive points.
  - ii. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded.
  - iii. Points will be awarded as shown in the Performance Test Points Chart (Rule 1200).
  - iv. See rules governing the ABGA Performance Testing Program (Rule 1200).
- E. Ennoblement Requirements
- i. Inspected Ennoblement
    - a. Animal is required to meet the visual inspection rules of ABGA (Rule 1100).
    - b. A combined total of eighty (80) points from subject animal and progeny is required for ennoblement.
    - c. Minimum number of progenies is three (3).
    - d. Minimum ABGA points earned by each individual inspected progeny is five (5).
    - e. Minimum points from the total of three (3) or more progeny is thirty (30).
    - f. The animal cannot contribute more than fifty (50) points toward its own ennoblement.
  - ii. Uninspected animal, including those that are deceased.
    - a. Animal is not required to meet the visual inspections rules of ABGA.
    - b. A combined total of one hundred (100) points must be earned by the animal and progeny.
    - c. Minimum number of progenies required is three (3).
    - d. Minimum ABGA points earned by each individual inspected progeny is five (5).
    - e. Minimum points from the total of three (3) or more progeny is thirty (30).
    - f. The animal cannot contribute more than seventy (70) points toward its own ennoblement.

## Rule 1100: Visual Inspection

- A. General Inspection Requirements
- i. Visual inspection services are provided by ABGA approved inspectors.
  - ii. The Breed Standards as established by the ABGA will provide the indices for visual inspection.
  - iii. The inspector will assign a visual inspection status of pass or fail.
  - iv. After two (2) failed visual inspections, the animal is not eligible for re-inspection and is ineligible for ennoblement as outlined in Rule 1000.E.i but may still be eligible for ennoblement as outlined in Rule 1000.E. ii.
  - v. Beginning January 1, 2005, animals will require two (2) inspectors to pass visual inspection in order for the animal to be eligible to contribute points toward ennoblement.
  - vi. In the event two (2) inspectors disagree on the visual inspection status of the animal, a third (3rd) inspector will determine final visual inspection status of that animal.
  - vii. The earliest a buck or doe may be visually inspected is ten (10) months of age.
  - viii. The animal is required to be registered with ABGA at the time of inspection.
  - ix. Upon passing the first visual inspection, a certificate will be issued to the owner indicating the passing status of the animal.
  - x. Upon passing a second visual inspection, a certificate will be issued declaring the animal eligible for consideration for ennoblement as outlined in Rule 1000.E.i.
- B. Inspector and Member Requirements
- i. The member requesting the inspection bears the responsibility of meeting the inspection rules and regulations for tattoos, age of animal, and ownership.
  - ii. Members seeking inspection services are required to review the animal's prior ownership (previous owners and breeder) to ensure the inspector is eligible to provide inspection services.
  - iii. The member requesting the inspection will incur the total cost of inspection. ABGA does not pay the inspector for travel or other expenses incurred during inspection.
  - iv. The member requesting the inspection will submit the inspection form signed by an approved inspector with proper fees to the ABGA office for recording of inspection classification. Inspectors will submit a copy of the inspection report to the ABGA office within 30 days of the inspection date.



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- v. Inspectors will be provided visual inspection stamps to record visual inspection status on the back of the certificate. Inspectors must stamp the back of the ABGA registration certificate with their current ABGA-issued inspection stamp and circle PASS or FAIL to indicate the visual inspection status of the animal.
- vi. Inspectors will sign and date the back of the certificate in close proximity to the visual inspection status.
- vii. Inspectors are required to list failed animals on the inspection form and charge for failed animals.
- viii. Inspection services are to be paid in full by the member before inspections are recorded.
- ix. Inspection services cannot be provided by an inspector if the inspector currently owns, has ever owned, or is the breeder of the animal to be inspected.
- x. The inspector is not eligible to inspect direct progeny (sons or daughters) of a parent(s) currently or previously owned by the inspector.
- xi. The inspector is not eligible to inspect parents of progeny currently or previously owned by the inspector.
- xii. Inspection services cannot be provided by an inspector for an immediate family member.
- xiii. Inspectors who are immediate family (i.e., spouse, sister, brother, son, daughter, in-law) may not inspect the same animal.

## Rule 1200: Performance Test Rules and Regulations

- A. ABGA Performance Test Requirements
  - i. The performance test must be open to buck kids only.
  - ii. The test must be conducted under the supervision of a disinterested agency, such as a State Agricultural Institution, State Extension Agency, etc.
  - iii. The test must be between 60 and 90 days long.
  - iv. Bucks must be less than 6 months old at the start of the test.
  - v. The test must be open to all who wish to participate and have qualifying animals.
  - vi. Testing procedures and any requested deviations from these requirements must be submitted in writing to the ABGA Board of Directors for approval at least 3 months prior to the start of the test.
  - vii. A final Test Report, including the total number of animals on test as well as the total number of ABGA registered animals on test, will be submitted by the test supervision to the ABGA Office within 90 days of the conclusion of the test.
  - viii. The final test report must include the following data for each ABGA registered animal on test:
    - a. ABGA registration number.
    - b. Name, as registered with ABGA.
    - c. Tattoos.
    - d. Date of Birth.
    - e. Owner.
    - f. Date weighed and animal weight at the start of the test period.
    - g. Date weighed and animal weight at the end of the test period.
    - h. Calculated Average Daily Gain (ADG) used to determine ADG ranking.
  - ix. It is suggested but not required that when available, the following end of test data also be included in the final test report for each ABGA registered animal on test:
    - a. Birth type.
    - b. Rib eye area.
    - c. Loin eye area.
    - d. Rear leg circumference.
    - e. Fat thickness.
    - f. Scrotal circumference.
    - g. Height at withers.
    - h. Feed efficiency.
    - i. Final animal index score.
  - x. It is suggested but not required that at least 4 animals by one sire be entered in the same test.
- B. Performance Test Support (All performance test support is at the discretion of ABGA)



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- i. Performance test support will be available only to performance tests approved by ABGA in accordance with Rule 1200.A after January 1, 2014.
  - ii. ABGA will provide monetary support to the testing agency to be allocated to awards.
  - iii. ABGA will provide cash payouts for the top performing ABGA registered Fullblood or Purebred bucks entered in ABGA approved performance tests.
- C. Ennobled Herd Book Points
- i. Only bucks entered under their ABGA registration number in an approved Performance Test, will be eligible to earn points from a Performance Test as described in the ABGA Criteria for Ennoblement of a Boer Goat. (See Rule 1000, Ennoblement Program).
  - ii. Points for approved Performance Tests will be awarded to top performing Fullblood or Purebred bucks based on their Average Daily Gain (ADG) ranking among the other Fullblood and Purebred bucks on test, according to the following chart:

ABGA PERFORMANCE TEST POINTS										
# ABGA Registered Bucks on Test	ADG Rank Among ABGA Registered Bucks on Test									
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
1 to 3	1									
4 to 5	2	1								
6 to 7	3	2	1							
8 to 9	4	3	2	1						
10	5	4	3	2	1					
11 to 25	10	5	4	3	2	1				
26 to 50	15	10	5	4	3	2	1			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1

- iii. Additional points for ABGA approved Performance Tests will be awarded to top performing bucks, based on individual Average Daily Gain (ADG), using the following schedule:
  - a. Bucks gaining 0.55 lbs./day to less than 0.60 lbs./day shall be awarded 1 point.
  - b. Bucks gaining 0.60 lbs./day to less than 0.65 lbs./day shall be awarded 2 points.
  - c. Bucks gaining 0.65 lbs./day to less than 0.70 lbs./day shall be awarded 3 points.
  - d. Bucks gaining 0.70 lbs./day to less than 0.75 lbs./day shall be awarded 4 points.
  - e. Bucks gaining 0.75 lbs./day to less than 0.80 lbs./day shall be awarded 5 points.
  - f. Bucks gaining 0.80 lbs./day or more shall be awarded 6 points, plus an additional 1 point for each additional 0.01 lbs./day over 0.80 lbs./day.
- iv. Example: If a buck is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on test with an ADG of 0.92 lbs./day in an approved Performance Test having a total of 20 Fullblood or Purebred bucks on test, he shall be awarded 10 points as allowed in 1200.C.ii, as well as an additional 18 points as allowed in 1200.C.iii, for a total of 28 points.

### Rule 1300: Doe of Excellence Award

- A. Animal eligibility
- i. The Doe of Excellence Award Program is open to ABGA registered American Percentage Does or Fullblood or Purebred Does bred to percentage or unregistered bucks, resulting in percentage progeny.
  - ii. Any animal owned by an individual whose membership has been denied or revoked is ineligible for the Doe of Excellence Award.
  - iii. Eligible does must meet the requirements for points earned as described under Point Requirements shown below.
  - iv. Registered percentage does may earn points for their dam and themselves through ABGA sanctioned shows.
  - v. Registered Purebred female progeny may contribute points to their dam. They may not earn points for themselves for this award.



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- vi. A Fullblood doe or an American Purebred Doe cannot contribute individual points toward this award.
- vii. Percentage bucks may earn points for their dam through ABGA approved Performance Gain Tests if the following requirements are met:
  - a. Progeny must be registered in the ABGA Percentage Herd Book.
  - b. The Performance Test must be conducted in accordance with ABGA Performance Test Rules and Regulations (Rule 1200).
  - c. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded.
  - d. Points will be awarded to a Percentage Boer buck according to the following point chart:

<b>ABGA PERCENTAGE PERFORMANCE TEST POINTS</b>										
<b># ABGA Percentage Bucks on Test</b>	<b>ADG Rank Among ABGA Percentage Bucks on Test</b>									
	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
1 to 3	1									
4 to 5	2	1								
6 to 7	3	2	1							
8 to 9	4	3	2	1						
10	5	4	3	2	1					
11 to 25	10	5	4	3	2	1				
26 to 50	15	10	5	4	3	2	1			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1

- viii. Progeny is defined as direct offspring of the Percentage Doe resulting from natural breeding, artificial insemination, or embryo transfer.

**B. Point Requirements**

- i. The percentage doe will be required to have a combined total of one hundred (100) points earned by the doe and her progeny.
- ii. A minimum of 15 points must be earned by at least two progenies, with a minimum of five (5) points each.
- iii. Points earned by male progeny through ABGA Performance Tests will be awarded to the doe.
- iv. Points will be awarded to the doe and/or percentage female progeny under the Points Award rules for ABGA Sanctioned Shows and ABGA National Shows as follows:
  - a. A formal show report containing the animals' names, ABGA registration numbers, tattoos, the total number of animals exhibited in the show and in each class shall be completed by the show secretary and submitted to the ABGA office within 30 days of the show.
  - b. The overall Grand and Reserve Champions of ABGA sanctioned show will receive additional points correlating with the total number animals exhibited in their gender division.
  - c. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Division Champions shall receive additional points based on the number of animals exhibited in their gender division.
  - d. Points earned since July 1, 2004, will count toward this award.
  - e. Points will be awarded as shown in the following Percentage Doe Sanctioned Show Points Chart:



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ABGA CLASS POINTS						
# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class					
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1 to 3	1					
4 to 5	2					
6 to 7	3					
8 to 9	4					
10	5					
11 to 25	10	5				
26 to 50	15	10	5			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5

ABGA SANCTIONED SHOW DIVISION POINTS		
# Exhibited in % Doe Section	Division Champion	Division Reserve
1 to 25	3	1
26 to 50	5	2
51 or more	10	5

ABGA SANCTIONED SHOW OVERALL CHAMPION POINTS		
# Exhibited in % Doe Section	Overall Grand	Overall Reserve
1 to 10	5	2
11 to 25	10	5
26 to 50	15	10
51 to 100	20	15
101 to 175	25	20
176 or more	30	25

- C. Inspection Requirement
  - i. No inspection will be required of the percentage doe or progeny.

### Rule 1301: ABGA Sire of Merit Award

- A. Animal Eligibility
  - i. The ABGA Sire of Merit Award is open to the following categories of animals:
    - a. Fullblood bucks registered with ABGA.
    - b. American Purebred bucks registered with ABGA.
    - c. American Percentage Bucks
  - ii. Any animal owned by an individual whose membership has been denied or revoked is ineligible for the ABGA Sire of Merit Award.
- B. Eligible Progeny
  - i. Percentage female progeny registered in the ABGA Percentage Herd Book, which meet the requirements for points earned in ABGA sanctioned shows as described under Points Requirements shown below.
  - ii. Percentage bucks may earn points for their sire through an ABGA approved Performance Gain Test, if the following requirements are met:
    - a. Progeny must have an ABGA Record of Pedigree.
    - b. The Performance Test must be conducted in accordance with ABGA Performance Test Rules and Regulations (Rule 1200).
    - c. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded.
    - d. Points will be awarded to a Percentage Boer buck according to the following point chart:



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ABGA PERCENTAGE PERFORMANCE TEST POINTS										
# ABGA Percentage Bucks on Test	ADG Rank Among ABGA Percentage Bucks on Test									
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
1 to 3	1									
4 to 5	2	1								
6 to 7	3	2	1							
8 to 9	4	3	2	1						
10	5	4	3	2	1					
11 to 25	10	5	4	3	2	1				
26 to 50	15	10	5	4	3	2	1			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1

e. Progeny is defined as direct offspring of the buck produced through natural service, artificial insemination, or embryo transfer procedure.

C. Point Requirements

- i. A Fullblood Buck or an American Purebred Buck cannot contribute individual points toward this award.
- ii. The eligible percentage progeny of a sire will be required to earn a total of one hundred (100) points for the sire to earn this award.
- iii. A minimum of five (5) progeny must earn a minimum of five (5) points each of the one hundred (100) total points required.
- iv. Points at an ABGA sanctioned show will be awarded based on the placing of animals exhibited in each class by an ABGA judge.
- v. Points will be awarded according to the ABGA Sanctioned Show Points Chart under Rule 1400.
- vi. An exhibitor must present a valid ABGA registration certificate at time of show for tracking of points.
- vii. Points will be awarded to the eligible female progeny under the Points Award Rule for ABGA sanctioned shows with the following exception:
- viii. Female progeny will not receive extra points from the ABGA National Show. Placing points from the ABGA National Show will be awarded.
- ix. A formal show report containing the animals' names, ABGA registration numbers, tattoos, the total number of animals exhibited in the show and in each class shall be completed by the show secretary and submitted to the ABGA office within 30 days of the show
- x. Points earned by eligible progeny after January 1, 2008, will be counted toward the Sire of Merit Award.

D. Inspection

- i. No inspection of progeny will be required

### Rule 1400: Sanctioned Show Rules and JABGA Rule

A. Eligibility of Animals

- i. All goats must be registered in the ABGA herd book by the date specified by the show.
- ii. All goats entered into ABGA sanctioned shows must be registered with the ABGA in order to acquire Ennoblement points.
- iii. Original registration certificates are required, except that a copy of a registration application stamped with the date received by ABGA, can be accepted for kids less than 3 months of age. Animals over the age of 3 months must **be verified as registered** in the ABGA database at time of show. (6-2-2020)
- iv. An animal that may be verified as registered in the web-based database of ABGA will be accepted in lieu of registration certificate. Verification must be provided by the exhibitor in either digital or print to the show secretary. JABGA ownership must be verified using the transfer history on the animal pedigree if the certificate is not provided. (6-2-2020)
- v. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication



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Program Guidelines. Call 1-888-USDA TAG (873-2824) or visit the following website for more information: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/scrapie/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/)

- vi. ABGA prohibits the transfer of any goat exhibited in a JABGA sanctioned show back to the seller and/or seller's agent for a period of one year from date of purchase for all goats that are not bred and owned by the JABGA exhibitor.
- vii. Goats registered in a frozen or suspended account are ineligible to exhibit in an ABGA Sanctioned Show.

**B. Show Focus**

- i. The American Boer Goat Association will accept and permanently record all wins in Shows that have been determined to have met all requirements (as stated below) for ABGA sanctioning.
- ii. Failure to comply with ABGA Show Rules may result in the loss of sanctioning and funding, where applicable.
- iii. ABGA requires that an ABGA Sanctioned Show Application be submitted to the ABGA office no less than 90 days prior to the show.
- iv. No show will be sanctioned during the week of the ABGA National Show.
- v. No JABGA show will be sanctioned that occurs on a conflicting date and within 500 miles of a scheduled JABGA regional show. (7-20-2018)

**C. Purpose**

The main focus of ABGA Sanctioned Shows is the genetic improvement of the Boer breed and promotion of the goat industry.

**D. Entries**

- i. Any show receiving ABGA sanctioning shall be open to **only** ABGA registered Boer goats. Show representatives may use their discretion and have the right to ban an individual if they consider it necessary for the good of the show.
- ii. There should be no limit on the number of animals that can be entered in a class by an exhibitor, unless the sponsoring show deems this limit necessary.
- iii. Any show limiting the number of entries in any way must state this in their rules.
- iv. ABGA sanctioned shows may not require animals to sell in a sale as a condition of participating in the show.
- v. When the **animal is verified as registered in the ABGA database or a stamped registration application is presented** at check-in, registered name, ABGA registration number and tattoos/**microchip number** of each animal must be recorded so that they may be displayed on the results that are turned in to the ABGA office. (12-12-2015, 6-2-2020)

**E. Ennobled Herd Book Points**

- i. Only goats entered **and verified as registered in the ABGA database** will be eligible to earn points for their actual placing in the show, as described in the ABGA Criteria for Ennoblement of a Boer Goat. (See Rule 1000, Ennoblement Program) (6-2-2020)
- ii. Points for ABGA Sanctioned Shows will be awarded based on the following schedule:

ABGA CLASS POINTS						
# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class					
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1 to 3	1					
4 to 5	2					
6 to 7	3					
8 to 9	4					
10	5					
11 to 25	10	5				
26 to 50	15	10	5			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5

ABGA SANCTIONED SHOW DIVISION POINTS		
# Exhibited in Section	Division Champion	Division Reserve
1 to 25	3	1
26 to 50	5	2
51 or more	10	5

ABGA SANCTIONED SHOW OVERALL CHAMPION POINTS		
# Exhibited in Section	Overall Grand	Overall Reserve
1 to 10	5	2
11 to 25	10	5
26 to 50	15	10
51 to 100	20	15
101 to 175	25	20
176 or more	30	25



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## F. Tattoos

All goats must have legible tattoos consistent with the registration certificate or the animal will be disqualified. If an animal is disqualified due to illegible or inconsistent tattoos, all lower placing animals will be moved up in placement. Point winners from each class must have their tattoos read and recorded. The judge will be responsible for ensuring that tattoos are read and properly recorded. The show secretary will be responsible for recording the tattoos and informing the judge as to which point-eligible goats will need to be checked. Permanently implanted microchip identification **or permanent freeze brand will** be accepted by ABGA as official identification in addition to, or in lieu of, tattoos. The owner is responsible for providing the appropriate scanning device to read any microchip used for identification purposes. (7-14-2023)

## G. Computing Ages

Birth dates, as listed on the registration certificate, will be used in determining class divisions. In order to calculate the class breaks, take the show date and count back to the birth date to determine the age and the class for the animal.

## H. Classes

- i. All animals must be registered Purebred, Fullblood, or percentage Boer goats. Divisions are according to the chart below. (07/14/2025)
- ii. Percentage bucks are optional to be added to sanctioned show classes until June 1, 2026, at which point they will be mandatory. Division rosettes will be added to the sanctioned show packs starting June 1, 2026. (07/14/2025)
- iii. At the discretion of the judge and the superintendent, the animals may be let loose in the ring as a function of judging.
- iv. The Champion and the Reserve Champion classes will be chosen from the first and second place animals in that division of the show.  
Divisions will be defined as follows:
- v. American Percentage Does 25% or higher.
- vi. American Percentage Bucks 25% or higher. (07/14/2025)
- vii. Fullblood/American Purebred Does.
- viii. Fullblood/American Purebred Bucks

## I. Show Responsibilities

- i. It is recommended that the show provide a ring steward to assist in the ring.
- ii. It is the responsibility of the Show Secretary to have a copy of the ABGA Official Show Rules available at all times in case any questions arise during the course of the show.
- iii. In addition, the show report must be completed by the Show Secretary and should be forwarded to the ABGA office within 30 days of the show. The report must include the following:
  - a. Class.
  - b. Number of animals exhibited in the Class.
  - c. Each animal's name.
  - d. Each animal's ABGA registration number
  - e. Identifying Tattoos (left and right) **or microchip number (12-12-2015).**
- iv. Any animal that is not checked in with **verification of registration in the ABGA database** will not receive recognition in any ABGA publication or website. Such animals are not eligible for ennoblement points. (6-2-2020)
- v. A copy of scheduled classes and applying entity rules must be sent to the ABGA.
- vi. Changes and/or corrections to the official show results, once they have been turned in to the ABGA office, will require the signature of the Show Secretary and one other show official.
- vii. Future sanctioning be withheld until complete show results are received in the ABGA office. (12-14-2018)

## J. Exhibitor Responsibilities

- i. No animal bracing allowed at ABGA Sanctioned Shows.
- ii. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to refrain from presenting any animal owned by the presiding judge within 90 days prior to the show date.

## K. Disqualification

Any goat exhibited at an ABGA or JABGA sanctioned show or event shall be subject to disqualification for any of the following:



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- i. Any pronounced defect or abnormality.
  - ii. Tattoos/microchip numbers that are illegible or inconsistent with the registration certificate. (12-12-2015)
  - iii. Any animal found not to be in accordance with Rule 1400.L. Acceptable Practices and Substances. Should any animal that has been awarded a prize be disqualified before its class has been dismissed from the show ring, the lower placing animals shall move up to fill the vacancy. Should any animal be disqualified after the class has been dismissed from the show ring, the lower placing animals will not move into any higher position.
- L. Suspended or Banned Members  
If denial or revocation of show privileges includes denial of access or presence on show grounds, the person shall refrain from entry or presence on show grounds of any ABGA-approved show grounds during the term of his or her suspension or ban. Failure to comply with such restriction may result in (1) further disciplinary actions against such person and (2) disqualification of exhibitors and goats that such person helped prepare for the show or assisted at the show. (7-14-2023)
- M. Acceptable Practices and Substances  
No person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate, or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate any part of these Rules & Regulations.
- i. Permitted Practices and Substances
    - a. Drenches as needed, and as directed on the label, for animal health and well-being.
    - b. Drugs and other substances labeled for use in goats to treat health issues in an exhibited goat. Any extra-label usage requires a prescription, or statement for use from the attending veterinarian.
    - c. Grooming products that are not restricted from use in meat producing animals, including: brushes, combs, clippers, hoof trimmers, shampoos, conditioners, oils, mousse, alcohol/liniment, sprays, powder, and artificial coloring that enhances the goat's natural color.
  - ii. Conditionally Permitted Practices and Substances
    - a. Therapeutic medications given for the legitimate treatment of illness or injury are permitted if ALL the following conditions are met:
      - i. A completed medication report on file with show management before exhibiting the animal, which must include:
        - (a) Diagnosis of illness/injury, reason for administration, and name of administering and/or prescribing veterinarian.
        - (b) Signature of veterinarian or person administering the medication. If prescribed by written instructions, a copy must be attached to the medication report.
        - (c) Identification of the medicine; the name, amount, strength, and mode of administration.
        - (d) Date and time of administration.
        - (e) Identification of the animal: ABGA registration number, permanent identification (tattoo), age, sex.
      - ii. The animal must be withdrawn and kept out of competition for no less than 24 hours after the medication is administered.
      - iii. The medication report must be filed with show management within one hour of administration of the medication or one hour after show management is available, if administration occurs at a time other than during competition hours.
      - iv. The medication report must be signed by show management and the time of receipt recorded on the report.
    - iii. Prohibited Practices and Substances
      - a. Injection or external or internal administration via any orifice of any substance (including drugs, chemicals, and any other forms of products) prohibited from use in meat producing animals by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and/or any Federal, State or Local Law.
      - b. Extra-label use of any drug or substance approved for use on meat producing animals, but not approved for use in goats (even though commonly used in goats), while on the



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- show premises.
- c. Injection or external or internal administration via any orifice of any allowed substance in any way that is inconsistent with the dosage and the route prescribed by the manufacturer or prescribing veterinarian.
  - d. Administration of any quantity of any diuretic, growth stimulant, or performance enhancing drug.
  - e. Filling and/or tubing of an animal.
  - f. Presenting any animal whose natural conformation and structure have been surgically altered in any way, with the exception of:
    - i. Removal of horns; and/or
    - ii. Removal in testicles in the case of wethers.
  - g. Using any inhumane or unethical treatments, including striking animals, using electrical contrivance, or other similar methods.
  - h. Artificial coloring that alters the natural color of a goat (12-14-2018)
  - i. Attaching any objects, including hair or hair substitutes, cloth, or fiber to the animal for the purpose of deception.
  - j. Injection or external or internal administration via any orifice of any substance, whether gas, solid, or liquid, not conducive to continued animal health or marketability.
  - k. Tissue or fluid manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal.
  - l. Administering any substance that artificially induces lactation.
  - m. Any substance, regardless of how harmless or innocuous it might be, which might interfere with the detection or quantization of any substance prohibited by ABGA.
- iv. Drug Testing Policy  
ABGA reserves the right to perform drug testing of any animal at any ABGA or JABGA sanctioned show. The cost of associated veterinary services and laboratory fees will be incurred by ABGA. Reasonable steps shall be taken to minimize any opportunity for animal tampering to occur. At the sole discretion of ABGA, all exhibited animals may be subject to collection of any appropriate samples upon arrival at a show facility where drug testing will take place. Collected samples shall be maintained for analysis and baseline comparison purposes in the event that an animal is found to be in non-compliance with the accepted practices and substances outlined herein.
- v. Responsibility  
These rules provide for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by the currently listed owner, whether or not he was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of, the treatment of the animal determined to be in violation of these rules.
- vi. Consent  
By attending an ABGA or JABGA sanctioned show or event, the owner warrants that animals shall be presented free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a sanctioned show is the giving of consent by the owner for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. In the case that there is a violation of these rules, the act of entering the animal in a sanctioned show is giving consent to have any disciplinary action taken by the ABGA against such individual published in any publication of ABGA's choosing.
- vii. Testing  
The conclusions reached by the laboratory of ABGA's choosing shall be final and binding without recourse against the ABGA or any of its officers, agents, or sanctioned show officials. If the laboratory tests of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from an animal indicate the presence of any forbidden substance, this shall be prima facie evidence that such a substance has been administered to the animal internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance taken from the animal correctly reflect the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden of proving otherwise falling to the owner at any hearing conducted by ABGA regarding the matter.
- viii. Notification  
At such time as ABGA receives written notification of a positive drug test involving a violation of these rules, ABGA shall mail written notification of this result to the responsible



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party(s) and shall also give notification via telephone, when possible.

ix. Penalties

Any participant in an ABGA or JABGA sanctioned event found to be in non-compliance with the accepted practices and substances outlined herein shall be subject to any of the disciplinary actions available to the ABGA Board of Directors as part of Rule 900.

Additionally, or alternatively, the Board may impose any or all the following disciplinary actions:

- a. Forfeiture. Forfeit awards, monies, points, placings, or titles earned.
- b. Animal Ineligible to Show. The animal may be banned from competing at any future ABGA and JABGA sanctioned shows. The owner must surrender the registration certificate to ABGA within 30 days of receipt of notice to be marked as ineligible to show. In the event the owner fails to surrender the certificate, they will be subject to additional sanctions by the ABGA Board of Directors. A list of these ineligible animals will be maintained by ABGA and provided to show superintendents.

N. Show Support System (All show support is at the discretion of ABGA)

- i. Upon request, ABGA will provide division rosettes to ABGA Sanctioned shows that are independent of a fair or livestock exposition.
- ii. Effective for Sanctioned Show Applications received after February 1, 2012, Monetary support will be determined by the following criteria:
  - a. The sponsoring organization must be a fair or livestock exposition;
  - b. The event must be a multi-species event;
  - c. Minimum prior year's gate attendance 200,000 (documentation must be provided by the requesting organization);
  - d. Must provide a proposed class breakdown, if the class breakdowns differ from the ABGA Class List;
  - e. Funding limited to one show per calendar year per fair or livestock exposition.

O. **Required Show Classes**

Beginning June 1, 2026, the standardized classes for percentage does, percentage bucks, Fullblood/Purebred Does, and Fullblood/Purebred bucks at all shows independent of a fair or livestock exposition shall be as follows: (07/14/2025)



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## Percentage Does:

- Class 1: 0 to under 3 months
- Class 2: 3 to under 6 months
- Class 3: 6 to under 9 months
- Class 4: 9 to under 12 months
- Class 5: Junior Division Champion
- Class 6: Junior Division Reserve Champion
- Class 7: 12 to under 16 months
- Class 8: 16 to under 20 months
- Class 9: 20 to under 24 months
- Class 10: Yearling Division Champion
- Class 11: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
- Class 12: 24 to under 36 months
- Class 13: 36 months plus
- Class 14: Senior Division Champion
- Class 15: Senior Division Reserve Champion
- Class 16: Grand Champion
- Class 17: Reserve Grand Champion

## Percentage Bucks:

- Class 35: 0 to under 3 months
- Class 36: 3 to under 6 months
- Class 37: 6 to under 9 months
- Class 38: 9 to under 12 months
- Class 39: Junior Division Champion
- Class 40: Junior Division Reserve Champion
- Class 41: 12 to under 16 months
- Class 42: 16 to under 20 months
- Class 43: 20 to under 24 months
- Class 44: Yearling Division Champion
- Class 45: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
- Class 46: 24 to under 36 months
- Class 47: 36 months plus
- Class 48: Senior Division Champion
- Class 49: Senior Division Reserve Champion
- Class 50: Grand Champion
- Class 51: Reserve Grand Champion

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## Fullblood/Purebred Does:

- Class 18: 0 to under 3 months
- Class 19: 3 to under 6 months
- Class 20: 6 to under 9 months
- Class 21: 9 to under 12 months
- Class 22: Junior Division Champion
- Class 23: Junior Division Reserve Champion
- Class 24: 12 to under 16 months
- Class 25: 16 to under 20 months
- Class 26: 20 to under 24 months
- Class 27: Yearling Division Champion
- Class 28: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
- Class 29: 24 to under 36 months
- Class 30: 36 months plus
- Class 31: Senior Division Champion
- Class 32: Senior Division Reserve Champion
- Class 33: Grand Champion
- Class 34: Reserve Grand Champion

## Fullblood/Purebred Bucks:

- Class 52: 0 to under 3 months
- Class 53: 3 to under 6 months
- Class 54: 6 to under 9 months
- Class 55: 9 to under 12 months
- Class 56: Junior Division Champion
- Class 57: Junior Division Reserve Champion
- Class 58: 12 to under 16 months
- Class 59: 16 to under 20 months
- Class 60: 20 to under 24 months
- Class 61: Yearling Division Champion
- Class 62: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
- Class 63: 24 to under 36 months
- Class 64: 36 months plus
- Class 65: Senior Division Champion
- Class 66: Senior Division Reserve Champion
- Class 67: Grand Champion
- Class 68: Reserve Grand Champion

## P. Concurrent Show Rules

Definition: A concurrent show refers to multiple shows taking place at the same time, in the same ring, at the same venue. While the shows are going on at the same time and the same place, they are 2 separate shows and therefore must be treated as individual shows. The ABGA National Show and JABGA National Show are single placement shows judged by a team and do not fall under this category.

- i. No more than two shows may be run concurrently at any given time. (Example: 2 ABGA or 1 ABGA/1 JABGA). If one of the two shows is a JABGA show, the JABGA member must be the only one in the ring showing that animal. The JABGA Bred and Owned Champions must be placed after each Overall Division Drive. All JABGA rules must be followed.
- ii. The show secretary shall note on the show application defining which shows will run concurrently with each other.
- iii. The show secretary shall notify judges at the time of the contract that shows are going to run concurrently with each other.
- iv. The show secretary shall be required to provide judges with separate ring stewards and class lists to mark placings. The class placings must be completed before class reasons are given.
  - a. Ring stewards must submit the completed class placings to the show secretary prior to



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- the class being placed.
- v. Judges are required to check all animals in a class themselves for any DQ faults, to promote consistency, judges may confer with each other regarding any DQ faults they may find questionable. (12-5-2024)
    - a. In the interest of time, in very large classes the judges are permitted to check only the animals from which each wish to make their final selections.
  - vi. If a cut is made from a large class and the animals pulled by each judge are different:
    - a. The judges may decide to take turns working the ring with the animals they selected to pull from the larger class.
    - b. The judges may work the ring at the same time, remembering to only make their final placements from the selection they chose to keep from the larger class.
  - vii. Division Drives and Overall Drives (especially those with different animals for each judge's show) will be handled differently than normal classes and are up to the show staff and the judges for how they would like to make their decisions:
    - a. The drive for one judge may be brought in, that judge decides on their champion and reserve, then makes note of it on a score card/to their ring steward. After that, the other judge's drive is brought in, they make their final decision, and talk their reasons. The first judge's drive is then brought back in, and they talk their reasons for their decision.
    - b. One judge leaves the ring and moves far enough away that they are out of earshot, and the other judge proceeds to treat the drive like any other show. After the results and reasons are completed, the judge who left may return and proceed to do the same and treat the drive like a regular show.
  - viii. Each judge is responsible for ensuring tattoos or microchips on all first place, division champion, and overall champion animals, as well as any other animals that stand to gain points during the show, are checked for their respective show. This is in effect even if both judges have the same animals being awarded any of the same placements.
  - ix. Judges are required to give reasons to at least fifth place for each of their respective shows. It's understood that people don't want to spend forever in the ring, but each show is its own entity and exhibitors deserve to hear the reasons for why they placed how they did in each individual show.
  - x. Discussion of the class between judges prior to the class being officially placed by both judges is strictly prohibited.
    - a. Short comments (asking one another if it's alright to walk the animals, asking to switch the angle of view, witty remarks, etc.) are fine.
    - b. Private conversations between judges are strictly prohibited.
  - xi. It is highly recommended that show secretaries only request experienced judges for judging concurrent shows. Two shows running simultaneously in this manner could be viewed as a bit overwhelming for a novice judge.
  - xii. All ABGA and JABGA Sanctioned Show Rules and Judges' Protocols still apply to the Concurrent Shows.
- Q. Show Ring Protocol for ABGA Judges
- The goal of this protocol is to ensure that each judge strives to provide a fair, unbiased, and objective inspection of each animal as it is presented for his/her evaluation and in so doing, provide a positive experience for all individuals involved including exhibitors, spectators, and show personnel. As a representative of the American Boer Goat Association, an ABGA Judge, through his or her appearance, evaluations, and presentations, is to conduct him or herself in a professional manner with show officials, exhibitors, and spectators at all times.
- i. A judge is at all times, to evaluate Boer goats in accordance with the ABGA Sanction Show Rules and the ABGA Boer Goat Breed Standard. Animals should be evaluated according to the degree with which they meet the desired traits outlined within the ABGA Breed Standard.
  - ii. Judges are required to check the following on Boer goats presented to be judged in order to ensure these areas are correct according to the ABGA Boer Goat Breed Standards:
    - a. Udder/teat structure on females.
    - b. Mouths on males and females.
    - c. Pigmentation on males and females.



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d. Testicles on males.

Recognizing the complication of time involved in judging very large classes, a judge is allowed discretion to check only those animals retained in the show ring from which the final selections will be made. In all classes, where practical, it is recommended that a judge check all animals presented.

- iii. Judges are required to set their final placement line in numerical order, beginning with the lowest placing animal and continuing in ascending order to the first-place animal, prior to giving reasons so that exhibitors and spectators can clearly see and understand the placements.
- iv. A judge shall be responsible for ensuring that the tattoos are read on the winner of each class plus any goats in that class other than the winner that, by virtue of class size, are eligible for points under ABGA rules including all GCH and RGCH animals before those animals leave the ring.
- v. Judges are responsible for ensuring that no bracing occurs during the judging portion of the show.
- vi. No judge shall judge an 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. In which the judge has any pecuniary interest.
  - d. Over which the judge has any supervision.
  - e. It is strongly recommended that a judge refrain from knowingly judging any animal sold by the judge within 90 days prior to the show date.
- vii. Recognizing the need for judgment, it is strongly recommended that a judge not place animals that exhibit a serious degree of any fault according to the ABGA Breed Standard or a disqualification trait as defined by the ABGA Breed Standard. Display of any such trait should negatively impact an animal's placing.
- viii. Recognizing the need for judgment, it is recommended that single entry animals in a class not be automatically awarded a first place if the animal exhibits any serious degree of a fault according to the ABGA Breed Standard, a disqualification trait as defined by the ABGA Breed Standard or is otherwise deemed a quality that does not warrant placing the animal at the front of the class.
- ix. An ABGA judge should use terminology in accordance with the structure of Boer goats when giving reasons, so that spectators may more easily understand the judge's references and evaluations. "Canned" reasons are discouraged. A judge's reasons for placing classes are an educational tool and should be used as such by the judge.
- x. A judge should be courteous at all times and kind, when called for, in his/her evaluations, refraining from negative comments that would unnecessarily embarrass any exhibitor. All necessary criticism of the animal to be evaluated should be constructive in nature and should serve an educational purpose for the exhibitor of the animal, other exhibitors, and spectators.
- xi. A judge should always show personal discretion in his comments while in the show ring as an exhibitor or ring side as a spectator at any event where such comments may be overheard and perceived to be derogatory of the working judge.
- xii. A judge should at all times dress professionally and appropriately for the show ring.
- xiii. Recognizing the complications of arriving at a show arena within a prescribed time frame can create delays for a judge, it is therefore strongly recommended that upon arrival, a judge, with discretion, refrain from visiting the pen area or visiting with exhibitors where possible prior to judging the show.
- xiv. Personal solicitation of judging assignments is discouraged.

## **Rule 1600: ABGA Judges Certification Program**

Judging breeding animals is an important task, as the judge's insight and knowledge aids producers with their breeding and marketing programs. Judges also play a vital role of education of the exhibitors as well as the viewing public. The certification program objectives include but are not limited to the following:

- A. A certification based on skill and knowledge of the judge candidate as determined by testing.
- B. Implement a fair and unbiased system of scoring and tabulation of judge's candidate testing



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scores.

- C. Implement a judge's certification panel to conduct certification.
- D. Emphasis and testing based on ABGA history, ABGA programs, ring management, inspection, and anatomy of goats.
- E. Emphasis and testing based on ABGA Breed Standards.
- F. Emphasis and testing based on faults and disqualifications under ABGA breed standards.
- G. Emphasis and testing based on the candidate's ability to correctly place animals in a class.
- H. Emphasis and testing based on the candidate's ability to give oral reasons for a class of animals.
- I. Judges' panel report to ABGA board for future development of the ABGA certification program.

## **Rule 1601: ABGA Judges Certification Form and Methods**

(04-08-2025)

Individuals desiring to become ABGA certified judges are required to attend and pass an ABGA judge's certification and be ABGA members in good standing and be 21 years of age or older (July 15, 2022). A judges' panel appointed by the ABGA Board of Directors will conduct and score the certification. The following will be part of the requirements for the course:

- A. Applicants are to complete a judge certification application and submit application and certification fee to ABGA. A maximum of 20 applicants will be accepted into each certification course. The following attributes will carry positive weight by the judges' panel when selecting candidates, however none of these experiences are required to be accepted:
  - i. Attending an ABGA sponsored educational event with judges training
  - ii. Experience judging non-ABGA shows
  - iii. Competitive judging experiences (Collegiate, 4-H/FFA)
  - iv. Coaching competitive judging teams (Collegiate, 4-H/FFA)
  - v. Experience raising livestock
- B. Minimum passing score is to be set by judges' panel based on the difficulty of the animal classes. The judges' panel will set the passing score above 85% of total points, with a minimum of 80% required in each test area.
- C. The judges' panel will review total scores without names and determine the minimum passing score for the course.
- D. A report will be given to board following training on positives and needed changes in future programs.
- E. Total scores are composed of classes, reasons, and written exam scores, as follows:
  - i. 8 placing classes of 4 or 5-head: 400 points; 40% of total.
    - a. Up to 2 of these classes can be inspected for cull faults, all other classes will be judged as show correct.
    - b. Cuts on 4-head classes will have a maximum total of 15
    - c. Cuts on 5-head classes will have a maximum total of 12
    - d. Reasons will be given on 5 of these classes
  - ii. 1 class of 10-head DQ Fault Class: 100 points; 10% of total.
    - a. Each animal will be worth 10 points, and the contestant must correctly identify if animal is show correct or has a DQ fault. The correct DQ fault must be identified to receive the 10 points.
    - b. No reasons will be given on this class
    - c. Contestants will be given 5 minutes to evaluate all 10 head for DQ faults.
    - d. Only one individual will be allowed to evaluate this class at a time
  - iii. 1 class of 8-head: 100 points; 10% of total
    - a. Class will be judged as show correct
    - b. Cuts between pairs will not exceed 6 points
    - c. Minimum score will be 0
    - d. Reasons will be given on this class
  - iv. 6 sets of oral reasons: 300 points; 30% of total.
  - v. Written exam: 100 points; 10% of total.
  - vi. Total: 1000 points; 100% of total.



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## **Rule 1602: ABGA Approved Judges Program**

(04-08-2025)

Judging market goats and wether dams is an important task, as the judge's insight and knowledge aids producers with their breeding and marketing programs. Judges also play a vital role of education of the exhibitors as well as the viewing public. The ABGA Approved Market Wether and Wether Dam Judging Program objectives include but are not limited to the following:

- A. An approval based on skill and knowledge of the "Approved" judge candidate as determined by resume, experience and recommendation.
- B. Implement a fair and unbiased approval process through candidate evaluation.
- C. Implementation of "Approved" status through the Judges Committee with final ABGA Board of Directors approval.
- D. Emphasis and approval based on prior judging experience.
- E. Emphasis and approval based on Meat Goat breeding animal evaluation experience.
- F. Emphasis and approval based on Meat Goat market animal evaluation experience.
- G. Emphasis and approval based on live animal carcass merit evaluation experience.
- H. Emphasis and approval based on oral reason presentation and show ring management.
- I. Judge's Committee report to ABGA Board of Directors for future development of the ABGA Approved Judges Program.

## **Rule 1603: ABGA Approved Judges: Forms and Methods**

(04-08-2025)

Individuals desiring to become ABGA Approved Judges for wether dams and market goats are required to complete an ABGA Approved Judges application, be ABGA members in good standing, submit to a background check, be 21 years of age or older and receive approval of the ABGA Judges Committee as approved by the ABGA Board of Directors.

The following will be requirements of the "Approved" Judge status:

- A. Applicant is to complete an "Approved" Judges application and submit application and fees to the ABGA.
- B. Minimum requirements for approval are to be set by the ABGA Judges Committee.
- C. The ABGA Judges Committee will review applications as well as candidate resumes, experience and recommendations to determine candidate acceptance pending ABGA Board of Directors approval.
- D. Approved Judges will be expected to follow the ABGA Show Ring Protocol (RULE 1400.q).
- E. Approved Judges will be expected to follow the ABGA Judges Code of Conduct (RULE 901.A.iv) and are subject to Judge Disciplinary Procedures (RULE 901).
- F. Any ABGA Certified Judge is permitted to be part of the Approved Judges Program without the need to submit an application.

## **Rule 1700: ABGA Fee Schedule**

A current fee schedule, as determined by the board, is available on the ABGA website or on request from the ABGA office and will be published in the ABGA Magazine on an annual basis.

## **Rule 1800: Compliance with These Rules**

It is the duty of every member, affiliate, participating non-member, agent, and/or others acting on behalf of ABGA to comply with these Rules.

## **Rule 1900: Submission of Information to this Association**

Whenever under these Rules, there is a duty or requirement for a member to submit or provide information to the Association, such submission shall be truthful, accurate and verifiable.

# Board of Directors Regular Meeting

American Boer Goat Association

January 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS

## I. Call to Order

President, Rosalinda Vizina, calls the meeting to order at 7:02 pm CST.

## II. Roll Call

**Directors Present:** **R1-** Rosalinda Vizina, **R2-** Olivia Rush, **R3-** Paige Gunderson, **R5-** Patrick Aliff, **R6-** Kyle Tate, **R7a-** Brandon Dugat, **R7b-** Gage Taylor, **R8-** Sam Knott, **R9-** Elizabeth Westfall, **R10-** Kim Veal, **R11-** Tyler Sparks, **R12-** Rodney Wilson, **R13-** Brad Mackey

**Directors Absent:** **R4-** Jeffrey Gibbs, **R14-** Cameron Drew

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community**

**Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## III. Emergency Item

President, Rosalinda Vizina announces Gage Taylor's resignation as Secretary and calls on nominations for a replacement. Gage Taylor also announces his resignation from the American Boer Goat Foundation Board.

**Tyler Sparks nominates Rodney Wilson as Secretary.** Brad Mackey seconds the nomination. Rodney Wilson accepts the nomination. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously. Rodney will serve as Secretary through his current term ending in June 2025.

## IV. Adoption of Agenda

**Kyle Tate moves to add the issue regarding member #25467 to the top of the agenda following the treasurer's report.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Rodney Wilson moves to accept the agenda, given the amendment to move the *Foundation Board update* to the last item of business.** Elizabeth Westfall seconds the nomination. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## V. Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer, Sam Knott, discusses that he did not receive the financial information in time to comprise a full report and will present that at the next meeting of the board.

### VI. Issue Regarding Member #25467

**Brandon Dugat moves that in accordance with section A of the ABGA National Drug Testing Consent Form member #25467 is in violation of a substance outlined in the violation section A resulting in the penalties outlined in that section.** Gage Taylor seconds the motion. Brandon Dugat calls for a roll call vote. **Roll Call Vote:** Olivia- abstain, Paige- yes, Patrick- yes, Kyle- yes, Gage- yes, Brandon- yes, Sam- yes, Elizabeth- yes, Kim- abstain, Tyler- abstain, Rodney- abstain, Brad- yes. With 8 yes and 4 abstain, the motion passes. Member #25467 will be notified of all penalties.

### VII. Office Update

Office Manager, Porschea Penn, provides updates on the productivity of the ABGA office.

Porschea will have yearly reviews to the Executive Director and Board of Directors before the end of the month.

### VIII. Executive Director Report

Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, provides updates from the ED's office.

### IX. DNA Rules

**Kyle Tate moves to accept the DNA rule proposals as written. (Attachment 1)** Brandon Dugat seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### X. DNA Rollout Program

Paige Gunderson discusses updates to the ABGA website and educational work being done for the new DNA program.

### XI. Region Restructuring

A total of six new region restructures were submitted for proposal to the board. Elizabeth Westfall submitted a proposal with 11 regions. Paige Gunderson submitted a proposal with 11 regions. Kyle Tate submitted a proposal with 11 regions. Rodney Wilson submitted three proposals with 9, 10, and 11 regions respectively.

**Brad Mackey moves to vote between the 9-region map and 11-region map; both presented by Rodney Wilson.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Olivia- 11,

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Paige- 9, Patrick- 11, Kyle- 11, Gage- 11, Brandon- 11, Sam- 11, Elizabeth- 11, Kim- 9, Tyler- 11, Rodney- 11, Brad- 9. With 9 for the 11-region map and 3 for the 9-region map, the vote favors the 11-region map.

**Tyler Sparks moves to put the new redistricting proposal of the 11-region map (Attachment 2) into effect on February 1, 2025.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Olivia- yes, Paige- yes, Patrick- yes, Kyle- yes, Gage- yes, Brandon- yes, Sam- yes, Elizabeth- yes, Kim- yes, Tyler- yes, Rodney- yes, Brad- no. With 11 for this motion, the motion passes with a majority vote of the entire sitting board.

### **XII. Finance Policy**

**Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, explains and proposes the Accounting Policies and Procedure Manual.**

**Brandon Dugat moves to accept the new accounting policies and procedures.** (Attachment 3) Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one no (Kim); motion passes.

### **XIII. Spring Regional Shows**

**Paige Gunderson moves to change the Georgia regional show dates to February 28 through March 2, 2025, and the Iowa regional show location to Des Moines, Iowa.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### **XIV. JABGA National Market Judges**

The JABGA Board comprised a list of judges they would like to invite to be on the ballot for the National Market and Commercial Show judge selection. They will confirm interest and return with a proposed list for approval by the board.

### **XV. Showman App Show Results**

Rodney Wilson discussed some possibilities for the future of inputting show results and having the ability to record data. There was discussion on looking more into this area in the future.

### **XVI. Committee Updates**

#### **a. Education Committee**

Gage Taylor discussed a few up-and-coming items they are working on to enhance the member's experience as well as creating a resource packet for youth programs.

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## **XVII. ROV Show Series**

Kyle Tate discusses new updates on the ROV show series proposal.

President, Rosalinda Vizina, tasks Patrick Aliff with assisting Kyle Tate with the ROV show series proposal for future reports.

## **XVIII. Committee Expectations**

President, Rosalinda Vizina, tables this matter until the next meeting.

## **XIX. Director's Expectations**

**Rosalinda Vizina discusses and reviews the Code of Ethics, Director Expectations, and the Confidentiality agreement.**

## **XX. Final Business**

Elizabeth Westfall announces her resignation from the board as the Region 9 director.

## **XXI. Adjournment**

**Kim Veal moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 pm CST.** Elizabeth Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 12 Director

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# I. Introduction

The purpose of this manual is to describe all accounting policies and procedures currently in use at the American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) and to ensure that the financial statements conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); assets are safeguarded; guidelines of grantors and donors are complied with; and finances are managed with accuracy, efficiency, and transparency.

All ABGA staff and volunteers with a role in the management of fiscal and accounting operations are expected to comply with the policies and procedures in this manual.

These policies will be reviewed annually and revised as needed by the Executive Director and Finance Committee of the Board of Directors.

## II. Segregation of Duties

The following is a list of personnel who have fiscal and accounting responsibilities:

### *Board of Directors*

1. Reviews and approves the annual budget.
2. Reviews financial statements monthly to include a Statement of Cash Flows, a Statement of Functional Expenses, a Statement of Financial Position, and a Statement of Activities.
3. Reviews Executive Director's performance annually and establishes the salary.
4. The President and Treasurer of the board will be appointed by the board to be authorized signers on the bank accounts in addition to the Executive Director and Office Manager.
5. Reviews and approves all contracts over five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with advisory committee input when possible.
6. Reviews and approves all non-budgeted expenditures over one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
7. Reviews and approves any draws from investment accounts.
8. Reviews and advises staff on internal controls and accounting policies and procedures.
9. **Selects an independent CPA to conduct an annual audit of ABGA's financials. The auditor is required to present the results of the audit to the board of directors and explain any findings.**
10. Treasurer performs duties as outlined in the ABGA bylaws.

### *Executive Director*

1. Reviews and approves all monthly and annual financial reports to be forwarded to the board of directors.
2. Works closely with finance committee to see that an appropriate budget is developed annually and submitted to the board by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Reviews and authorizes all issued checks and/or approves check signing procedures.
4. Reviews and approves all contracts under five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with advisory committee input where possible.
5. Works closely with grant writing committee to develop and complete grant submissions.
6. Executes board approved inter-account bank transfers to or from investments as directed.
7. Is signatory on all bank accounts.

8. Monitors grant reporting requirements and appropriate release of temporarily restricted funds.
9. Receives all electronic bank statements, reviews for any irregularities, and reviews completed monthly bank reconciliations. Highlights any projected cash flow concerns in monthly report to the board.
10. Oversees the adherence to all internal controls and monitors program budgets.
11. Approves all program expenditures, reimbursed expense requests, and cost center allocations for the A/P process.

### *Bookkeeper*

1. Codifies expenditures and cost center allocations, reviewing all incoming and outgoing invoices.
2. Books all payroll expenses as per reports provided by ADP.
3. Accounts payable processes to include production of checks for review and approval by the Executive Director.
4. Performs month, quarter, and year end closing to include any required accrual entries and reconciliations of balance sheet accounts.
5. Records all inter-account bank transfers with appropriate supportive documentation.
6. Assists Executive Director with the development of annual and program budgets.
7. Manages the petty cash voucher system to include monthly reconciliation.
8. Reviews all incoming accounting department mail (stamped and dated by office manager as received).
9. Regular development and oversight of expense allocations / allocation tables.
10. Maintains general ledger with appropriate supportive documentation for each GJE.
11. Prepares monthly and year-end financial reports for Executive Director and board of directors.
12. Assists finance committee in any requested matters.
13. Reconciles all bank and other asset accounts monthly for Executive Director signature.
14. Overall responsibility for data entry into accounting system and integrity of accounting system data.
15. Processes invoices and prepares checks for signature.
16. Accounts Receivable or Bookkeeper prepares bank deposits and records deposits into accounting system.
17. Mails vendor checks.
18. Inputs Accounts Receivable in accounting system and reconciles A/R monthly.

### *Office Manager*

1. The Office Manager or Member Services Staff receives, opens, and dates the incoming mail
2. Stamps any **checks “for deposit only” and makes two (2) copies of each check** and then given to Bookkeeper or Accounts Receivable Staff for processing and input into accounting system. Is signatory on all operating bank accounts.
3. Signs checks prepared by Bookkeeper and approved by Executive Director.
4. Manages payroll through ADP and submits bi-weekly payroll reports to Executive Director for review and Bookkeeper for processing.
5. All corrections to timesheets are to be made by Office Manager via ADP.
6. Maintains all personnel files in a secure, locked file cabinet and only allows access by authorized personnel.

### **III. Chart of Accounts and General Ledger**

The ABGA has designated a Chart of Accounts (COA) specific to its operational needs and the needs of its financial statements. The COA is structured so that financial statements can be shown by expense type as well as by functional classification (program vs. fundraising vs. administration). The Bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining the COA and revising as necessary. The COA is attached to this manual as an addendum.

The general ledger is automated and maintained using our accounting software. All input and balancing is the responsibility of the bookkeeper, closely monitored by the Executive Director.

The bookkeeper should review the general ledger on a periodic basis for any unusual transactions.

## IV. Cash Receipts

Cash receipts generally arise from online and mail-in memberships and fundraising activities

The principal steps in the cash receipts process are:

The Office Manager or Member Services Staff receives, opens, and dates the incoming mail, except bank statements, which are opened electronically directly by the Executive Director before viewing by Bookkeeper. All other fiscal matters are given to the Bookkeeper or Accounts Receivable Staff. The Office Manager stamps any **checks “for deposit only” and makes two (2) copies of each check** and then given to Bookkeeper or Accounts Receivable Staff for processing and input into accounting system. The checks are kept in a locked cabinet until ready to process and deposit.

Weekly (or more often if necessary), the Bookkeeper or Accounts Receivable Staff processes the deposit and takes it to the bank for deposit. A copy of the deposit slip is attached to the deposit. A copy of the checks and deposit slip are put in a file for the Bookkeeper to record the monies received in the general ledger and then attached to the bank statement as it arrives for reconciliation. The second copy of the check goes into the **member’s file.**

All cash received will be counted, verified, and signed off by the Bookkeeper and an additional staff member. There is to be (2) copies of the cash log made, and the cash itself in a locked cabinet until deposited to the bank. One photocopy of the cash log will be used as supportive documentation for the recording to the general ledger, and the second photocopy of the cash log **goes into the member’s file. The** Bookkeeper will post the cash to the general ledger using the appropriate cost allocation. A receipt will be given to the paying party and a copy kept for internal purposes.

## V. Inter-Account Bank Transfers

The Bookkeeper, Executive Director, and finance committee monitor the balances in the bank accounts to determine when there is a shortage or excess in the checking account. The Executive Director and/or finance committee recommends to the board of directors when a transfer should be made to maximize the potential for earning interest or when there may be a need to draw from investment accounts. The Executive Director is directed by the board of directors when to make a transfer and in what amount. A copy of the transfer is provided to the board of directors at the next meeting.

## VI. Cash Disbursements & Expense Allocations

Cash disbursements are generally made for:

1. Payments to vendors for goods and services
2. Taxes/license fees
3. Staff training and development
4. Memberships and subscriptions
5. Meeting expenses
6. Reimbursed Expenses
7. Marketing/promotional materials

Checks are processed weekly. Invoices submitted to the Bookkeeper by Wednesday will be processed and paid by Friday of the same week. Checks can be prepared manually within one day, but this should be limited to emergency situations.

Requests for cash disbursements are submitted for payment in three ways:

1. Approved original invoice
2. Approved purchase request (submitted on approved form)
3. Approved employee expense report or reimbursement request

Every employee reimbursement or purchase request must be documented on the approved form with travel authorization, receipts, nature of business, program allocation, and funding source (if applicable) before approving for reimbursement as follows:

Lodging - an itemized receipt from the hotel detailing all charges, the person(s) for whom the lodging was provided, and the specific business purpose.

Meals and Entertainment - a receipt must be provided showing the cost of food, beverage, and gratuities, including the names of every person for whom food or beverage was provided, and the specific business purpose. No alcoholic beverages are permitted for reimbursement.

Other Expenditures - a receipt from the vendor detailing all goods or services purchased (including the class of service for transportation) and the specific business purpose.

The Executive Director reviews all requests for payment and:

1. Verifies expenditure and amount
2. Approve for payment if in accordance with budget
3. Provides or verifies appropriate allocation information
4. Submits to the Bookkeeper for processing

The Treasurer or President of the board reviews and approves any reimbursed expenses for the Executive Director

Bookkeeper processes all payments and:

1. Enters them into the Accounts Payable module timely
2. Prints checks according to allocation and payment date provided by the Executive Director
3. Submit a list of checks with documentation, to Executive Director for authorization to process, followed by Office Manager to sign. All checks in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) require a second signature from an authorized signor; checks in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) require a second signature from the Treasurer or President of the board
4. Stamps invoice "paid", recording date and any applicable check or transaction number
5. Mails checks and appropriate backup documentation
6. Files all backup documentation in the appropriate file and scans all documents for attachment into accounting system.
7. Runs an accounts payable aging at the middle and end of each month and submits to the Executive Director to assure timely payment and management of accounts payable

## VII. Credit Card Policy and Charges

All staff and board members who are authorized to carry an organization credit card will be held personally responsible if any charge is deemed personal or unauthorized, with the amount being reduced from the following paycheck. Unauthorized use of the credit card includes personal expenditures of any kind; expenditures which have not been properly authorized; meals, entertainment, gifts, or other expenditures which are prohibited by budgets, laws, and regulations, and the entities from which the ABGA receives funds.

The receipts for all credit card charges will be given to the Bookkeeper within two (2) weeks of the purchase along with applicable documentation. The Bookkeeper will verify all credit card charges with the monthly statements and will assign an applicable allocation for posting. A copy of all charges will be attached to the monthly credit card statement when submitted to the Executive Director for approval and payment.

The Executive Director's credit card usage will be provided to the Board President and the Board Treasurer for oversight of irregularity.

See travel policy implemented 08-02-2008 for missing receipt policy and specific credit card usage guidance.

## VIII. Accruals

To ensure a timely closing of the General Ledger each month, the ABGA books accrual entries. Some accruals will be made as recurring entries.

Accruals to consider for either monthly or year end:

1. Monthly interest earned on money market accounts, certificates of deposits, etc.
2. Recurring expenses, including employee vacation accrual, prepaid corporate insurance, depreciation, etc.
3. National / Regional Show Expenses
4. Draw-down from pre-paid accounts like general and directors & officer's liability insurance.
5. Reconciliation of the Accounts Receivable and Member Prepayments to the membership system.

## IX. Bank Account Reconciliations

1. All bank statements are opened electronically by the Executive Director. The Executive Director reviews and signs off on the statements for unusual balances and/or transactions.
2. The Executive Director gives the statements to the Bookkeeper for timely reconciliation as follows: a comparison of dates and amounts of deposits as shown in the accounting system and on the statement, a comparison of inter-account transfers, an investigation of any rejected items, a comparison of cleared checks with the accounting records including amount, payee, and sequential check numbers. This is performed in the accounting software, using the reconciliation module. The QuickBooks reconciliation report is to be attached to the statement along with copies of all deposits and checks made during that month.
3. The Bookkeeper will verify that voided checks, if returned, are appropriately defaced and filed.
4. The Bookkeeper will investigate any checks that are outstanding over three months.
5. The reconciliation report will be reviewed, approved, dated, and signed by the Executive Director.

## X. Petty Cash Fund

Petty cash funds are maintained by the organization. The funds are to be used for miscellaneous or unexpected purchases and the same approval procedures apply as mentioned in the cash disbursement section.

1. The petty cash fund will not exceed five hundred (\$500) and is always kept in a locked file cabinet.
2. The Bookkeeper oversees the petty cash fund.
3. All disbursements made from petty cash are acknowledged in writing by the receiving party.
4. All money returned to the petty cash fund is counted and verified by the Bookkeeper and a second staff member. Receipts for items purchased with petty cash must be included with the return and should include appropriate account allocations as well as supervisor approval using a Petty Cash form.
5. The Executive Director and the Bookkeeper together will periodically count the cash in the petty cash fund.
6. No checks will be cashed by the petty cash fund.

# XI. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment includes items such as:

1. Office furniture and equipment
2. Computer hardware
3. Computer software
4. Leasehold improvements

**It is the organization's policy to capitalize all items which have a unit cost greater than** one thousand hundred dollars **(\$1,000)**. Items purchased with a value or cost less than one thousand dollars **(\$1,000)** will be expensed in the period purchased.

The depreciation period for capitalized assets is as follows:

Computer Hardware	36 months
Office Equipment	60 months
Office Furniture	60 months
Computer Software	36 months
Leasehold improvements	Length of lease
Building Infrastructure	39 years

1. A Fixed Asset Log is maintained by the Bookkeeper including date of purchase, asset description, purchase/donation information, cost/fair market value, donor/funding source, identification number, life of asset.
2. The Log will be reviewed by the Executive Director periodically.
3. Annually, a physical inspection and inventory will be taken of all fixed assets and reconciled to the general ledger balances.
4. The Executive Director shall be informed in writing of any change in status or condition of any property or equipment.
5. Depreciation is recorded at least annually. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Any impaired assets discovered during the inventory will be written down to their actual value.

## XII. Personnel Records

1. All personnel files contain the following documents: an application and/or resume, date of employment, position and pay rate, all approvals for pay-rate increases, authorization of payroll deductions, W-4 withholding authorization, termination data where applicable, a signed confidentiality agreement, a signed acknowledgement of receipt of Employee Handbook, an emergency contact form, and other forms (any social medial policy or cybersecurity policy as determined) as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director and Board of Directors.
2. All employees will fill out an I-9 form and submit the allowable forms of identification to the Executive Director.
3. Copies of any background checks conducted during hiring or conducted periodically during working relationship
4. The electronically completed I-9 forms will be kept in a secure location through ADP separate from the personnel files.
5. All personnel files are to be kept in a secure, locked file cabinet and accessed only by authorized personnel.

## XIII. Payroll Processing

1. Timesheets are electronically maintained by employees through ADP and submitted on a bi-weekly basis. Exceptions to the submittal date may occur and will be communicated accordingly.
2. Timesheets are to be kept on a daily basis and completed in ink in circumstances where they are not tracked electronically.
3. All corrections to timesheets are to be made by Office Manager via ADP.
4. Timesheet data is to be reviewed and approved by the Office Manager for submission to ADP
5. Any changes to the standing information of the payroll register from the prior period including addition of new employees, deletion of employees, or changes in base pay rate must be accompanied by an Employment Information Form and signed by the Executive Director before the change can be made.
6. The Office Manager will process payroll in a timely manner and record vacation time, holiday hours, sick time, and any other information deemed necessary to properly reflect time worked.
7. Paystubs are sent electronically, and additional copies are available for employees online through ADP. Payroll is directly deposited into employee accounts on Fridays following the close of the pay period (Wednesday).
8. If the employee requests that his/her check or stub be turned over to a third party, the request must be made in writing prior to distribution.
9. Employees may choose to receive a physical check for payroll. Their paycheck is produced by ADP and arrives with the stubs on the payroll date. The employee will receive a verification stub and check to be delivered by the Bookkeeper.
10. The Executive Director will review payroll expenditures and allocations monthly.
11. All quarterly federal and state payroll reports will be prepared and filed appropriately.
12. All W-2 statements are issued to employees prior to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year for the prior calendar year.

## XIV. End of Month and Fiscal Year-End Close

1. The Executive Director will review and sign off on all month- and year-end journal entries. They will be printed and filed for audit trail purposes.
2. At the end of each month and fiscal year end, the Bookkeeper will review all balance sheet accounts including verification of the following balances: cash accounts match the bank reconciliations, appropriate period-ending accruals have been entered, fixed assets accounts reflect all purchases, write-downs and retirements, accounts receivable and payable accounts match outstanding amounts due and owed.
3. The income and expense accounts review will include reconciliation to amounts received and expended and verification that payroll expenses match the payroll reports including federal and state payroll tax filings.
4. Once the final monthly and fiscal year-end financial statements are run, reviewed, and approved by the Bookkeeper and Executive Director, no more entries or adjustments will be made into that **month or year's ledgers.**
5. At the end of the fiscal year, the board approved firm will perform an audit on all yearly financial proceedings. Any adjustments from the audit will be made and noted as such. Audit report will be given to the Executive Director, Finance Committee and Board of Directors for review.
6. At the end of the fiscal year, the outside CPA will prepare the annual Return for Organization Exempt from Income Tax (IRS Form 990). The return will be presented to the Executive Director, the Finance Committee, and the board of directors for their approval. The CPA will then file the return with the Internal Revenue Service by the annual deadline, striving to avoid extensions wherever possible.
7. All other appropriate government filings including those required by the state tax board and **attorney general's office will be completed and filed with the appropriate agency.**

## XV. Financial Reports

The Bookkeeper will prepare the monthly and annual financial reports for distribution to the Executive Director and Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Board members on the finance committee are responsible to share reports to member representatives on the finance committee. The reports will include a Statement of Activities, a Statement of Financial Position, a Statement of Cash Flows, and a Statement of Functional Expenses. Monthly reports should be dated the first day of the month to be reviewed through the end day of that same month (with a YTD column). Quarterly and annual reports should follow suit regarding dates used to run reports. During months that are both a month-end and quarter- or year-end, the board of directors should receive both the still picture of the month, as well as the quarter or year.

## XVI. Fiscal Policy Statements

1. All cash accounts (except petty cash) owned by the ABGA will be held in financial institutions which are insured by the FDIC. The association will strive to mitigate uninsured funds, re-evaluating and adjusting account structure as needed.
2. All capital expenditures which **exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** will be capitalized.
3. Employee or public personal checks will not be cashed through the petty cash fund.
4. No salary advances will be made under any circumstances.
5. No travel cash advances will be made except under special conditions and pre-approved by the Executive Director.
6. Reimbursements will be paid upon complete expense reporting and approval using the official ABGA form. Reimbursements to the Executive Director will be authorized by the Board Treasurer.
7. Any donated item with a value exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) will be recorded and in-kind donations
8. The Treasurer and President of the board, the Executive Director, and the Office Manager are the signatories on **the ABGA's** bank accounts. Disbursements exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) require a second signature by an authorized board or staff member. Checks over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) require a second signature by an authorized board member.
9. Bank statements will be reconciled monthly. All bank statements will be given unopened to the Executive Director for review.
10. Financial reports are to be produced directly from accounting software, without reliance on auxiliary spreadsheets.
11. Correction fluid and/or tape will never be used in preparing timesheets or any accounting documents.
12. Accounting will be securely kept in cabinets in the finance office and only parties with financial will have access.

**RED = Needs removed from rules**

**YELLOW = Correct wording that was approved to change to at F2F**

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- B. All other DNA Rules are under review and subject to change; however, they remain in effect as associated with the use of voluntary DNA submission. (10-13-2021)
- C. Parent qualification and/or parent verification will be performed on all animals submitted for DNA marker testing when required samples are on file with ABGA. **If parents are tested through UC Davis, then in order for parentage to be verified, the individual animal must submit a sample for both UC Davis and NeoGen through the ABGA. If a parent has been STR tested through UC Davis, parentage verification requires either: a.) SNP testing of the parent or b.) a STR & SNP combo test submitted for the offspring.**
- D. Animals must be registered with the highest likely parentage prior to submitting DNA samples.
  - i. **The \$10 correction fee will be waived if the sire identified is not the correct one on the pedigree.**

#### **Rule 802: ABGA DNA Marker Testing Procedure**

- A. DNA test kits must be requested through the ABGA website or directly from the ABGA office.
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- D. All DNA test kit requests must be accompanied by the appropriate test fee.
- E. ~~All DNA test kit requests will be assigned a bar code, associated to the individual animal that testing is requested for, by the ABGA-approved DNA testing facility.~~
- F. ~~In order to ensure proper chain of custody and procedures, testing samples will only be accepted when sent to ABGA DNA Department—3524 Knickerbocker Rd, Ste C324, San Angelo, TX 76904.~~
  - i. ~~A pre-printed and paid mailer with the correct address will be included with the requested DNA test kits.~~
- G. The following will be submitted **DIRECTLY TO THE ABGA-approved DNA testing facility:**
  - i. Fully completed test kit – signed and dated.
  - ii. All required samples
- H. No tampering with or modifying the information printed on the individual animal test kit.
- I. The ABGA-approved DNA testing facility will remit all results directly to the ABGA to be included in the animal's permanent record.
- J. Upon submission of the original certificate of a DNA tested animal to the ABGA office for transfer or correction, the ABGA certificate will bear the printed statement "DNA **Marker SNP Tested**" for animal that have been tested through UC Davis **using SNP technology.** and **"GGP Goat70K Tested"** for those animal's tested through **NeoGen.**

i. No correction fee will be assessed to add “SNP Tested” onto the certificate. A new printing fee will be assessed if member wants a reprinted certificate showing “SNP Tested.”

K. No transfer of DNA testing to another animal – each testing kit will be designated to a specific registered animal. No refunds for requested DNA testing after the testing kits have left the office.

L. ~~Postmortem samples will only be accepted if collected while the test animal was alive. Samples collected after death will not be accepted.~~

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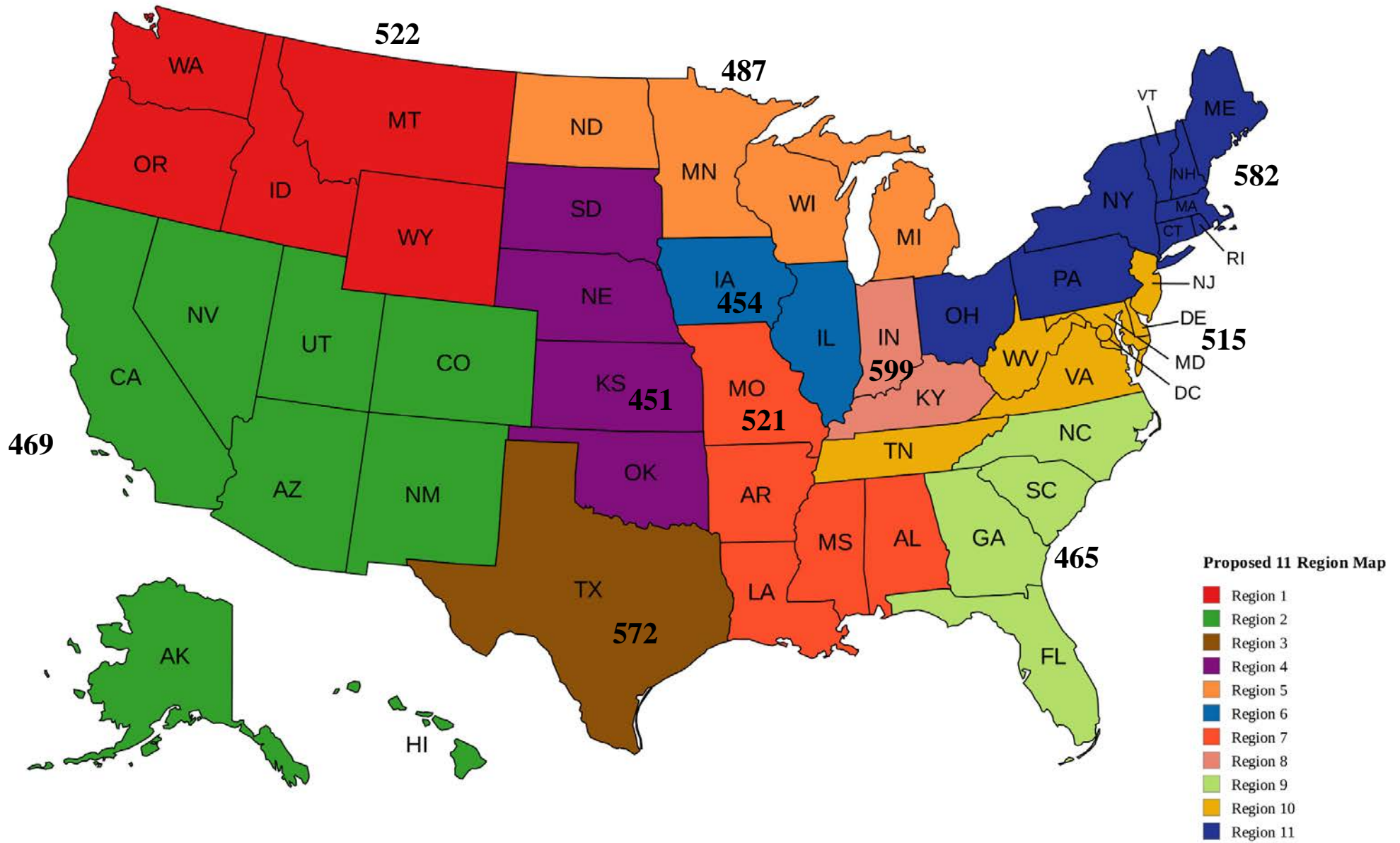
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# **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**January 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **I. Call to Order**

President, Rosalinda Vizina, calls the meeting to order at 7:02 pm CST.

## **II. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Rosalinda Vizina, **R2-** Olivia Rush, **R4-** Jeffrey Gibbs, **R5-** Patrick Aliff, **R6-** Kyle Tate, **R7a-** Brandon Dugat, **R7b-** Gage Taylor, **R10-** Kim Veal, **R11-** Tyler Sparks, **R12-** Rodney Wilson, **R13-** Brad Mackey, **R14-** Cameron Drew

**Directors Late: R3-** Paige Gunderson, **R8-** Sam Knott

**Directors Absent: R9-** *Vacant*

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## **III. Adoption of Agenda**

**Brad Mackey moves to accept the agenda.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Brandon Dugat moves to accept the January 14, 2025, regular meeting minutes with the proposed changes.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one abstain (Cameron); motion passes.

## **V. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Directors' Expectations**

President, Rosalinda Vizina, discusses and proposes a simplified onboarding document for new directors. This matter was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

### **b. Committee Expectations**

President, Rosalinda Vizina, discusses and proposes a policy document for committees to abide by. This matter was referred back to the Rules & Regulations Committee.

# **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

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### **c. American Boer Goat Foundation Update**

Discussion on the next steps for the Foundation.

### **d. Treasurer's Year-End Report**

Olivia Rush covered the close-out on 2024 and year-over-year totals in the absence of Treasurer, Sam Knott.

**Sam Knott joined the meeting at 8:19 pm CST.**

**Paige Gunderson joined the meeting at 8:21 pm CST.**

### **e. Committee Reports**

#### **i. Grant Writing**

Committee Chair, Cameron Drew, discusses different grant opportunities that are being looked at by the committee for potential application in the future.

#### **ii. Purebred Breed-Up**

Committee Chair, Jeff Gibbs, requested documents from the previous committee to gain an advantage for a starting position to move forward.

### **f. New Business**

#### **i. Meeting Protocols**

Discussion covered secretary appointment clarification and waive of notice clarification.

#### **ii. 2025 Budget Financial Controls**

Discussion covered the potential for quarterly budget reviews. A reminder that a new policy was updated and approved regarding financial controls at the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting.

# **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**January 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **iii. Performance Reviews**

A proposal to have February/ March performance reviews to expedite closeout procedures.

## **VI. Executive Session**

**Tyler Sparks moves to enter Executive Session at 9:13 pm CST.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Cameron Drew moves to leave Executive Session at 10:10 pm CST.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **VII. Rule 900 #250115**

**Kyle Tate moves to move forward with rule 900 #250115 to await a response.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 pm CST.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**February 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **I. Call to Order**

President, Rosalinda Vizina, calls the meeting to order at 7:04 pm CST.

## **II. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Rosalinda Vizina, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R2A-** Olivia Rush, **R3-** Brandon Dugat, **R3A-** Gage Taylor, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sam Knott, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11A-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late: R4-** Jeff Gibbs

**Directors Absent: R8-** *Vacant*, **R11-** Cameron Drew

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## **III. Adoption of Agenda**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the agenda with the changes of moving the Executive Session to follow after the adoption of the agenda, moving the National Show Rules down to the end of the agenda, and moving the Member Code of Ethics & Conduct down to the end of the agenda.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **IV. Executive Session**

**Tyler Sparks moves to enter Executive Session at 7:13 pm CST.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs joined at 7:50 pm CST.**

**Tyler Sparks moves to leave Executive Session at 8:10 pm CST.** Sam Knott seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Rodney Wilson moves, in relation to Rule 900 #250115, that registration is pulled for goats with registration numbers 10977293, 10977294, 10977295, and 10977296, that the listed owner will be notified of the suspension of registration, the show in question will be notified of our decision, and that the filing member will be refunded their filing fee.**

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Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one abstain (Jeff); motion passes.

**Kyle Tate moves to accept Zach Westfall to fill the Region 8 vacancy.** Patrick Aliff seconds. **Roll Call Vote-** Gage- abstain, Olivia- yes, Kyle- yes, Rodney- yes, Patrick-yes, Jeff- no, Sam- yes, Paige- yes, Brad- no, Tyler- yes, Brandon- yes. With 8 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstain, the motion passes with a majority vote of the entire board.

### **V. Approval of Minutes**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the minutes from the January 21, 2025, Board of Directors Special Meeting.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

### **VI. Treasurer's Report**

**Tyler Sparks moves to accept the January Year-over-Year Treasurer's Report.** Brandon Dugat seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

### **VII. Office Update**

**Gage Taylor moves to use JotForm as the voting platform for all future voting.** Brandon Dugat seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

### **VIII. Executive Director Update**

Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, discusses networking opportunities with the Texas A&M carcass school and ACBCC. He also discussed future opportunities stemming from a partnership with the USLGE.

### **IX. Director of Community Engagement Update**

Director of Community Engagement, Catherine Riley, provides updates on sponsorship opportunities and JABGA updates.

### **X. Committee Reports**

#### **a. National Show Committee**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to approve the four proposed National Superintendent applicants; Jesse Kimmel, Brian Hardy, Wade Rogers, and Mark Phillips.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

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**Tyler Sparks moves to approve the proposed non-sanctioned market and commercial doe judges for the 2025 National Show; Payton Dahmer, Tara Hummel, Kevin Mock, Skyler Scotten, and Spencer Scotten. Brandon Dugat seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to allow Paige and Catherine (National Show Committee) to negotiate the photography and videography submitted bids, accept the best bid, and approve the veterinary and drug testing bids that were submitted. Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

## **b. Registered Wether & Commercial Doe Committee**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the proposed rule changes to Rules 206 and 207 (Attachment 1). Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Majority in favor with one abstain (Tyler); motion passes.**

**Patrick Aliff moves to change “Commercial Doe” to “Wether Dam” at all JABGA Regional and National Shows. Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Majority in favor with one abstain (Tyler); motion passes.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept rule change proposal B (Attachment 2) for the Wether Dam shows. Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Majority in favor with two no (Brandon and Gage); motion passes.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to adopt the Registered Wether Show format proposal (Attachment 3). Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Motion passes unanimously.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to implement the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor proposal (Attachment 4) for Wether, Wether Dam, and Registered Wether shows. Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Motion passes unanimously.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to implement the highest placing registered Wether Dam recognition proposal at the National Show. Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Motion passes unanimously.**

## **XI. JABGA Redistricting Proposal**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the JABGA Redistricting Proposal 5 (Attachment 5). Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Motion passes unanimously.**

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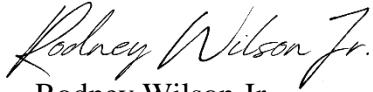
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## **XII. Adjournment**

**Paige Gunderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# Proposal Rule 206 Change

## ORIGINAL

- Rule 206: Percentage Boer Wethers; Record of Pedigree Bucks of less than 50% Boer goat blood will not be eligible for registration. Wethers (castrated males) with at least one registered parent are eligible for a “Record of Pedigree” certificate. This “Record of Pedigree” will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the wether’s herd prefix, herd name, tattoos, date of birth, and a three-generation history

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

- Rule 206: Percentage Boer Wethers; Record of Pedigree Bucks of less than 50% Boer goat blood will not be eligible for registration. Wethers (castrated males) **with that are** at least **6.25%** **one registered parent** are eligible for a “Record of Pedigree” certificate. This “Record of Pedigree” will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the wether’s herd prefix, herd name, date of birth and tattoos, **scrapie tags/federal ID**, or microchips. **and a three-generation history.**

# Proposal Rule 207 Change

## ORIGINAL

Rule 207: Animals Otherwise Ineligible for Registration or Record of Pedigree; Listing Paper Animals that are otherwise ineligible for registration or a Record of Pedigree will be eligible for a “Listing Paper” with the Association. This “Listing Paper” will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the applicant’s herd prefix, herd name, tattoos, date of birth, and a copy of any applicable registration certificate issued by another association.

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Rule 207: Animals Otherwise Ineligible for Registration or Record of Pedigree

207 A Listing Paper: Bucks that are otherwise ineligible for registration or a Record of Pedigree will be eligible for a “Listing Paper” with the Association. This “Listing Paper” will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the applicant’s herd prefix, herd name, and tattoos, scrapie tags/federal ID, or microchips, date of birth, and a copy of any applicable registration certificate issued by another association (Removing DOB and Reg. certificate because this would not be able to apply to those that buy from the sale barn or from a wether breeder)

207 B Native on Appearance: Does Otherwise Ineligible for Registration or Record of Pedigree that have the appearance of a Boer goat will be eligible for “Native on Appearance”. The “Native on Appearance” document will be issued after the proper documentation and a full profile body picture of the doe has been submitted with the does herd prefix, herd name, and tattoos, scrapie tags/federal ID, or microchips. “Native on Appearance” does will be granted 12.5% registration. Native on Appearance does must appear to be a Boer goat. The traditional Boer Goat is white bodied with red head, but no preference is given to any color.

# Proposal B

The commercial does (wether dams) will be shown in Divisions by teeth **and weight**. Classes will be divided into three divisions:

- Division 1 - all milk teeth in place
- Division 2 – **all milk** teeth in place
- Division 3 – **2** teeth and older (any adult teeth that has erupted as part of the natural shedding process)
- Class breaks within the divisions will be calculated by weight. Show management reserves the right to adjust the class numbers and breaks as needed.
- Proposed Date of Effectiveness: Nationals 2025

# Proposal – Registered Wether Show

- The registered wether show is to happen following the heavy weight division of the open wether show at the ABGA National Show.
- Following the registered wether class, the top 5 registered wethers will join the top 5 from each division in the open wether show to compete for the overall top 5 wether in the final drive.
- Champion and Reserve Reg. Wether gets a Buckle and Division Banners
- Along with having top 5 registered wethers those wethers will be treated as a 4<sup>th</sup> division in the wether show

# Proposal – Premier Breeder/ Premier Exhibitor

- To have a premier breeder for the commercial doe, wether, and registered wether show using the same point system as the fullblood premier breeder.
- The requirements for the Premier breeder is that there must be 3 animals entered and showed in either the commercial doe, wether, or registered wether show. All data will run off the scrapies tag or tattoo.
- Premier Exhibitor for Commercial/Market Exhibitors:
  - Requiring exhibitor to be active in 3 events
    - On foot –required (market, reg. wethers, or commercial does)
    - Showmanship –required
    - Skill-a-thon, sales talk, and/or judging (can pick any of the following)

# **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

## **American Boer Goat Association**

**February 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

### **I. Call to Order**

Vice-President, Brad Mackey, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

### **II. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R2A-** Olivia Rush, **R3-** Brandon Dugat, **R3A-** Gage Taylor, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sam Knott, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11A-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late: R1-** Rosalinda Vizina

**Directors Absent: R11-** Cameron Drew

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

### **III. Adoption of Agenda**

**Gage Taylor moves to accept the agenda with the changes of removing Unfinished Business item “D” and editing Committee Report item “A-ii” to 102.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**President, Rosalinda Vizina joined at 7:08 pm CST. She relieves Brad and starts presiding at this point.**

### **IV. ROV Final Version**

**Brandon Dugat moves to implement the proposed Roll of Victory (ROV) Show Series with the start date of June 1, 2025.** Sam Knott seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### **V. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Rules, Regulations, & Bylaws Committee Report**

##### **i. Bylaws Attorneys**

Rosalinda discusses potential attorneys for help with refreshing the bylaws. She will return to the board with more information on the top 3

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firms. She will schedule the free board training offered by the Perliski Law Group.

**ii. Rule 102-H**

Rosalinda discusses potentially adding “H” to rule 102. This matter was referred back to the committee for clarification and a re-write.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

**Tyler Sparks moves to accept the minutes from the February 11, 2025, Board of Directors Regular Meeting.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Majority in favor with two abstaining (Kim and Zach); motion passes.

**VII. JABGA Substitute Showman Form**

**Paige Gunderson moves to implement the National Show exhibitor substitution form with discussed changes.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**VIII. National Show Rules**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to approve the National Show Rules with all proposed changes.** Brandon Dugat seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With six for and six against, President, Rosalinda votes against to break the tie and the motion fails.

**Tyler Sparks moves to accept the National Show Rules proposal document with the addition of the Secretary and Treasurer and change the quorum to 4 under the “Interpretation and Violation of Rules During the Show” section.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Patrick- yes, Olivia- yes, Brandon- yes, Gage- yes, Jeff- no, Paige- yes, Sam- yes, Kyle- yes, Zach- yes, Kim- yes, Rodney- yes, and Tyler- yes. With eleven for and one against, the motion passes.

**IX. JABGA Bylaw Changes**

**Zach Westfall moves to approve the JABGA Bylaw changes as proposed.** Brandon Dugat seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**X. Face-to-Face July Date**

**Kyle Tate moves to have the 2025 Face-to-Face Board Meeting on July 11-12, 2025.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**XI. Executive Session**

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**February 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 8:44 pm CST.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Gage Taylor moves to exit Executive Session at 9:57 pm CST.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XII. Adjournment**

**Tyler Sparks moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm CST.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

## **American Boer Goat Association**

**March 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

### **I. Call to Order**

Vice-President, Brad Mackey, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

### **II. Immediate Action**

**Region 11 Director, Cameron Drew, submitted her formal resignation via email on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 4:48 pm CST.** President, Rosalinda Vizina, formally recognized and accepted her resignation via email on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:01 pm CST. There is no need to fill this vacancy as region 11 was co-directed with Tyler Sparks who will now serve the remainder of his term as the sole Region 11 Director.

### **III. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R2A-** Olivia Rush, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sam Knott, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late: R1-** Rosalinda Vizina, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R3A-** Gage Taylor

**Directors Absent: R3-** Brandon Dugat,

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

### **IV. Adoption of Agenda**

**Sam Knott moves to accept the agenda.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Patrick Aliff joined the meeting at 7:04 pm CST.**

### **V. Treasurer's Report**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to accept the Treasurer's Report.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

### **VI. Office Update**

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**Paige Gunderson moves to implement the proposed solution presented by Porschea (Attachment 1).** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**President, Rosalinda Vizina joined at 7:31 pm CST. She relieves Brad and starts presiding at this point.**

## **VII. Executive Director Update**

**Zach Westfall moves to pay the upfront one-time fee to upgrade iCompete for the launch of the Native on Appearance (NOA) herdbook.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Sam Knott moves to charge \$20 for the NOA registration.** Olivia Rush seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **VIII. Approval of Minutes**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the minutes from the February 18, 2025, Board of Directors Special Meeting.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

### **a. Rules, Regulations, & Bylaws Committee**

**Brad Mackey moves to throw out the Rule 102-H proposal.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Patrick- yes, Olivia- yes, Jeff- yes, Paige- yes, Sam- no, Kyle- yes, Zach- yes, Brad- yes, Kim- yes, Rodney- yes, Tyler- no. With nine for and two against, the motion passes.

**Kim Veal moves to send back the Committee Roles and Responsibilities proposed document back to the committee for a revamp and to be brought back to the next meeting for continued discussion.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **X. Director of Community Engagement Update**

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**March 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

Director of Community Engagement, Catherine Riley, provides updates on sponsorships, national show, national judge announcements, regional show, JABGA elections, and the proposed junior ambassador program.

**Rosalinda Vizina left the meeting at 8:08 pm CST, and Brad Mackey resumed presiding.**

### **XI. Judges Committee**

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the Judges Certification for October 24-24, 2025, in Stillwater, Oklahoma at Payne County Expo Center.** Sam Knott seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the trainer judges as Josh Taylor, Terry Burks, Justin Burns, Randall White, and Bailey Bergherm.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the Judges Committee Educational Events at the Iowa JABGA Regional show and ABGA National Show.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

### **XII. DNA Committee**

**Kyle Tate moves to accept the proposed DNA rule change (Attachment 2).** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

### **XIII. Member Code of Ethics**

This matter will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

### **XIV. Review of Policies**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the policy change recommendations depicted in red (Attachment 3).** Sam Knott seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to implement the proposed policy changes (Attachment 3).** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

### **XV. Buck Performance Test**

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**Rodney Wilson moves to proceed with North Dakota University for the Performance Buck Test.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XVI. National Show Contract**

**Paige Gunderson moves to allow Caleb Boardman to sign the Grand Island three year contract for the national show.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XVII. National Show Invitational Sale Junior Policy**

**Zach Westfall moves to approve the owner rule for sale of percentage animals at the National Invitational Sale** (*Junior owned animals that are consigned to the National Show Invitational Sale will remain in the ownership of the Junior until completion of the National JABGA Shows.*). Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XVIII. Member Survey Results**

DCE, Catherine Riley, presented and discussed the results from surveys sent out to our membership on various topics.

## **XIX. Executive Session**

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 9:14 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 10:20 pm CST.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the National Show judges per the ballot results to be announced to the membership in the near future.** Olivia Rush seconds the motion.

**ABGA-** Kathy Daves-Carr, Josh Stephans, and Linda West

**JABGA-** Jason Brashear, Clint Demmitt, and Sammy Lerena

**Bred & Owned-** Josh Taylor and Randall White

**Market-** Justin Burns

**Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs moves to freeze registrations on animals 10937956, 10940321, 10900505, 10904087, 10932446, 10938308, 10949130, 10906304, 10907539, 10908928, 10950988,**

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**10941622, 10911336, 10953785, 10933535, 10953338, 10941116, 10933354, 10937758, 10968162, 10917893, 10883796, 10929374, 10941118, and 10962232 until proof of ownership is provided. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Motion passes unanimously.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the proposed Board of Director candidates for the open seats in the upcoming election. Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Majority in favor with three abstain (Zach, Rodney, and Patrick); motion passes.**

**Presiding member of the board, Brad Mackey, gives Caleb Boardman, Catherine Riley, and Paige Gunderson a directive to form a list of banned substances and other drug testing policy updates and bring them back as a proposal to the next regular meeting.**

## **XX. Adjournment**

**Paige Gunderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm CST. Sam Knott seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

## Attachment 1:

# Payment Policy on Non-Member Work Orders

As a member-based association, our primary focus is to provide high-quality services to our members. However, we frequently receive requests for work orders from non-members. Currently, there is no standardized policy in place for charging non-members for these services, leading to inconsistencies in billing and resource allocation. This proposal outlines a structured approach to ensure fair compensation for non-member work orders while maintaining the association's operational efficiency and financial sustainability.

Key issues include:

- Uncompensated labor and materials for non-member work orders.
- Increased workload on staff without financial return.
- Potential budget strain, affecting services provided to members.

Proposed Solution:

Payment Terms

- Non-members must submit full payment before work begins or provide a deposit based on estimated costs.
- Final payment will be due upon work completion, with invoices issued promptly.
- Late payment penalties will be enforced to ensure timely compensation.

Service Prioritization

- Member work orders will be prioritized over non-member requests.
- Non-member work will be scheduled based on staff availability and resource allocation.

Benefits of Implementation:

- **Financial Stability:** Ensures the association is properly compensated for services rendered to non-members.
- **Resource Management:** Allows for better allocation of staff time and materials.
- **Fairness & Equity:** Maintains the integrity of membership benefits while providing services to non-members in a structured manner.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Reduces confusion and administrative burden with a clear payment policy in place.

## Attachment 2:

### DNA RULE ADDITION

#### Rule 802: ABGA DNA Marker Testing Procedure

C. Only the current owner of the animal can request DNA Testing.

i. Written and signed confirmation from the current owner on record or their descendants will be required for the release to test an animal not belonging to the member requesting to test said animal.

ii. If an animal has previously been tested using STR technology, any current or previous owner of that animal may pay to have the DNA transitioned to SNP technology. (01-14- 2025)

iii. If an animal has previously been tested using STR technology, that remaining stored sample will take precedent to test before a new sample can be submitted for testing with SNP technology. If the remaining stored sample is degraded or there is insufficient sample remaining to do additional testing, a new sample would be required.

## Attachment 3:

Policy Location on ABGA website

<https://www.abga.org/governing-documents/travel-policies>

Current Policy Published

Board of Directors Meeting Policies

### 1. Board Meeting Schedule

The ABGA Board of Directors shall meet for the purpose of conducting the business of the Association on the first Tuesday of each month, if necessary. These meetings shall commence at 7:00 PM Central Time.

Exception to this policy may be observed in months during which the ABGA BOD meets in a face-to-face capacity at a different time, but during the same month. Adjustment may also be made when there is a conflict with a nationally recognized holiday.

Implemented: 08-02-2008

### 2. Executive Session of the Board

From time to time the Board of Directors may enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of a sensitive and confidential nature. Non-members of the Board are excluded from participating in these sessions during which no records of conversation or debate are kept except for results, which are reported out and recorded in the minutes of the regular Board meeting when the Executive Session has concluded.

Due to the extremely sensitive, confidential, and liability-laden nature of Executive Session deliberations and decisions, it is of paramount importance that Directors keep all Executive Session events, conversation, and comments confidential. Any director violating the confidentiality of the Executive Session shall be removed from office in accordance with Section 3.3(h)(ii) and successive sections of the ABGA By-laws. Such removal shall be without appeal.

In the interest of openness and transparency, it is the intention of the Board that Executive Sessions be used sparingly, but when used, that the information from those sessions be kept confidential, thus requiring this “death penalty” approach to members who violate the confidentiality of the process.

Implemented: 08-05-2007

These changes align this policy with the current version of the bylaws.

## Recommendations

### 1. Rename Travel Policy to

#### o ABGA Policies

- This section would contain the employee handbook, and all policies pertaining to the employees and board of directors

2. Conduct a policy and employee handbook review annually
  - ED and Office Manager
3. Establish a website review team and report back the board and ED on changes/updates that need made
  - Looking at click rates
  - Location and Naming of tabs/sections
  - Navigability
  - Documents

## Proposed Changes

### Board of Directors Meeting Policies

#### 1. Board Meeting Schedule

The ABGA Board of Directors shall meet for the purpose of conducting the business of the Association each month. An in-person meeting will be considered the monthly business meeting.

Implemented: New Date

#### 2. Closed Session of the Board

##### Blylaw 6.10

From time to time the Board of Directors may enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of a sensitive and confidential nature. Non-members of the Board **may be** excluded from participating in these sessions during which no records of conversation or debate are kept except for results, which are reported out and recorded in the minutes of the regular Board meeting when the Executive Session has concluded.

Due to the extremely sensitive, confidential, and liability-laden nature of Executive Session deliberations and decisions, it is of paramount importance that Directors keep all Executive Session events, conversation, and comments confidential. Any director violating the confidentiality of the Executive Session shall be removed from office in accordance with Section **5.3.I** In the interest of openness and transparency, it is the intention of the Board that Executive Sessions be used sparingly, but when used, that the information from those sessions be kept confidential.

Implemented: New Date

# Board of Directors Regular Meeting

American Boer Goat Association

April 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS

## I. Call to Order

Vice-President, Brad Mackey, calls the meeting to order at 7:01 pm CST.

## II. Roll Call

**Directors Present:** **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R2A-** Olivia Rush, **R3-** Brandon Dugat, **R3A-** Gage Taylor, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sam Knott, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late:** **R7-** Kyle Tate

**Directors Absent:** **R1-** Rosalinda Vizina

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## III. Adoption of Agenda

**Gage Taylor moves to accept the agenda.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2025, Board of Directors Regular Meeting.** Olivia Rush seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the minutes from the December 27, 2024, Board of Directors Special Meeting.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## V. Treasurer's Report

**Tyler Sparks moves to accept the April Treasurer's Report.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor, one against (Jeff), and one abstain (Kim), the motion passes.

## VI. Executive Director Update

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Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, provides updates on the Judges Certification course, Performance Buck Test, Native on Appearance program launch, Deposits on Account, potential future collaborations, and the YQCA representation request.

**Presiding member of the board, Brad Mackey, gives Caleb Boardman a directive to accept the seat on the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) board to represent goats.**

**At 7:30 pm CST, the directors switched meeting links due to technical difficulties of the general membership not being able to view the meeting.**

## VII. Director of Community Engagement Update

Director of Community Engagement, Catherine Riley, provides updates on sponsorships, national show, regional shows, Judges Certification Training, JABGA, Junior Ambassador program, and the JABGA fundraiser sale.

## VIII. Office Update

Office Manager, Porschea Penn, provides updates on some new iCompete features, discussed Board of Director ballots being out and needing returned by 5/1/25 at 5:00 pm. She also explained a 10–14-day turnaround due to a high influx of submitted work with a goal of returning to a 1-7-day turnaround as soon as possible.

## IX. Committee Reports

### a. Judges Committee

**Rodney Wilson moves to accept all proposed changes to Rules 1601, 1602, and 1603 (Attachment 1).** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Rodney Wilson moves to require a current ABGA membership to be considered for the Approved Judges List.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## X. JABGA Ambassador Program

**Paige Gunderson moves to implement the proposed Junior Ambassador Program (Attachment 2).** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor with one abstain (Brandon- wants more information), the motion passes.

## XI. Executive Session

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**Tyler Sparks moves to enter Executive Session at 8:05 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Kyle Tate joined the meeting at 8:37 pm CST.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 8:52 pm CST.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs moves for Caleb or Olivia to release a letter of clarification on the discussed show sanctioning issue.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one abstain (Kyle- not present), the motion passes.

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the proposed National Show Drug Policy for the 2025 National Show with Catherine's changes regarding random drug testing at the National Show (Attachment 3).** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XII. Adjournment**

**Tyler Sparks moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm CST.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**April 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **I. Call to Order**

President, Rosalinda Vizina, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

## **II. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Rosalinda Vizina, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R2A-** Olivia Rush, **R3A-** Gage Taylor, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sam Knott, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11A-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late:**

**Directors Absent: R3-** Brandon Dugat, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley

**Others Absent- Office Manager-** Porschea Penn, **Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## **III. Adoption of Agenda**

**Sam Knott moves to adopt the agenda.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Gage Taylor moves to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2025, Board of Directors Regular Meeting.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **V. Committee Reports**

- a. Rules, Regulations, & Bylaws Committee Report**
  - i. Attorney Review of Bylaws**

**Brad Mackey moves to table this matter until the next regular meeting where more information is presented.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Majority in favor with one opposing

## **VI. Member Code of Ethics & Conduct**

Brad Mackey tabled this matter until the July Face-to-Face meeting.

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### **VII. Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

This matter was tabled until the next regular meeting after review by the Rules, Regulations, & Bylaws Committee.

### **VIII. Face-to-Face Location**

Rosalinda Vizina provides a directive to Caleb Boardman to propose either Dallas, Cincinnati, or Kansas City to be approved at the May regular meeting of the board.

### **IX. American Goat Foundation**

**Kim Veal moves to approve Brad Mackey and Paige Gunderson to fill the vacant seats on the American Goat Foundation (AGF) board.** Sam Knott seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor and one abstain (Paige), motion passes.

### **X. Annual Member Meeting at Nationals**

The annual member meeting is June 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm EST. Agenda will be sent out 30 days prior to the meeting.

### **XI. Executive Session**

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 8:18 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Tyler Sparks left the meeting at 8:18 pm CST.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to exit Executive Session at 9:12 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Rosalinda Vizina calls for the removal of member #71994 from the Finance Committee.** **Roll Call Vote-** Patrick- yes, Olivia- yes, Gage- abstain, Paige- yes, Sam- yes, Kyle- yes, Zach- yes, Brad- abstain, Kim- yes, Rodney- yes. With eight yes and two abstain, motion passes.

**Gage Taylor moves to accept Roger McSwain as ambassador of the breed for 2025 to be presented at the national show.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

# **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

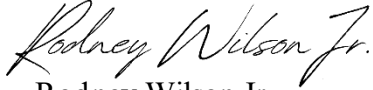
**American Boer Goat Association**

**April 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **XII. Adjournment**

**Gage Taylor moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm CST. Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**May 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **I. Call to Order**

President, Rosalinda Vizina, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

## **II. Immediate Action**

**Region 2 Director, Olivia Rush, submitted her formal resignation via email on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 12:23 pm CST.** President, Rosalinda Vizina, formally recognized and accepted her resignation via email on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm CST. There is no need to fill this vacancy as region 2 was co-directed with Patrick Aliff who will now serve the remainder of his term as the sole Region 2 Director.

## **III. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Rosalinda Vizina, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R3-** Brandon Dugat, **R3A-** Gage Taylor, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sam Knott, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late:**

**Directors Absent:**

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn, Don McKee from Reed, McKee & Co., P.C. CPA Firm, and Charity Tabler from ORW

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## **IV. Adoption of Agenda**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the agenda with the addition of “Sanction Show Issue” under New Business and allowing the ORW item to go when the guest joins.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **V. Approval of Minutes**

**Sam Knott moves to accept the minutes from April 15, 2025, Board of Directors Special Meeting.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor with one abstain (Brandon), motion passes.

**Don McKee joins the meeting at 7:08 pm CST.**

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**May 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **VI. Regional Director Election Results**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to enter Executive Session at 7:11 pm CST.** Gage Taylor seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 7:18 pm CST.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Don McKee leaves the meeting at 7:18 pm CST.**

**Tyler Sparks moves to accept the director vote results as presented by Don McKee, CPA.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Majority in favor with four abstaining (Zach, Rodney, Kyle, and Patrick), motion passes.

**Chairty Tabler joins the meeting at 7:25 pm CST.**

## **VII. Audit Report**

Charity covers the 2024 audit report and covers the recommendations going forward. All can be viewed in the final report which will be posted on the ABGA website once received.

**Charity Tabler leaves the meeting at 7:37 pm CST.**

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the May 2025 Treasurer's Report.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **IX. Office Update**

Office Manager, Porschea Penn, provides updates from the office. She explained a lag in turnaround due to some turnover in the office.

## **X. Executive Director Update**

Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, provides updates on recent shows he traveled to networking with members and other updates for future endeavors.

## **XI. Director of Community Engagement Update**

Director of Community Engagement, Catherine Riley, provides updates on sponsorships, national show, regional shows, educational events in Louisville, and the JABGA.

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**May 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **XII. Bylaw Attorneys**

**Brad Mackey moves to table the Bylaws Attorney discussion until the July Face-to-Face meeting.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XIII. Committee Regulations**

**Zach Westfall moves to accept the document presented by the Rules, Regulations, and Bylaws Committee with the removal of the required attendance policy (Attachment 1).** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor and one opposing (Tyler), the motion passes.

## **XIV. July Face-to-Face Location**

**Brad Mackey moves to accept Dallas as the July face-to-face location.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor and one opposing, motion passes.

## **XV. Sanction Show Issue**

**Paige Gunderson moves to re-sanction Goat Gala II in California for 2025 only to bypass our sanctioned show rule not allowing sanctioned ABGA shows during the National Show.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Majority in favor with two opposing (Tyler and Rodney), the motion passes.

## **XVI. Executive Session**

**Zach Westfall moves to enter Executive Session at 8:58 pm CST.** Brandon Dugat seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 9:32 pm CST.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

President, Rosalinda Vizina, announces the winners for the regions up for election based on what was presented by the CPA firm. They are as follows:

**Region 1- Ashley Roles**

**Region 2- Patrick Aliff**

**Region 7- Kyle Tate**

**Region 8- Zach Westfall**

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**May 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

**Region 10- Rodney Wilson Jr.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to appoint Rodney Wilson as the chair of the Judges Committee for the remainder of the term until July.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor and one abstaining (Rodney), the motion passes.

**Jeff Gibbs moves to appoint Region 3 and Region 6 directors in July at the face-to-face meeting.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor with 5 opposing (Patrick, Kyle, Sam, Brandon, and Rodney), the motion passes.

## **XVII. Adjournment**

**Kim Veal moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm CST.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# Board of Directors Special Meeting

American Boer Goat Association

May 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS

## I. Call to Order

President, Rosalinda Vizina, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

## II. Roll Call

**Directors Present:** R1- Rosalinda Vizina, R2- Patrick Aliff, R3- Brandon Dugat, R3A- Gage Taylor, R4- Jeff Gibbs, R5- Paige Gunderson, R6- Sam Knott, R8- Zach Westfall, R9- Brad Mackey, R9A- Kim Veal, R10- Rodney Wilson, R11- Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late:**

**Directors Absent:** R7- Kyle Tate

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## III. Adoption of Agenda

**Paige Gunderson moves to adopt the agenda.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## IV. Immediate Action

**Jeff Gibbs calls for a vote of no confidence for the President.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote-** Rosalinda- no, Patrick- no, Brandon- no, Gage- yes, Jeff- yes, Paige- yes, Sam- no, Zach- no, Brad- yes, Kim- yes, Rodney- yes, Tyler- no. With 6 for and 6 against, the motion fails as it requires a 2/3 vote of the entire board.

## V. Executive Session

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 7:18 pm CST.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 7:49 pm CST.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

# **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**May 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

**Zach Westfall moves to approve the National Show Judges and National Show Superintendent contracts for the 2025 National Show.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion.  
**Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **VI. Adjournment**

**Zach Westfall moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm CST.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# Annual Member Meeting

## American Boer Goat Association

June 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm EST at Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY

### I. Call to Order

Vice-President, Brad Mackey, calls the meeting to order at 6:07 pm EST.

### II. Roll Call

**Directors Present:** R4- Jeff Gibbs, R5- Paige Gunderson, R6- Sam Knott, R7- Kyle Tate, R8- Zach Westfall, R9- Brad Mackey, R10- Rodney Wilson, R11- Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late:**

**Directors Absent:** R1- Rosalinda Vizina, R2- Patrick Aliff, R3- Brandon Dugat, R3A- Gage Taylor, R9A- Kim Veal,

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn, **Media Manager-** AJ Araiza

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

**Members Present-**

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68691	25246	54447	31516	43332
71767	59117	67491	72252	72253
68316	40367	9919	74944	74945
48142	74067	51738	56778	54368
45511	70467	57042	19057	12845
72591	26003	71877	74201	78394
44978	43244	52682	58915	7022
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### III. Adoption of Agenda

**Paige Gunderson moves to amend the agenda by moving the recognition of retiring board members to the banquet.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

# **Annual Member Meeting**

## **American Boer Goat Association**

**June 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm EST at Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY**

**Tyler Sparks moves to accept the amended agenda.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Sam Knott moves to accept the December Day 1 and Day 2 Face-to-Face meeting minutes.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one opposing, the motion passes.

**Zach Westfall moves to approve the May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and May 21, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

#### **V. Treasurer's Report**

**Rodney Wilson moves to approve the June 2025 Treasurer's Report.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

**Rodney Wilson moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm EST.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**June 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **I. Call to Order**

President, Rosalinda Vizina, calls the meeting to order at 7:03 pm CST.

## **II. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Rosalinda Vizina, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R3-** Brandon Dugat, **R3A-** Gage Taylor, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late: R5-** Paige Gunderson

**Directors Absent: R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R6-** Sam Knott, **R9-** Brad Mackey,

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn (7:16 pm CST)

**Others Absent- Past President-** Kevin Richmond

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## **III. Adoption of Agenda**

**Brandon Dugat moves to accept the agenda.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Kyle Tate moves to accept the minutes from the June 3, 2025, ABGA Annual Member Meeting.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor and three abstain (Kim, Brandon, & Patrick), motion passes.

**Paige Gunderson joins the meeting at 7:11 pm CST.**

## **V. Legal Representation**

**Brandon Dugat moves to accept Sned, Vine, & Perry as the official legal representation for the American Boer Goat Association.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor and one against (Kim), the motion passes.

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**June 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **VI. Face-to-Face Schedule**

**Zach Westfall moves to table to Board of Directors training course until all regions have representation.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

**Rodney Wilson moves to accept the Holiday Inn as the host hotel location for the Face-to-Face meeting.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** With majority in favor and one abstain (Brandon), motion passes.

**Brandon Dugat left the meeting at 7:19 pm CST.**

## **VII. Trademark Renewal**

**Rodney Wilson moves to approve the Trademark Renewal.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

**Gage Taylor moves to enter Executive Session at 7:32 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson left the meeting at 7:44 pm CST.**

**Paige Gunderson joined the meeting at 7:59 pm CST.**

**Gage Taylor moves to leave Executive Session at 8:47 pm CST.** Tyler Sparks seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Gage Taylor moves to move forward with Rule 900 #250517 for more information.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

President, Rosalinda Vizina gives a directive to the office to allow registration through on the item discussed in Executive Session.

President, Rosalinda Vizina gives a directive to list our open insurance policy on the open market and bring quotes back to the board to maintain having two insurance policies. Non-renewal starts in August.

## **IX. Adjournment**

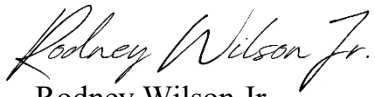
**Kim Veal moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**June 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodney Wilson Jr.".

Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# **Board of Directors Annual Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**July 11, 2025, at 8:00 am CST, Face-to-Face**

**Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, 4440 W John Carpenter Fwy, Irving, TX 75063**

## **I. Call to Order**

Vice-President, Brad Mackey, calls the meeting to order at 8:09 am CST.

## **II. Election of Officers**

**Brad Mackey calls for nominations for the office of President.** Kyle Tate nominates Tyler Sparks. Zach Westfall seconds the nomination. Tyler Sparks accepts the nomination. Jeff Gibbs moves to close nominations for President.

**By a vote of 8 for and 2 against,** Tyler Sparks will now serve as President.

**Tyler Sparks starts presiding over the meeting.**

**Tyler Sparks calls for nominations for the office of Vice-President.** Kyle Tate nominates Paige Gunderson. Brad Mackey seconds the nomination. Paige Gunderson accepts the nomination. Zach moves to close the nominations for Vice-President.

**Tyler Sparks calls for nominations for the role of Secretary.** Paige Gunderson nominates Rodney Wilson. Jeff Gibbs seconds the nomination. Rodney Wilson accepts the nomination. Jeff Gibbs moves to close the nominations for Secretary.

**Tyler Sparks calls for nominations for the role of Treasurer.** Brad Mackey nominates Zach Westfall. Kyle Tate seconds the nomination. Zach Westfall accepts the nomination. Kyle Tate moves to close nominations for Treasurer.

### **Results:**

**By a vote of 9 for and 1 abstain,** Paige Gunderson will serve as Vice-President.

**By a vote of 9 in favor and one against,** Rodney Wilson will serve as Secretary.

**By a vote of 9 in favor and one abstain,** Zach Westfall will serve as Treasurer.

**Tyler Sparks calls for nominations for the Executive Committee.** Automatically appointed include President (Tyler Sparks), Vice-President (Paige Gunderson), and Past President (Rosalinda Vizina).

Paige Gunderson nominates Brad Mackey. Jeff Gibbs seconds the nomination. Zach Westfall nominates the Secretary (Rodney Wilson). Jeff Gibbs seconds the nomination. Brad Mackey nominates Jeff Gibbs. Paige Gunderson seconds the nomination. Paige Gunderson nominates the Treasurer (Zach Westfall). Jeff Gibbs seconds the nomination.

Paige Gunderson moves to close nominations.

# Board of Directors Annual Meeting

American Boer Goat Association

July 11, 2025, at 8:00 am CST, Face-to-Face

Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, 4440 W John Carpenter Fwy, Irving, TX 75063

## Results:

Rodney Wilson- 8 votes

Jeff Gibbs- 9 votes

Brad Mackey- 9 votes

Zach Westfall- 9 votes

The Executive Committee will be comprised of:

**Tyler Sparks**- President

**Paige Gunderson**- Vice-President

**Brad Mackey**

**Zach Westfall**

**Jeff Gibbs**

**Rodney Wilson**

**Rosalinda Vizina**- Past President

## III. Roll Call

**Directors Present:** **R1-** Ashley Roles, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Absent:** **R3-** *Vacant*, **R6-** *Vacant*

**Guests Present- Past President-** Rosalinda Vizina (*Virtual*), **Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn, Wayne Sanders, Peter Bloomquist

**Quorum Present-** Yes

**Members Present-**

**59776**

**12210**

**102266**

**79942**

**71572**

**101262**

## IV. Adoption of Agenda

**Zach Westfall** moves to adjust the agenda by moving item 39 “Live Meetings” to replace item 4 and replacing line 39 with “Duties of the Treasurer”. **Rodney Wilson** seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

# **Board of Directors Annual Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**July 11, 2025, at 8:00 am CST, Face-to-Face**

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**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the amended agenda.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion.

**Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs moves to suspend the Executive Committee and make it a committee comprised of the full board until July 2026.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:**

Motion passes unanimously.

## **V. Live Meetings**

**Paige Gunderson moves to no longer live stream meetings but still record and post them to the website within one week.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion.

**Paige Gunderson moves to amend her motion to clarify that the recordings will be an unedited version and the conclusion of live streaming will begin immediately.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Amended Main Motion- Voice Vote-* Motion passes unanimously.

## **VI. Approval of Minutes**

**Kyle Tate moves to approve the June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one abstain (Jeff); motion passes.

## **VII. Region 3 and Region 6 Vacancy**

**Rodney Wilson moves to accept Dustin Fields to represent Region 3 and Sydney Black to represent Region 6 to start their role as soon as all required documentation is signed and background check is cleared.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Roll Call-** Ashley- yes, Patrick- yes, Jeff- no, Paige- no, Kyle- yes, Zach- yes, Brad- yes, Kim- yes, Rodney- yes. With 7 for and 2 against, the motion passes.

*Tyler Sparks gives Porschea Penn the directive to get the documentation sent to the new directors immediately.*

## **VIII. Ennoblement Inspection Age Requirement**

**Kyle Tate moves to table the ennoblement age requirement discussion until the Ennoblement Program discussion later in the agenda.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion.

**Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

# **Board of Directors Annual Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**July 11, 2025, at 8:00 am CST, Face-to-Face**

**Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, 4440 W John Carpenter Fwy, Irving, TX 75063**

## **IX. Executive Session**

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 9:11 am CST.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Tyler Sparks invites ABGA legal counsel (Wayne Sanders) and insurance legal counsel (Peter Bloomquist) to Executive Session at 9:11 am CST.**

**Jeff Gibbs leaves the meeting at 9:17 am CST.**

**Peter Bloomquist leaves the meeting at 9:48 am CST.**

**Jeff Gibbs joins the meeting at 10:21 am CST.**

**Tyler Sparks invites Catherine Riley to executive session at 10:21 pm CST.**

**Patrick Aliff moves to leave Executive Session at 10:51 am CST.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

***Tyler Sparks gives a directive to ABGA legal counsel to discuss the matter of the active lawsuit with the insurance legal representation and allows reporting back to the Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, who will keep the current board informed.***

**Jeff Gibbs moves to recess for 5 minutes at 10:52 am CST.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

Member #74201 joins the meeting.

**President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting back to order at 10:57 am CST.**

## **X. Presentation from New Legal Counsel**

Wayne Sanders from Sneed, Vine, & Perry presents to the board and members on Corporate Governance of a Breed Association and Fiduciary Duties Owed by the Board of the Association.

## **XI. Executive Session**

**Zach Westfall moves to enter Executive Session at 11:37 am CST.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 11:49 am CST.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

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**Paige Gunderson moves to recess until 12:30 pm CST for lunch.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting back to order at 12:30 pm CST.**

## **XII. Breed Standards Committee Update**

**Ashley Roles moves to accept the proposed grammatical changes to the breed standard.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion.

**Ashley Roles moves to amend her motion to include a grammar specific color code for those specific changes.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Amended Main Motion- Voice Vote-* Motion passes unanimously.

**Zach Westfall moves to accept proposed Rule #E-6 to the Percentage Doe breed standard.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion.

**Zach Westfall moves to amend his motion to include accepting Rule #9-b.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Amended Main Motion- Voice Vote-* Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs moves to accept Rule #F-1 proposal striking the verbiage after the comma and striking Rule #F-2 for the Percentage Doe breed standard.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Ashley Roles moves to strike Rule #F-5-b and #F-5-c under faults for the Percentage Doe breed standard.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Tyler Sparks gives a directive to Brad Mackey and Josh Stephans to look further into developing a clean-up program for reproductive organs for females to help improve our breed standard.*

**Rodney Wilson moves to recess for 5 minutes.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting back to order at 2:23 pm CST.**

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**Jeff Gibbs moves to accept the Rule #F-1 proposal striking the verbiage after the comma and striking Rule #F-2 for the Fullblood Doe breed standard. Zach Westfall seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Kyle Tate moves to strike Rule #F-5-b and #F-5-c under faults for the Fullblood Doe breed standard. Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Zach Westfall moves to accept proposed Rule #E-6 and #9-b for the Fullblood Doe breed standard. Ashley Roles seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Ashley Roles moves to change Rule #8-a by striking the words “too straight in the hock” and adding a line for “Straight shouldered” to the Percentage and Fullblood doe breed standard. Zach Westfall seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Kyle Tate moves to accept the proposed Rule #E-6 and Rule #9-b to the Fullblood Buck breed standard. Ashley Roles seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Kyle Tate moves to accept proposed Rule #F-1 striking the verbiage after the comma, and striking Rule #F-3 for the Fullblood Buck breed standard. Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Ashley Roles moves to strike Rule #6-a and #6-b under faults from the Fullblood Buck breed standard. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Zach Westfall moves to add proposed Rule #5-a to the Fullblood Buck breed standard. Ashley Roles seconds the motion.**

**Zach Westfall moves to amend by replacing the word mature with 6-month old animal or older. Ashley Roles seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

***Amended Main Motion- Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.***

**Ashley Roles moves to accept the proposed faults #5-a, #5-b, and #5-c stopping “b” after the comma. Zach Westfall seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Patrick Aliff moves to add proposed Rule #6-f to the DQs for Fullblood Bucks. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

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**Kyle Tate moves to add the Percentage Buck breed standard by mimicking the Fullblood Buck breed standard but allowing the horn rule to mimic the Percentage Doe breed standard. Zach Westfall seconds the motion. Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Tyler Sparks tables the matter of the proposed recommendation for the breed standard to be on a 3-to-5-year evaluation until a future regular meeting.*

**Brad Mackey moves to recess for 15 minutes at 3:18 pm CST. Kim Veal seconds the motion. Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting back to order at 3:32 pm CST.**

## **XIII. Registration Percentage Changes**

**Kyle Tate moves to accept Rule #204 by adding “Bucks” and striking rule 205 starting August 1, 2025. Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one opposing (Kim); motion passes.

**Zach Westfall moves to replace the word “registration” with “Boer blood” in Rule #207-b. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Zach Westfall moves to add to Rule #1400 adding American Percentage Bucks division under both “H” and “O” being optional after October 1, 2025, and required after June 1, 2026. Ashley Roles seconds the motion. Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one opposing (Kim); motion passes.

**Dustin Fields passed all requirements and joins the meeting as the Region 3 director at 4:14 pm CST.**

**Ashley Roles moves to table the discussion of the Percentage Buck award program to later discussion about award requirements. Zach Westfall seconds the motion. Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Zach Westfall moves to amend Rule #204 adding that “American Percentage Boer Goat Bucks to have a minimum of 25% and less than 96.875%” in the verbiage. Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Tyler Sparks gives the staff a directive to make sure all verbiage in the rules are updated to reflect adding the American Percentage Buck herdbook.*

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**Zach Westfall moves that all Percentage Buck breed standards and Percentage Buck show rules be sent out once approved by the board to judges and a signature of receipt due within 30 days upon receiving them. Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Zach Westfall moves to send all certified judges the new breed standards to be implemented January 1, 2026, and to remain current on the judges list, they must sign for receiving and comprehension of changes 30 days from reception. Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

## **XIV. Financial Report**

Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, presented the current financial standing of 2025 actuals YTD with a comparison to our approved 2025 budget and 2024 actuals YTD.

## **XV. Deposits on Account Update**

Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, presents an update on the progress we have made on sorting through the deposits on account.

**Paige Gunderson moves to recess for 5 minutes at 6:19 pm CST. Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting back to order at 6:26 pm CST.**

## **XVI. Executive Session**

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 6:27 pm CST. Ashley Roles seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Brad Mackey moves to leave Executive Session at 7:35 pm CST. Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

## **XVII. Adjournment**

**Paige Gunderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm CST. Brad Mackey seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Motion passes unanimously.**

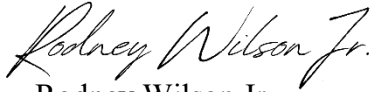
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodney Wilson Jr.".

Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

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American Boer Goat Association

July 12, 2025, at 8:00 am CST, Face-to-Face

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## I. Call to Order

President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting to order at 8:00 am CST.

## II. Roll Call

**Directors Present:** R1- Ashley Roles, R2- Patrick Aliff, R3- Dustin Fields, R4- Jeff Gibbs, R5- Paige Gunderson, R7- Kyle Tate, R8- Zach Westfall, R9- Brad Mackey, R9A- Kim Veal, R10- Rodney Wilson, R11- Tyler Sparks

**Directors Absent:** R6- *Vacant*

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn

**Others Absent- Past President-** Rosalinda Vizina

**Quorum Present-** Yes

**Members Present-**

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## III. Office Update

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the proposal for the searchable member database on the ABGA website.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs moves to accept the purchase of the two A.I. Otter accounts for Caleb and Porschea.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to give the Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, the autonomy to operate within a \$2000 budget on employee relations without board approval.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Tyler Sparks gives a directive to Caleb Boardman, Catherine Riley, and Porschea Penn to evaluate their staffing.*

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## **IV. Executive Director Update**

Caleb Boardman covers the highlights of the first six months from the Executive Director's office and goals looking forward.

## **V. Director of Community Engagement Update**

Catherine Riley covers highlights from the regional shows of 2025 and National show of 2025. She covers some goals and plans looking forward.

## **VI. Junior Board Expectations**

**Member #12210 joins at 8:46 am CST.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the Junior Board expectations proposal with discussed amendments.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **VII. Affiliates Committee Update**

**Ashley Roles moves to accept the proposed upgraded Affiliates Program.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one abstaining (Zach); motion passes.

**Kyle Tate moves to recess for 5 minutes at 9:36 am CST.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting back to order at 9:42 am CST.**

## **VIII. DNA Committee Update**

**Patrick Aliff moves to correct the books for the NeoGen bill by reducing it from the DNA earmarked funds.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one abstaining (Paige); motion passes.

**Rodney Wilson moves to add the collected 2025 National Show division winner samples to the DNA database utilizing the DNA earmarked funds.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with two abstaining (Paige and Jeff); motion passes.

**Zach Westfall moves to table the discussion on the DNA samples for the performance buck test until DNA discussion later in the agenda.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one abstaining (Paige); motion passes.

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**Member #28714 joins the meeting at 10:33 am CST.**

## **IX. Judges Committee Update**

**Jeff Gibbs moves that Justin Burns be the alternate trainer judge for the judge certification in October.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with two abstaining (Rodney and Ashley); motion passes.

## **X. Roll of Honor (ROH) Series**

**Zach Westfall moves to approve the presented ROH series rules.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Majority in favor with one abstaining (Kyle); motion passes.

## **XI. National Show Committee Update**

Catherine Riley shares statistics about number of head shown and data related to the 2025 national show compared to the 2024 national show.

## **XII. National Show Judges Ballots**

**Zach Westfall moves to make the 2026 ABGA National Show judge selection process be open to all active members in good standing.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Ashley Roles moves to make the 2026 Junior National Show judge selection process be open to all active JABGA members in good standing.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one opposing (Kim); motion passes.

**Paige Gunderson moves to recess until 1:00 pm CST for lunch.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting back to order at 1:00 pm CST.**

## **XIII. National Show Location Update**

Paige Gunderson provides updates.

## **XIV. Regional Show Committee Update**

**Rodney Wilson moves to accept the Regional show hosting bidding proposal system.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

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## **XV. Staff Board and Policies Committee Update**

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the Employee Handbook proposed to be enacted with the proposed changes from the attorney review and align it with the current NDA. Brad Mackey seconds the motion.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to amend the motion by adding that the new employee handbook changes will be enacted on August 1, 2025 pending proposed changes. Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

***Amended Main Motion- Voice Vote:*** Majority in favor with one opposing (Zach); motion passes.

**Paige Gunderson moves to recess for 5 minutes at 2:51 pm CST. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting back to order at 3:00 pm CST.**

## **XVI. Award Program Requirements**

**Paige Gunderson moves to amend Rule #1300-A-i to read as “The Doe of Excellence Award program is open to ABGA registered American, Percentage, Fullblood, or Purebred does resulting in percentage progeny”. Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Patrick Aliff moves to do away with visual inspections and increase the cost of Ennoblement application to \$50. Zach Westfall seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Everyone opposes, and the motion fails.**

**Rodney Wilson moves to create a subcommittee of the Rules, Regulations, and Bylaws Committee chaired by Patrick Aliff to evaluate the Ennoblement award program. Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Paige Gunderson moves to table the Executive Session until after all other regular items of business. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

## **XVII. 2025-2026 Committee Assignments**

**Affiliates Committee:**

Chair-Rodney Wilson

Co-Chair- Catherine Riley

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## **Breed Improvement Committee:**

Chair- Kyle Tate

Co-Chair- TBD

## **Finance Committee:**

Chair- Zach Westfall

Co-Chair- Elizabeth Mobley

## **Judges Committee:**

Chair- Terry Burks

Co-Chair- Caleb Boardman

## **Junior Program Committee:**

Chair- Ashley Roles

Co-Chair- Jaylyn Reyes

## **Member Education & Outreach Committee:**

Chair- Makayla Burns

Co-Chair- TBD

## **National Show Committee:**

Chair- Paige Gunderson

Co-Chair- Catherine Riley

## **Purebred Breed Up Committee:**

Chair- Patrick Aliff

Co-Chair- Rodney Wilson

## **Show Incentive Program:**

Chair- Kyle Tate

Co-Chair- Danielle Funk

## **Staff & Board Policies:**

Chair- Kim Veal

Co-Chair- Porschea Penn

## **Rules, Regulation, & Bylaws Committee:**

Chair- Zach Westfall

Co-Chair- TBD

**Rodney Wilson moves to accept all appointed committee chairs and announced co-chairs. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kim- no, Dustin- no, Jeff- no, Kyle-**

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yes, Paige- no, Rodney- yes, Patrick- yes, Brad- abstain, Ashley- yes, Zach- yes. With 5 in favor and 4 against; the motion passes.

## **XVIII. Meeting Day and Times**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to conduct regular meetings of the board on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm CST.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XIX. Treasurer's Duties and Responsibilities**

**Kyle Tate moves that the Treasurer follow the current finance policy.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and two abstaining (Jeff and Kim); motion passes.

## **XX. Executive Session**

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 4:32 pm CST.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs leaves the meeting at 5:33 pm CST.**

**Jeff Gibbs rejoins the meeting at 5:46 pm CST.**

**Brad Mackey moves to leave Executive Session at 6:05 pm CST.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to dismiss the complaint on Rule 900 #250517.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one abstaining (Dustin); motion passes.

**Paige Gunderson moves to not allow member #77674 and/or the Wyoming Boer Goat Association to hold sanctioned ABGA/JABGA shows in the future.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XXI. December Face-to-Face Meeting**

**Zach Westfall moves to hold the December 2025 Face-to-Face meeting of the board on December 12-13, 2025.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

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**Zach Westfall moves to make the board decide by October 1, 2025 as to the modality of the December meeting. Paige Gunderson seconds the motion.**


**Zach Westfall moves to amend his motion by changing it to the October board meeting. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

**Amended Main Motion- Voice Vote: Motion passes unanimously.**

## **XXII. Adjournment**

**Paige Gunderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm CST. Kyle Tate seconds the motion. Voice Vote- Motion passes unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# Board of Directors Special Meeting

## American Boer Goat Association

July 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS

### I. Call to Order

President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

### II. Roll Call

**Directors Present: R1-** Ashley Roles, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R3-** Dustin Fields, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sydney Black, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Absent: R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R9-** Brad Mackey,

**Guests Present- Past President-** Rosalinda Vizina, **Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley

**Others Absent-**

**Quorum Present-** Yes

### III. Adoption of Agenda

**Dustin Fields moves to adopt the agenda.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the July 11, 2025, and July 12, 2025, Face-to-Face Meeting of the Board minutes.** Dustin Fields seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one abstaining (Sydney); motion passes.

### V. 2025-2026 Committee Assignments & Scopes

#### **Affiliates Committee:**

Chair-Rodney Wilson

Co-Chair- Catherine Riley

#### **Scope:**

- *Execute the Affiliates Program approved at the July 2025 Face to Face Meeting*

#### **Breed Improvement Committee:**

Chair- Kyle Tate

Co-Chair- Josh Stephans

#### **Scope:**

- *Create a plan for the DNA program moving forward*
- *Work on a solution for aged animals*

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- *Work on a solution for over-conditioned animals*
- *Performance testing & data collection*

### **Finance Committee:**

Chair- Zach Westfall

Co-Chair- Elizabeth Mobley

#### **Scope:**

- *Advise on financial issues*
- *Look into potential cost savings opportunities*
- *Look into potential income generating opportunities*
- *Work with the Executive Director on the budget*

### **Judges Committee:**

Chair- Terry Burks

Co-Chair- Caleb Boardman

#### **Scope:**

- *Review, oversee, and evaluate the Judges Certification Program*
- *Organize and conduct Judges Certification training sessions at regional and national shows*
- *Organize and conduct a Certified Judge update program in regard to breed standard changes and to ensure breed standard consistency among judges*
- *Update, compile, and complete the Approved Judge list for regional and national wether and wether dam shows*
- *Review the Judges Show Ring Protocol*

### **Junior Program Committee:**

Chair- Ashley Roles

Co-Chair- Jaylyn Reyes

#### **Scope:**

- *Advise the JABGA Board of Directors*
- *Provide insight on JABGA Programs and Rules*
- *Assist in fundraising for JABGA programs*
- *Assist in planning and implementing educational contests*

### **Member Education & Outreach Committee:**

Chair- Makayla Burns

Co-Chair- Catherine Riley

#### **Scope:**

- *Develop junior and adult educational content*
- *Plan and execute educational sessions at the National Show*
- *Assist the Executive Director in creating outside partnerships regarding educational materials that the ABGA can distribute or make available to our membership*

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## National Show Committee:

Chair- Catherine Riley

Co-Chair- TBD

### Scope:

- *Assist the ABGA staff in planning and executing the 2026 National Show*
- *Research potential locations for future national shows*

## Purebred Breed Up Committee:

Chair- Patrick Aliff

Co-Chair- Rodney Wilson

### Scope:

- *Create a proposal for a Purebred Breed Up Program*

## Rules, Regulation, & Bylaws Committee:

Chair- Zach Westfall

Co-Chair- TBD

### Scope:

- *Review all Rules, Regulations, Bylaws, Policies, etc.*
- *Work with legal counsel to provide suggestions for additions or changes*

### **Sub-Committee (Patrick Aliff):**

- *Review the Ennoblement Rules and Requirements*

## Show Incentive Program:

Chair- Kyle Tate

Co-Chair- Danielle Funk

### Scope:

- *Continue to promote and expand the Registered Wether & Wether Dam programs*
- *Execute the roll out of the Roll of Honor (ROH) program*

## Staff & Board Policies:

Chair- Kim Veal

Co-Chair- Porschea Penn

### Scope:

- *Review, consolidate, and cross-check all staff and board policy documents available on the ABGA website*

**Dustin Fields moves to accept the 2025-2026 committees and scopes.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## VI. Executive Session

**Ashley Roles moves to enter Executive Session at 7:19 pm CST.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

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**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 8:18 pm CST.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **VII. Adjournment**

**Paige Gunderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm CST.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# Board of Directors Regular Meeting

## American Boer Goat Association

August 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS

### I. Action Item (Action Without a Meeting)

**On July 25, 2025, Zach Westfall moves to remove the verbiage “Bucks of less than 50% Boer blood will not be eligible for registration” from Rule 206.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motions.

**Roll Call Vote** collected via JotForm (July 28, 2025, at 8:53 am CST through July 29, 2025, at 8:53 am CST):

Ashley- yes, Patrick- yes, Dustin- yes, Jeff- not submitted, Paige- yes, Sydney- yes (late), Kyle- yes, Zach- yes, Brad- not submitted, Kim- not submitted, Rodney- yes

With the majority in favor, this motion passes and Rule 206 will be updated.

### II. Call to Order

President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

### III. Roll Call

**Directors Present: R1-** Ashley Roles, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sydney Black, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late: R3-** Dustin Fields,

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley

**Others Absent- Past President-** Rosalinda Vizina,

**Quorum Present-** Yes

### IV. Adoption of Agenda

**Jeff Gibbs moves to adopt the agenda.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Dustin Fields joins the meeting at 7:04 pm CST.*

### V. Approval of Minutes

**Jeff Gibbs moves to accept the July 24, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board minutes.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one abstaining (Jeff); motion passes.

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## **American Boer Goat Association**

**August 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

### **VI. Treasurer's Report**

**Ashley Roles moves to accept the August 2025 Treasurer's Report.** Dustin Fields seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### **VII. Staff Updates**

- iCompete continued updates and improvements
- 2-day turnaround in the office
- Continued improvements for Deposits on Account
- ABGA has a booth at the Texas Sheep & Goat Convention
- JABGA hosted their BOD meeting in San Antonio
- JABGA board went on some industry tours
- DCE- Working on follow-ups for sponsorship
- Scholarship funding campaign
- Planning fall fundraiser sale
- ED- Collaboration of the NDSU buck test
- Begin planning Judge's Certification

### **VIII. Employee Handbook**

**Kim Veal moves to add policy 9. iii. regarding supervisors to JABGA members not being allowed to consume alcohol to the employee handbook.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### **IX. Affiliates Program Application**

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the new Affiliates Program Application.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one abstaining (Rodney); motion passes.

### **X. Insurance**

Caleb has a new insurance policy set to start when our old policy ends with no lapse in coverage and maintaining two policies.

### **XI. Percentage Buck Rules**

**Paige Gunderson moves to approve the Percentage Buck rule changes.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

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## **XII. Bylaw Discussion**

A survey will be sent out to all members inquiring for any input on changes needed to the Bylaws before the committee starts working through formulating recommendations. All requests can be sent through the survey or directly to the chair, Zach Westfall.

## **XIII. Agenda Item Submission Discussion**

**Paige Gunderson moves that all agenda items and required documents for review be submitted 10 days prior to the meeting and any emergency items can be added to the agenda by a majority approval vote of the board members present at the beginning of the meeting.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XIV. Executive Session**

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 8:00 pm CST.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### **Items on the Docket:**

- **Drug testing**
- **HR item discussion**
- **Judges support**
- **Judges' Eligibility**

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 9:23 pm CST.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs moves to use U.C. Davis for any split sample requests.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Ashley Roles moves to dismiss drug testing Sample 1.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Ashley Roles moves to dismiss drug testing Sample 2.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Rodney Wilson moves to send drug testing Sample 3 for split sample testing at the request of the exhibitor.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Zach Westfall moves to send drug testing Sample 4 to a hearing set for August 28, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**August 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to have Cultivate do an audit of all social media and marketing materials and comprise a marketing strategy for Board review.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Zach Westfall moves to allow Caleb Boardman, Executive Director, to move forward with the item discussed during the HR discussion.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **XV. Adjournment**

**Paige Gunderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm CST.** Kim Veal seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

## **American Boer Goat Association**

**September 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

### **I. Action Item (Action Without a Meeting)**

**On August 27, 2025, Kyle Tate moves to approve the funding for the extra JABGA ribbons needed to finish out 2025.** Sydney Black seconds the motions.

**Roll Call Vote** collected via JotForm (August 27, 2025, at 2:50 pm CST through August 28, 2025, at 2:50 pm CST):

Ashley- yes, Patrick- no, Dustin- not submitted, Jeff- no, Paige- yes, Sydney- yes, Kyle- yes, Zach- yes, Brad- no, Kim- not submitted, Rodney- yes

With the majority in favor, this motion passes.

**Director of Community Engagement, Catherine Riley, secured funding to cover this in full from a donation from Lowe's Purple Vision.**

### **II. Call to Order**

President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

### **III. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Ashley Roles, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R3-** Dustin Fields, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sydney Black, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Late:**

**Guests Present- Past President-** Rosalinda Vizina, **Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley

**Others Absent-**

**Quorum Present-** Yes

### **IV. Adoption of Agenda**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to adopt the agenda.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### **V. Approval of Minutes**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to accept the August 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board minutes.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** The motion passes unanimously.

# Board of Directors Regular Meeting

## American Boer Goat Association

September 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS

### VI. Treasurer's Report

**Ashley Roles moves to accept the September 2025 Treasurer's Report (*Attachment 1*).** Dustin Fields seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor, one opposing (Brad), and one abstaining (Kim); the motion passes.

*Past President, Rosalinda Vizina, joins the meeting at 7:09 pm CST.*

### VII. Staff Updates

- iCompete has viewable embryo inventory on OWNED animals
- Member balances are being shown on the home screen
- Show capabilities- meeting with the iCompete team at the end of the month to develop options
- 1-2 day turnaround in the office
- Registrations and transfers completed online are mailed out on Fridays
- Continue working on Deposits on Account
- JABGA Regions 3, 4, and 5 had one bid each for hosting regionals
- Region 2 committee has been set and working on recruitment for Region 1
- Junior advisory committee is working on 2026-27 plans
- Junior BOD Fall Fundraiser Sale is November 6, 2025
- Junior Ambassadors- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting last week
- Continue pushing for sponsorships
- Working on regional show proposed sponsorships
- Secured JABGA sanctioned show ribbon sponsorship
- Judges certification planning
- Budget planning
- ED working with Carolyn Cooper on grant opportunities
- Start collaboration with UC Davis on identifying genetic markers
- Nationals DNA procedural error is being fixed
- UC Davis will send new kits for collection to be sent to exhibitors
- ED, Caleb, went over where we are and where we are expected to be from a cash position perspective

*Kim Veal left the meeting at 7:47 pm CST.*

### VIII. JABGA Rules Update

**Ashley Roles moves to accept the proposed JABGA sanctioned show rule changes.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### IX. Sanctioned Show Ribbons

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**American Boer Goat Association**

**September 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

**Paige Gunderson moves to send out survey to show secretaries about ribbon packet options; with pass through costs starting on all shows hosted January 1, 2026 on sanctioned prizes.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **X. Finance Committee Update**

**Kyle Tate moves to accept the Finance Committee's proposal on how to handle outstanding balances.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion.

**Kyle Tate amends his motion by adding "new work order policy".** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

Main Motion- **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Brad Mackey left the meeting at 8:51 pm CST.*

## **XI. Bylaw Survey Results**

Chair of the Rules, Regulations, & Bylaws Committee, Zach Westfall, shared the results of a member survey and engaged discussion.

*Brad Mackey joined the meeting at 8:55 pm CST.*

*Brad Mackey left the meeting at 9:01 pm CST.*

## **XII. Executive Session**

**Zach Westfall moves to enter Executive Session at 9:06 pm CST.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Items on the Docket:**

- **Drug testing**

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 9:29 pm CST.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs moves to dismiss drug testing Sample 3 and Sample 4.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Ashley- yes, Rodney- yes, Zach- yes, Kyle- yes, Patrick- yes, Dustin- no, Jeff- yes, Paige- yes, and Sydney- yes. With 8 in favor and 1 against, the motion to dismiss passes.

## **XIII. Executive Session**

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**September 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 9:34 pm CST.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **Items on the Docket:**

- **Debt collection**
- **HR updates**
- **Concurrent show issues**

**Paige Gunderson moves to leave Executive Session at 10:24 pm CST.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one against (Zach); motion passes.

## **XIV. Good of the Order**

**Ashley Roles moves to create a subcommittee of the Judges Committee to look at concurrent show rules.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*President, Tyler Sparks, gives a directive to the Judges Committee Chair, Terry Burks, to appoint a new chair of the subcommittee.*

## **XV. Adjournment**

**Paige Gunderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 pm CST.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

## Attachment 1:

Line Items	Actual	Budget
<b>Membership Renewal-Adult</b>	12,525.00	12,500.00
<b>Membership Renewal-Junior</b>	2,610.00	1,500.00
<b>Certificate Corrections</b>	835.00	350.00
<b>Herd Names</b>	780.00	60.00
<b>Registrations Full-Blood/Purebred</b>	24,665.00	22,000.00
<b>Ribbon Donation Lowes Pellets and Grain</b>	\$5,400	Covers increase in JABGA Shows
<b>2025 90 day over due</b>	\$3,305.00	
<b>2025 Total unpaid</b>	\$7,602.16	Evey dollar in helps the bottom line
<b>Projected for finish under budget</b>	40 -50	<b>Solutions to prevent in 2026</b> make office more efficient with less staff Raise Fees Marketing to increase memberships, registrations and transfers

### September Finance committee Recommendations

1. Do not hold December Face to Face
  - a. Hold virtual workshop with finance committee and board end of October
    - i. Agenda Item 2026 budget

Requestions a motion for not having a face to Face in December
2. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>. 2026 ABGA shows Should be required to cover the cost of ribbons for sanctioned shows.
  - a. Finance Committee only recommended ribbon cost and Association cover shipping. As Treasure I would recommend shows cover all costs for ribbons.
  - b. Ties to agenda item from Tyler and Catherine. No motion is requested until after agenda item later in the meeting.

# **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**October 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **I. Call to Order**

President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

## **II. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Ashley Roles, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R3-** Dustin Fields, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sydney Black, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Directors Absent: R9A-** Kim Veal

**Guests Present-Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman, **Director of Community Engagement-** Catherine Riley, **Office Manager-** Porschea Penn, **Cultivate Group-** Nikki Jones, Katy Kemp, and Anne Kimmey

**Others Absent- Past President-** Rosalinda Vizina

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## **III. Adoption of Agenda**

**Zach Wesfall moves that item “F” from New Business be moved to number “6” in favor of guest time.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Zach Westfall moves to adopt the updated agenda.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Ashley Roles moves to accept the September 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board minutes.** Sydney Black seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** The motion passes unanimously.

## **V. Treasurer’s Report**

**Kyle Tate moves to accept the October 2025 Treasurer’s Report.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

*Past President, Rosalinda Vizina, joins the meeting at 7:09 pm CST.*

## **VI. Communications Presentation**

The Cultivate Group provided the board with a presentation on a new marketing strategy and brand rebuild for the ABGA.

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*Cultivate guests left the meeting at 7:46 pm CST.*

**Brad Mackey moves to hire Cultivate to enact our new marketing strategy.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## VII. Staff Updates

- 1-2 day turnaround in Office
- \$5 discount on next 192 tests from UC Davis on DNA

**Paige Gunderson moves to pass on the \$5 discount to members for DNA kits on the next 192 tests.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Jeff Gibbs moves to allow the \$25,000 to continue to draw interest and when the Executive Director, Caleb Boardman, notifies the President, Tyler Sparks, he needs it to be transferred to the cash position, then Tyler can approve that transfer.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one opposing; motion passes.

## VIII. Affiliate Committee Update

**Zach Westfall moves to accept the Affiliate Committee proposal to waive fees for the remainder of 2025 to join now for 2026.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one abstain (Rodney); motion passes.

## IX. Breed Improvement Committee Proposal

**Zach Westfall moves to accept the committee's proposal with the change that the junior division be divided into 0-6 months and 6-12 months to be broken by weights over the next three years at Nationals and Regionals to create guard rails for the future age breaks.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Rodney- yes, Brad- yes, Zach- yes, Kyle- abstain, Sydney- no, Paige- yes, Jeff- yes, Dustin- yes, Patrick- yes, and Ashley- yes.

With 8 for, 1 against, and 1 abstain; the motion passes.

## X. Judges Committee Update

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept line item #1 (Attachment 1) with the addition of "before" nationals.** Rodney Wilson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Zach Westfall moves to accept line item #2 and #4 of the judges committee proposal.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

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**Zach Westfall moves to accept line item #3 by adding to part “c” that they must remain a judge in good standing through 2026.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion.

**Zach Westfall moves to amend his motion by changing it to say current in good standing the year of nominations and year of judging.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion.  
**Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

Main Motion- **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### **XI. Regional Show Rules**

**Rodney Wilson moves to accept the proposed 2025-2026 Regional Show Rules with the understanding that the approved Breed Improvement Committee proposal will be added.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### **XII. December Face-to-Face Location**

**Brad Mackey moves to have the December Face-to-Face meeting in Dallas, TX.** Dustin Fields seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Ashley- abstain, Patrick- no, Dustin- yes, Jeff- yes, Paige- no, Sydney- no, Kyle- no, Zach- no, Brad- yes, and Rodney- yes

With 4 for, 5 against, and 1 abstain; motion fails.

**Zach Westfall moves to not hold a Face-to-Face meeting in December, but the board will come together to hold a budget workshop in November to approve the 2026 budget.** Sydney Black seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Rodney- no, Brad- no, Zach- yes, Kyle- yes, Sydney- yes, Paige- no, Jeff- no, Dustin- no, Patrick- yes, Ashley- yes, and President (tie)- no.

With 5 for and 6 against after the President, Tyler Sparks, breaks the tie; motion fails.

**Rodney Wilson moves to hold a Face-to-Face meeting in December.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Zach- no, Kyle- yes, Sydney- no, Paige- yes, Ashley- yes, Patrick- yes, Dustin- yes, Jeff- yes, Brad- yes, and Rodney- yes.

With 8 for and 2 against; motion passes.

*Brad Mackey and Jeff Gibbs left the meeting at 9:43 pm CST.*

### **XIII. American Boer Goat Foundation Proposal**

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**Zach Westfall moves to accept the ABGF proposal with the addition of an Affiliate open forum.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one abstain (Paige); motion passes.

*Brad Mackey and Jeff Gibbs join the meeting at 9:44 pm CST.*

## XIV. Executive Session

**Paige Gunderson moves to enter Executive Session at 9:44 pm CST.** Zach Westfall seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Items on the Docket:**

- **Member Letters**
- **HR discussion**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to leave Executive Session at 10:20 pm CST.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## XV. Good of the Order

**Zach Westfall moves that all communications done by directors and office staff be done through official ABGA email.** Kyle Tate seconds the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Rodney- yes, Brad- no, Kyle- yes, Sydney- yes, Paige- no, Jeff- no, Dustin- no, Patrick- no, Ashley- yes, Zach- yes, and President (tie)- no.

With 5 for and 6 against; motion fails.

## XVI. Adjournment

**Jeff Gibbs moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm CST.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

# **ATTACHMENT 1:**

## **Judges Committee**

### **October BOD Proposals**

- 1. Any individual selected to judge during the JABGA/ABGA National Show shall have a 30-day moratorium of all JABGA/ABGA shows, pending judges are selected and announced in December.**
  
- 2. Judge Selection Timeline**
  - a. October 13<sup>th</sup> – Announcements of Applications**
  - b. October 20<sup>th</sup> – Applications Open**
  - c. November 7<sup>th</sup> – Applications Close**
  - d. November 17<sup>th</sup> – Surveys Sent Out**
    - i. Motion was passed at F2F to have surveys sent to ALL members in good standing for ABGA show and ALL JABGA members in good standing for JABGA show.**
  - e. December 5<sup>th</sup> – Surveys Close**
  - f. December 11<sup>th</sup> – BOD Approval**
  - g. December 12<sup>th</sup> – Announcement**
  
- 3. Judge Eligibility is same as 2025 National Show, with addition that Judge must have evaluated over 500 head collectively in their career.**
  - a. Enter as team**
  - b. Not restricted by region**
  - c. Must have been a judge in good standing as of January 1, 2025.**
  - d. Cannot have judged the same show as applying for in previous two years.**
  - e. Must have judged over 500 head in career.**
  
- 4. Hire an outside CPA to tabulate survey results to present to the BOD in the same way BOD ballots are tabulated.**

#### **Judges Certification Update:**

**Randall White is unable to attend. Justin Burns has moved on to trainer team from being the approved alternate.**

# **Board of Directors Special Meeting**

**American Boer Goat Association**

**October 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm CST via TEAMS**

## **I. Call to Order**

President, Tyler Sparks, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm CST.

## **II. Roll Call**

**Directors Present: R1-** Ashley Roles, **R2-** Patrick Aliff, **R3-** Dustin Fields, **R4-** Jeff Gibbs, **R5-** Paige Gunderson, **R6-** Sydney Black, **R7-** Kyle Tate, **R8-** Zach Westfall, **R9-** Brad Mackey, **R9A-** Kim Veal, **R10-** Rodney Wilson, **R11-** Tyler Sparks

**Guests Present- Executive Director-** Caleb Boardman

**Others Absent- Past President-** Rosalinda Vizina,

**Quorum Present-** Yes

## **III. Action Item**

**On October 13, 2025, at 4:28 pm CST, Zach Westfall moves to approve Rodney Wilson as National Show Committee Chair and Paige Gunderson as Affiliates Committee chair via email.** Kyle Tate seconded the motion at 4:29 pm CST via email.

**Voice Vote (10/23/25):** Motion passes unanimously.

## **IV. Adoption of Agenda**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to adopt the agenda by tabling item IV-c and IV-d until the December Face-to-Face meeting.** Ashley Roles seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

## **V. December F2F Location**

**Brad Mackey moves to have the December Face-to-Face meeting in Tulsa, OK.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** The motion passes unanimously.

## **VI. National Show Weights**

**Jeff Gibbs moves to rescind the motion from the October Regular Meeting of the board regarding the age divisions for weights proposal.** Sydney Black seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to accept the original proposal regarding weighing animals at the regional and national show presented by the Breed Improvement Committee.** Jeff

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Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and one opposing (Zach); motion passes.

**Paige Gunderson moves that all 0-12 month animals are weighed in by staff at regional shows.** Kyle seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion fails unanimously.

**Paige Gunderson moves to implement declared weights and weigh backs at regional shows.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and 5 against (Zach, Ashley, Kyle, Patrick, and Sydney); motion passes.

**Zach Westfall moves to do declared weights and weigh backs at nationals.** Jeff Gibbs seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and 4 against (Sydney, Ashley, Kyle, and Dustin); motion passes.

**Zach Westfall would like to implement declared weights and weigh backs on wethers and wether dams at regional shows and nationals.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and 4 against (Paige, Dustin, Kyle, and Ashley); motion passes.

**Zach Westfall moves to teeth wether dams and wethers at weigh back scales at regional shows and nationals.** Patrick Aliff seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** With majority in favor and 2 against (Dustin and Ashley); motion passes.

### VII. Proposed Fee Schedule

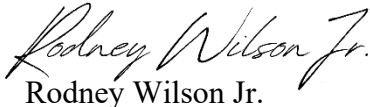
**Brad Mackey moves to approve the proposed fee schedule.** Dustin Fields seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

**Zach Westfall moves to approve the accepted fee schedule take effect on January 1, 2026.** Paige Gunderson seconds the motion. **Voice Vote:** Motion passes unanimously.

### VIII. Adjournment

**Paige Gunderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm CST.** Brad Mackey seconds the motion. **Voice Vote-** Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rodney Wilson Jr.

Secretary- Region 10 Director

American Boer Goat Association

## Attachment 1:

Type	Current Rate	New Rate	Non-member rates	Current is 2 times the member rate Proposed would move to 2.5 times the rate.
ABGA Adult Member	75			
JABGA Membrrer	30			
Registrations under 18 moa	\$20.00		\$50.00	
Registrations over 18 moa	\$24.00		\$60.00	
Native on Appearance Registration	\$20.00		\$50.00	
Listing Paper		20	\$50.00	
Listing Paper over 18moa	\$16.00			Remove
Listing Paper under 18moa	\$11.00			Remove
Transfer	\$10.00		\$25.00	
Animal Name Change	\$10.00		\$-	
Animal Name Change other than the breeder	\$20.00		\$-	
DNA Database Search	\$10.00		\$-	
DNA Testing SNP	\$62.00		\$155.00	
DNA Testing SNP+STR	\$96.00		\$240.00	
Deletion/Cancellation fee	\$5.00		\$12.50	
Duplicate Cert	\$10.00		\$25.00	
Flat/Sleeved	\$10.00		\$25.00	
Flush Report	\$20.00		\$50.00	
Herd Name	\$20.00		\$50.00	
Herd Prefix	\$10.00		\$25.00	
Live Cover Service Memo (Per Form)		\$10.00	\$25.00	
Embryo Tranfer (per form)		\$10.00	\$25.00	
Recoding of Inspections for EN.	\$10.00		\$25.00	
Research Fee	\$25.00		\$62.50	
Corrections	\$10.00		\$25.00	
Rule 900	\$500.00			
3 day Rush		25	\$62.50	
One Day Rush		50	\$125.00	
Flush Report 3 day	\$10.00		\$25.00	Remove and replace with 1 fee for each rush 1 and 3 day.
Service Memo 3 day	\$10.00		\$25.00	
Reg/Transfer 3 day	\$25.00		\$62.50	