

NDGA JUDGING CONTRACT

SHOW INFORMATION

Show Name:		Date:	
Location:		Start Time:	
# of Classes:	Does (J/S) <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucks (J/S) <input type="checkbox"/>	Wethers <input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship <input type="checkbox"/>

Show Chair:	Phone
Address	Cell
City, State, Zip	Email

Judge Name	Phone
Address	Cell
City, State, Zip	Email

Please select the pertinent terms from the following:

TRANSPORTATION

	I will be driving to the show and should be reimbursed _____ ¢ per mile.
	Show Committee should make my flight reservations and pay for them.
	I will make my own flight reservations and understand the expense will require approval from the Show Chair. <i>I will notify the Show Chair of my flight schedule.</i>
	I will make my own flight reservations and pay for them under the following terms:
	Show Committee should provide my transportation during the show, including to and from the airport, motel, show and meals.
	I will be renting a car for my transportation needs during the show under the following terms:

ACCOMMODATIONS

	Show Committee should make and pay for hotel/motel reservations for me.						
I will require the following type of room	Non-Smoking		Smoking		# of Nights		
	I will make my own hotel/motel reservations. I understand this expense will require approval from the Show Chair prior to making the reservation.						
	I will make my own arrangements which will not require any expenditure by the Show Committee.						

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FEES

	I will expect my standard fee of	\$
	For this show, there will be a special fee arrangement of:	

REIMBURSEMENT TERMS

At the end of the show I expect to be reimbursed for the following expenses I have personally incurred:

	Airfare or driving expense		Airport Parking		Rental Car
	Motel/Hotel Expense		Meals		Other
Please list other expenses:					

SHOW ARRANGEMENTS

The following items should be available to me while judging:

	Anti-bacterial wipes		hand sanitizer		disinfectant soap/water/paper towels.
	Bottled water and/or _____ to drink during judging.				
	A standard height measuring stick				
	Other: (please list)				

SIGNATURES

I have signed the bottom of this form to indicate my acceptance of the terms specified herein. I have retained a copy for my records.

Judge's Signature		Date	
Show Chair Signature		Date	

ADGA/AGS LICENSED JUDGES: BY SIGNING ABOVE YOU AGREE TO READ AND JUDGE ACCORDING TO THE NIGERIAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION SCORE CARD AND RULES.

We have included information on how to judge the Wether and Dry Doe classes. If you have any questions please contact our Show Chair Ann Alecock 319-572-4105

Thank you for accepting our invitation to Judge at our show. We hope you will enjoy yourself and if there are any other reasonable requirements you may have, please feel free to include them with this letter.

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NDGA Breed Standard

The Nigerian Dwarf is the only true miniature goat breed of dairy type and character. Its conformation is similar to that of the larger breeds, with the parts of the body in balanced proportion relative to their size. The profile of the face is straight although some have a small break or stop at eye level. The ears are alert and upright. The coat is straight with short to medium length hair; with short, sleek and smooth hair being the ideal. The desired height for does is 17 to 19 inches with a maximum of 21 inches. The desired height for bucks is 18 to 20 inches with a maximum of 23 inches. There is no minimum height for does, bucks or wethers. Any color or combination of colors is acceptable.

NDGA Descriptive Breed Standard for DOES:

Conformation: Body parts should be in proportion to the size of the doe: long bodied, wide but refined, standing no more than 21 inches at the withers.

Head: Medium length to long and refined; lean, straight face or bridge of nose with symmetry and balance. Relatively deep and wide muzzle.

Ears: Relatively long in comparison to head size, narrow, erect, thin, dairy-type.

Neck: Long and lean, blending smoothly into the withers; no dewlap.

Body: Long, deep, wide, with level topline and nearly level, long rump. Well sprung, flat ribs with increasing width and depth angling toward rear of barrel; sharpness at the withers above tightly assembled shoulders.

Coat & Skin: Short and straight; slick coat preferred with loose, thin, pliable skin.

Color: Any color or combination of colors.

Mammary System: Wide, deep, capacious relative to the size of the doe, strong overall attachment, soft and pliable with proportionately sized and shaped teats; should be balanced and tightly attached as viewed from the side and rear; Medial Suspensory Ligament (MSL) should clearly show division of halves.

NDGA Descriptive Breed Standard for BUCKS:

Conformation: Strong, wide and masculine with dairy character, standing no more than 23 inches at the withers.

Head: Medium length to long; lean, straight face or bridge of nose with symmetry and balance. Deep and wide muzzle.

Ears: Relatively long in comparison to head size, narrow, erect, dairy-type.

Neck: Moderately long and masculine showing appropriate muscling in proportion to the size of the animal.

Body: Long, deep, wide, with level topline and nearly level or slightly sloping rump. Well sprung, flat ribs with increasing width and depth angling toward rear of barrel; sharpness at the withers above tightly assembled shoulders.

Coat & Skin: Short and straight; slick coat preferred with loose, thin, pliable skin, heavy beard.

Color: Any color or combination of colors.

Reproductive System: Well developed, balanced and strongly attached scrotum with even rudimentary teats.

COMPARISON OF THE NDGA NIGERIAN DWARF WITH OTHER GOAT BREEDS: *When compared to the large dairy goats, the Nigerian Dwarf should ideally resemble the Alpine or Toggenburg in miniature proportions, with stature within the NDGA ideal height range preferred in a correctly proportioned animal. The Nigerian also shows the balanced proportions of the larger Swiss breeds, but it may carry a little more weight in comparison to its body size. The Nigerian Dwarf shows more refinement and elegance than the pygmy goat, especially in the length of leg, body, neck, and face. As a miniature dairy goat, the dairy should also show considerably more dairy character than the pygmy in general appearance and overall conformation.*

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NIGERIAN DWARF BREED EVALUATION SCORECARDS

Official Buck Scorecard		
GENERAL APPEARANCE (including comparison to ideal height and ideal breed character)		15
DAIRY TYPE AND ANGULARITY		7
HEAD, EARS AND EXPRESSION		8
NECK		5
SHOULDERS & WITHERS		8
CHEST (including chine and heartgirth)		13
BARREL (including loin)		10
SKIN & RIBS		7
RUMP		10
FRONT LEGS	FORE LEGS	5
	FORE FEET	3
REAR LEGS	REAR LEGS	6
	REAR FEET	3
TOTAL SCORE		100

NDGA Nigerian Dwarf Goat Breed Standard

The Nigerian Dwarf is the only true miniature goat of dairy type and character. Its conformation is similar to that of the larger dairy breeds, but the parts of the body are in balanced proportion relative to their size.

The profile of the face is straight although some have a small break or stop at eye level. The ears are alert and upright. The coat is straight with short to medium length hair; with short, sleek and smooth hair being ideal.

The **desired height** for does is 17 to 19 inches with a maximum of 21 inches. The desired height for bucks is 18 to 20 inches with a maximum of 23 inches. There is no minimum height for does, bucks or wethers; but correct proportion relative to size, with the emphasis on balance and symmetry is preferred. Any color or combination of colors is acceptable.

Official Doe Scorecard		
GENERAL APPEARANCE (including comparison to ideal height and ideal breed character)		12
DAIRY TYPE AND ANGULARITY		6
HEAD, EARS AND EXPRESSION		5
NECK		4
SHOULDERS & WITHERS		5
CHEST (including chine and heartgirth)		10
BARREL (including loin)		10
SKIN & RIBS		4
RUMP		10
FRONT LEGS	FORE LEGS	3
	FORE FEET	2
REAR LEGS	REAR LEGS	3
	REAR FEET	2
MAMMARY SYSTEM	FORE UDDER	7
	REAR UDDER	6
	MEDIAL SUSPENSORY LIGAMENT	3
	TEATS	4
	CAPACITY & TEXTURE	4
MAMMARY SYSTEM TOTAL —		24
TOTAL SCORE		100

NDGA General Disqualifying Faults

- Over Height (except wethers): Does over 21" and Bucks over 23".
- Curly Coat
- Pendulous Ears
- Roman Nose
- Evidence of Myatonia (fainting)

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JUDGING JUNIOR AND DRY DOES FOR NDGA

Junior does and dry does are judged on a maximum point system of 76 points (minus the 24 points for the mammary system.) A bred junior or dry doe can show udder development and good mammary system conformation, but no points can be assigned to the udder. Therefore, the NDGA score card does not support placing a bred junior doe showing udder development over her open counterpart with no udder development with all else being equal.

At a combined sanctioned Senior Doe Show where Dry Senior Doe and Milking Does are competing there must be at least 10 does, 3 of which must be in milk. There must be 3 exhibitors. The doe earning the win will be named Grand Champion Senior Doe.

JUDGING JUNIOR BUCKS AND SENIOR BUCKS FOR NDGA

Junior bucks are separately sanctioned from the Senior Bucks, however at some shows the junior and senior bucks will be combined in order to make sanction. There must be at least 10 animals in at least 2 different age classes. 3 of these must be competing in the senior division (over one year of age). There must be a minimum of 3 exhibitors. The buck earning the win will be named Grand Champion Buck.

JUDGING WETHERS

When judging the Nigerian Dwarf wether, you must remember it is not a breeding animal and as such, should be judged differently than bucks and does. Some reproductive faults which would disqualify a buck should not disqualify a wether: teat abnormalities should not be considered when judging the wether. This would be the obvious reason a conscientious breeder would neuter the animal, not wanting to perpetuate a fault.

The scorecard of the wether is also different, reflecting both the show and pet characteristics of the animal while focusing on a structurally correct and healthy wether showing excellent show conditioning while maintaining the balance and proportion of a miniature dairy goat. The wether should possess dairy character and type. Over 23" should be considered a serious fault. The ideal height should be considered and when all things are equal, should be a deciding factor in your placement.

NDGA sanctions the Nigerian Wether and expects equal time and effort to be put forth in your evaluation and placements. The wether is the "Ambassador" of our breed as many Nigerian enthusiasts started their show career with a wether. We must also remember many Nigerian pet owners have no interest in breeding goats, but love and enjoy their wethers, and the show is an excellent opportunity to show off their pet.

The wether must not only exude great Nigerian breed type and conformation, but demonstrate a cooperative and trusting relationship with the handler. The wether should never show aggressive or challenging behavior; butting, biting and uncooperative behavior should be judged according to it's severity.

Great tact must be taken into consideration when judging wether conformation. Faults in a wether must be considered in the light that it is not a breeding animal and will therefore not pass on those faults. For this reason, "General Appearance" and "Structure" comprise only half of the scorecard. However, a wether is a product of a breeding program and deserves a fair comparison to the breed standard and to the competition that day. "General Appearance" (25 points) represents the visual assessment of how closely the wether compares to the ideal height of a Nigerian Dwarf as well as the level of dairy character and angularity the animal exhibits. "Structure" (25 points) is the comparison to the ideal Nigerian Dwarf conformation and to the competition in the ring. Remember that a wether will naturally lack the muscling and masculinity of a buck, but should neither be overly feminine or as refined as a doe.

But most of all, remember that the wether is essentially a "pet." Health and Condition (25 points) and Show-ability (25 points) are indicative of the care and handling the wether has received and are equally important for a pet. Many owners showing their wether may be showing the only goat they own and make no claims to be a goat "breeder;" they simply want a fair and accurate evaluation of their "pet." And, we believe they deserve it from you, their licensed NDGA judge.

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NDGA Guidelines For Judging Wethers

CATEGORY	PNTS	IDEAL TRAITS	MODERATE	SERIOUS	VERY SERIOUS	DISQUALIFYING
GENERAL APPEARANCE	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balanced & well-blended Gait smooth & effortless Dairy-type proportions Coat short to medium in length; smooth Ears; erect, alert Angularity in dairy character Head; typey, symmetrical, straight face Ideal height; 18" to 20" at withers Correct breed character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coat too coarse or rough Deviation from dairy type Convex or Concave profile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of angulation & cobby appearance; uncharacteristic proportions Not true to dairy-type 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crooked face Oversized (more than 23") Extreme single characteristic that sacrifices the balance & proportion of the entire animal Helicopter ears 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pendulous ears Roman Nose Curly Coat Permanent Lameness
STRUCTURE (Conformation)	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body parts functional and balanced Good jaw alignment Top line strong & level rump Correct, well-spaced legs in both front & rear Width in barrel, chest, ribcage proportional to the animal size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deviation from dairy-type 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacking in width, not in proportion, depending on degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malocclusion – Weak overbite or under-bite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of Myatonia (fainting) Hermaphroditism Disfiguring malocclusion
HEALTH & CONDITION	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free of disease or illness; displaying vigor Free of parasites; skin & coat clean In good body condition Well groomed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poorly groomed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check skin & coat condition for apparent health Hernia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over or under condition Evidence of poor health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diseased Totally Blind Serious Emaciation
SHOW-ABILITY	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavior should be tractable; alert, responsive, trusting, confident & cooperative 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aggressive behavior toward handler or other animals – nipping, butting challenging behavior reflects poor training and/or poor temperament 	