



Judges Rules and Protocol

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THIS DOCUMENT REPLACES ALL PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS REGARDING JUDGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION.

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- 1. All judges must be current paid members of the International Boer Goat Association Inc. and be in good standing.**
- 2. Judges must judge all animals within the parameters set forth by the International Boer Goat Association Inc. current Breed Standards (revised October 2009)**
- 3. Judges that have an ethics complaint filed against him or her that is determined by the Ethics Committee to have merit shall take a leave of absence from judging International sanctioned shows until the issue is resolved.**
- 4. Judges that are found guilty of an ethics complaint by the Ethics Committee will be subject to disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the ethics committee and then by the Board of Directors. **This may include temporary suspension from judging privileges to having your judging certification permanently revoked.****
- 5. Use professional dress while judging (dress coat, tie, dress shoes or cowboy boots). Cowboy hats are allowed however baseball caps, t-shirts or tennis shoes are not allowed. In the summer the coat may be removed and a short sleeve shirt may be worn.**

6. A judge may not charge more than \$350.00 (plus expenses) per show. The range allowable is \$0 to \$350.00.

7. A judge must be on time for the show. It's generally accepted to be 10 to 15 minutes early and check in with the show staff prior to the show.

8. Never judge animals that have been owned by you within **6 months** of sale date. It will not be the responsibility of the judge to keep up with the 6 months. It is the exhibitors responsibility not to compromise the integrity of the judge.

9. Never judge animals that are owned by a business partner while involved in the partnership OR for a period of **6 months** after dissolving ownership.

10. Never promote your own goats, products, and etc. while at a show that you are judging. Answering questions is always encouraged, but actively campaigning is not.

11. While at a show conduct yourself professionally.

- A. It is considered improper to visit with the exhibitors in regards to their animals prior to the show.
- B. While judging, the exchange of pleasantries with exhibitors as they enter the ring or while you are handling their goats sets a positive mood for the show. However, do not allow this to become a long personal conversation in the show ring, which makes the other participants feel awkward.

12. While judging:

- A. When the goats enter the ring they should enter in a clockwise direction with the exhibitor on the left side.
- B. Check the mouth, teats, and pigment of every goat in the class.
- C. Walk or turn loose the goats at least once during the class, not counting when the goats entered the ring.
- D. Talk a good set of reasons to the audience. Regardless of quality, a judge can always find one positive comment about each goat.
- E. Check tattoos of each division Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, Fullblood and Percentages.
- F. Sign all official paperwork pertaining to sanctioning bodies of the show. If new Computer program is used, judge must validate official show results before leaving the show.

13. Any judge selected to judge the National Show shall not judge any show sanctioned by any Boer Goat Association 60 days prior to the starting date of the National Show.

14. All Senior Judges must attend at least one judges training every three years in order to stay certified. Periodic online quizzes will also be sent to each Senior Judge and they must be answered and sent back to the International Boer Goat Assoc. office. These quizzes may be answered using the copy of the breed standards. This is not to test you but to keep you up to date with current breed standards and protocols.

15. A Judge (Trainer, Senior, or Junior) may not be active in judging if they become elected to the Board of Directors of the International Boer Goat Association. You may continue to hold the title of Judge, but must refrain from judging any show during your term of office.

16. On occasion, the International Boer Goat Association Judges committee may appoint a person directly to the Senior Judges list if the committee believes that he or she meets or exceeds the requirements for Senior Judge. This will usually be someone who has years of experience in judging livestock including Boer goats. A majority vote by the Judges Committee members is required to move someone directly to the position of Senior Judge. This recommendation will then be sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.

17. Senior Judges may be moved to the position of Trainer Judge if the judges committee feels that they meet the requirements of the Trainer Judge position. This could be made evident in participation at Judges Training sessions or from personal observations throughout the year judging shows. A majority vote by the Judges Committee members is required to move a Senior Judge to the position of Trainer Judge. This recommendation will then be sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.

18. Trainer judges and on occasion senior judges will be asked to “train” junior judges. This is a responsibility of these judges and they are expected to do so with a positive attitude. You should use this time to inject constructive criticism in a positive-professional manner. An official Junior Judges Evaluation must be filled out and sent to Judges Committee Chairman and the International Boer Goat Association office.

(For Trainer judges and senior judges that are training a junior judge in very large shows please be mindful of the length of time added to the show to train a junior judge. It is not required to have the junior judge work or talk every class, it is perfectly fine to have them work a couple of percentage doe classes and a couple of Fullblood doe and buck classes as well. If the junior judge successfully talks these classes to your satisfaction then they can assist as a ring steward for the duration of the show.)

Junior Judges Rules and Protocol

All junior judges must follow all above rules and protocol as well as the following rules and protocol that are specific to Junior Judges.

19. At the judges training session the candidate(s) must successfully pass the official written judging test of the International Boer Goat Association. Each candidate(s) must also judge live classes and give oral reasons to the satisfaction of the Trainer Judge(s). Once passing this level and paying the \$250.00 application fee, a candidate will achieve the status of Junior Judge.

20. Each Junior Judge must judge a minimum of three (3) shows with three different approved Senior Judges and a maximum of four (4) shows with four different Senior Judges. **To earn the status of Senior Judge they must obtain three (3) passing recommendations within two years from the date they become certified as a Junior Judge.** If a Junior Judge receives two (2) failing recommendations the candidate will be taken off the Junior Judges list. An applicant can reapply for the next Judges Training session and again pay the application fees.

(Each Junior Judge must notify the Judges Committee Chairperson, the Trainer or Senior judge, as well as the show superintendant of a show they would like to judge. This is to make sure that all three parties are on the same page. (The judge's committee chairman and the Trainer judge may not know of circumstances that the show superintendant may know of). It will be the responsibility of the Junior Judge to contact the senior or Trainer Judge no less than 10 days prior to the show, so plans can be made. The Junior Judge is responsible for all of his or her own expenses in getting to and from the show as well as at the show.

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