

NDGA OFFICIAL SHOW RULES

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A. SHOW SANCTION AND FEES

1. Application for show sanction shall be made to the Show Chairperson.
2. The schedule of classes published for any given show shall state: “NDGA rules to govern and take precedence over all other rules”. With the exception of State Fair Rules.
3. A completed sanction application and a copy of the schedule of classes shall be sent to the NDGA Show Chairperson. All scheduled classes must be listed. Application forms may be obtained from the Show Chairperson or online <http://www.ndga.org/application-for-show-sanction.html>. **An incomplete Application for a show sanction will be returned to be completed before any ribbons or paperwork is sent. Make sure all the information is correct and complete before submitting to ensure you receive ribbons and or paperwork in a timely manner.**
4. Application for show sanctioning must be submitted to NDGA at least 30 days prior to the show for the following regular sanction fees to apply:
Jr Does, Sr Does, Dry Does, Jr Bucks, Sr Bucks and Wethers with Grand and Reserve rosettes are \$15 each. The wether sanction shall be free with a full set of sanctions; \$65 and additional \$10 off for a full set. Combined Does or Combined Bucks are \$15 each. .
If submitted less than 30 days prior to the show date, the sanction fees will increase to \$75 for a full set.
5. A full set of sanctions without ribbons, **paperwork only, \$15. If submitted less than 30 days prior to the show date, fee will be \$25.**
6. 1-5 place class ribbons will be included in youth show sanctions only, at no cost.
1-5 Class ribbons for Open shows are \$4 per class, not sanction. IE; Jr doe 3-6 month old class 1-5th place= \$4.
7. Bucks, Does and Wethers shall not compete against each other, but shall be considered as separate sanctions with a sanction fee required for each sanction.
8. No other Club, Organization, or Agency will make any rule or rules, which directly or indirectly affect the Sanctioned Show, without first obtaining approval from NDGA with the exception of State Fairs.

B. YOUTH ONLY SHOW RULES

1. Must be youth 19 years of age or younger, with the exception of young adults who fall under the individuals with disabilities that are still enrolled in high school or part of an FFA program until age 21.
2. Must follow the state rules concerning youth shows in the state in which the show is held. This may include having the animal in the youths name a certain amount of time prior to the show in which the youth will enter. Make sure you know the State Rules concerning youth in the state in which the show is held.

C. RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING ANIMALS

1. An “official” NDGA registration certificate is required for an animal entered and shall be presented to the show secretary. The show secretary will be responsible for assuring that each animal is accompanied by the proper registration certificate before the animal is shown.
2. In lieu of original registration certificates, an officially validated faxed copy of a registration certificate shall be accepted as “official” NDGA registration certificates for the purpose of animal exhibition.
3. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration certificate, unless ownership has changed within 90 days of the show and a transfer of ownership form is presented with the certificate. In that case, ownership shall be the name on the transfer form. Transfer of ownership forms that are dated more than 90 days prior to the show date will not be honored as proof of ownership.
4. The animal may be judged in only one age class per show. Proof of birth date shall be the birth date on animals “official” NDGA registration certificate.
5. The base date for computing the age of the animal shall be the day the animals is to be judged, unless otherwise stated by a Fair Board in its rules governing livestock. This date must be stated on the show application in the rules.
6. All Sr animals will be measured for height, except wethers (at judge’s discretion) before entering the show ring. Any animal deemed to exceed the NDGA breed standard of maximum height (21” for does and 23” for

bucks) cannot be shown in an Official NDGA Sanctioned Show. The judge's decision of height determination is final.

7. Any animal of any age may be measured at any time by the judge at the judge's discretion while in the show ring.
8. Health certificates may be required if specified in the schedule of classes and official show rules. When health certificates are not required, the show officials shall see that all animals brought to the show grounds are in apparent good health and free from noticeable disease. Show officials may deny entry if animal does not appear in good health.
9. Any animal disqualified in its class will not be counted in the total number of animals shown for sanction purposes.
10. Animals under 6 months of age are excluded from the rule requiring legible tattoos or microchips as a condition for recording a Grand or Reserve Grand win.
11. There are no minimum or maximum age restrictions.

D. SHOW OFFICIALS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Show Secretary/Chairperson must have a copy of these rules available at all times during the show.
2. The Show Secretary/Chairperson are/is responsible for enforcing NDGA show rules. The Sponsoring Organization is responsible for the actions of the entire show committee.
3. All NDGA sanctioned shows must be judged by a person officially recognized by NDGA.
4. No person shall judge any animal in which she/he has an ownership of part ownership or which I owned by a member of his/her immediate family.
5. Prior to the beginning of the show, the "official" Registration Certificate must be shown to the Show Secretary/Chairperson to verify the following information:
 - a. That each animal is entered in the correct age class and sanction/division by verifying birth date.
 - b. That each animal is entered by its full and correct name.
 - c. That the registration number matches those on the entry form.
 - d. Confirm ownership of the animal by way of tattoo or microchip.
6. Show Secretary/Chairperson is responsible for filing out all Reports of Awards correctly and mailing reports to the NDGA Show Chair within 10 days after the show.

E. JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Judge all animals according to the NDGA scorecard and faulting sheet.
2. Judge shall make awards according to the merit of the animal in any class in which there is no competition.
3. Judge shall check the date of birth on the registration certificate of all grand and reserve grand champion animals to verify their having been shown in their correct age class.
4. Judge will check and verify that the tattoos or microchips on all animals selected for grand or reserve champions animals match the information shown on the registration certificates. It is acceptable for the tattoos to be reversed, as long as they are correct in all other ways. On the Show awards report form, the judge shall record the status of the tattoos of both the grand and reserve. i.e.; correct OR reversed and initial the note. In the case of reversed tattoos, the judge MUST tell the owner they have 60 days to return the registration certificate to the Registrar for correction or the win will become invalid.
5. Judge will measure the height for the Grand and Reserve and relay this information to the Show Secretary/Chairperson to record on the Show Award Report form.

F. CLASSES AND AWARDS

1. All animals will be judged according to the NDGA scorecard and faulting sheet.
2. Entries may not be added to or withdrawn from the classes after the judging has started unless the Show Committee has given permission. Entries SHALL NOT be added to or withdrawn from a class once the judge has begun to place the class or started to give reasons.

3. Junior Division classes shall include all bucks under 12 months and does under 24 months and have never freshened.

F. CLASSES AND AWARDS (cont.)

4. Senior Division classes shall include all does 24 months of age and over including yearlings which have freshened one or more times and bucks that are 12 months of age or older and have produced progeny. NOTE: any doe delivering after 135 days gestation is considered as freshened.
5. Does that are over 24 months and have never freshened do not qualify for competition in NDGA sanctioned shows.
6. Wether classes shall be grouped under one sanction. There are no Junior or Senior divisions for wethers.

G. SELECTION OF CHAMPIONS

1. Junior Grand Champion Doe or Buck shall be selected from the first place winners of the classes in the junior division. These will be called restricted legs until the doe freshens and earns a leg as a Sr Doe or buck is 12 months of age or older and has produced progeny. A Junior may only receive one restricted leg towards their PGCH status.
2. Reserve Junior Grand Champion Doe or Buck shall be selected from the animal which stood second to the junior champion in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of the other junior division classes.
3. Senior Grand Champion Doe, Dry Doe or Buck shall be selected from the first place winners of the senior doe, dry doe, or buck classes.
4. Reserve Senior Grand Champion Doe, Dry Doe, Buck shall be selected from the animal which stood second to the Grand champion in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of each of the age classes. See inherited legs.
5. In Combined Doe or Buck sanctions, any doe under 24 months of age and has never freshened or any buck under 12 months of age will compete in the Junior division. See Sample classes
6. In Sanctioned wether shows, Grand Champion shall be selected from the first place winners of each of the age classes.
7. In sanctioned wether shows the Reserve Grand Champion shall be selected from the animal which stood second to the grand champion in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of each of the age classes.
8. There must be at least three exhibitors in any sanctioned show for the wins of the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion, if eligible, for the leg to be considered official.
9. **Inherited legs: Only applies to multiple judge shows,**
Doe earning her 3rd leg completing her PGCH status from Judge #1 and receives another win/leg from the 2nd or 3rd judge, the Reserve GrCh doe in the subsequent sanctions will receive an inherited leg towards their PGCH status. A doe may receive only one inherited leg. Any repeats of the same GR and RES in a multiple judge show may result in legs not being awarded.
Buck earning his 4th leg completing his PGCH status from Judge #1 and receives another win/leg from the 2nd or 3rd judge, the Reserve GrCh buck in the subsequent sanctions will receive an inherited leg towards their PGCH status. A Buck may receive only one inherited leg. Any repeats of the same GR and RES in a multiple judge show may result in legs not being awarded.
Wethers will inherit legs under the same rules as bucks.

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H. PRE-SHOW MILK OUTS

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

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL WINS FOR DOES

1. A doe must have 3 wins/legs to earn their PGCH status under 2 different judges. 2 of the required 3 wins towards earning the PGCH status must be earned as a Senior Doe in Milk.
2. Only one of the three required wins/legs towards earning a PGCH status may be earned as a Junior or Senior Dry Doe.
3. There must be at minimum of 8 does competing in each of the sanctions i.e. Junior Doe, Senior Dry Doe or Senior Doe in milk and in at least 2 different age classes, with 3 different exhibitors for the wins to be official.
4. In a combined Doe Sanction where Senior Dry Does and Senior Does in milk compete there must be at least 10 animals, 3 of which have to be in milk, with 3 different exhibitors, in two age classes for the win to be official. All does under 18 months must be in the same class in a combined doe sanction.
5. In all NDGA Sanctioned doe shows, a restricted leg is a leg won as a Junior or Senior Dry doe.

J. REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL WINS FOR BUCKS

1. Bucks must have at least 4 wins/legs under 2 different judges, to earn a PGCH status and 3 wins/legs must be received as a Sr buck and must have one registered progeny on the ground.
2. Only one win/leg may be earned as a Junior Buck. The other 3 have to be earned as a Senior Buck
3. In a Jr or Sr buck sanction show there must be a minimum of 8 animals in 2 different age classes under 3 different exhibitors for the win/leg to be official.
4. In a Combined Buck Sanction show, there must be at least 10 animals, in 2 different age classes under 3 different exhibitors, 3 of the bucks **must be** competing in the Senior age classes for the win/leg to be official.

K. REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL WINS FOR WETHERS

1. Wethers must have 4 wins/legs under 2 different judges to earn a PGCH status. 3 of the wins/legs must be as a senior wether, 12 months of age or older.
2. There must be at least 8 animals in the sanction, in 2 different age classes under 3 different exhibitors for the wins to be official.
3. One of the required wins/legs may be earned as a junior, 12 months of age or younger.

L. PERMANENT GRAND CHAMPION

1. No animal shall receive credit for a win unless it has been confirmed that the animal was judged and placed in the correct age class division.
2. No animal shall receive credit for a win/leg, which, in the opinion of the Judge, has had tattoo's placed in the ears, tail web or flank after the individual class but before the Grand Champion class.
3. The Judge will be the sole authority on height measurement of the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion.
4. The Judge shall be responsible to see that tattoos/microchips are read and that the wither measurements are taken and if the conditions of the grounds are unsatisfactory for taking measurements, the Judge may have the exhibitors take the Gr and Res animals to an area that is satisfactory for completing the tasks.
5. Restricted legs are legs earned by a Junior animal, either doe or buck, as defined by does being under 24 months and never freshened, Jr Bucks under 12 months of age.
6. A Jr doe/buck may also earn a Jr restricted leg when they place as Reserve Grand Champion behind a Grand Champion who has already earned a restricted leg. The restricted leg will automatically be awarded to the Reserve Grand Champion. **These are not to be confused with Inherited Legs for Sr animals in G. #9.** In multiple judge shows there may be more than one leg given to Reserve animals.

Example:
Judge #1
Grand- Jr Doe A- EARNS RESTRICTED LEG
Reserve- Jr Doe B

Judge #2
Grand Jr Doe A or B EARNED HER LEG FROM JUDGE #1 SO IT GOES TO THE RESERVE
Reserve Jr Doe B- EARNS RESTRICTED LEG -

Judge #3
Grand Jr Doe B HAS LEG FROM JUDGE #2 SO IT GOES TO THE RESERVE
Reserve Jr Doe C - EARNS RESTRICTED LEG

M. REPORT OF AWARDS

1. Multiple Judge shows where there is more than one (1) judge in the ring at the same time, the number of the show will be written on the Show Report form next to the name of the show. This will be to determine inherited legs as described in **G. #9** above. **If the number of the show is not included on the show report, the Show chair shall choose and write the number of the show on the report.**
2. The report of Awards shall be completed in its entirety, THEN reviewed to make sure all information is correct then signed by the following people in this order:
First – by the owner or agent of the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion
Second – The Show Secretary/Chairperson
Finally – the Judge
3. All tattoo/microchip information for the show reports shall be taken from the judge as they read it on the animal. The Judge is the sole authority as to the accuracy or legibility of the animal's identification.
4. The owner of the animal must certify that all information the Show report is correct to the best of their knowledge and by signing the Show report has acknowledged that said information is complete and accurate.
5. All corrections to the Show Report will be done so in the following manner: Strike through the original information with a single line, enter the correct information beside or above the strike through and initial the change. Only the Show Secretary, owner of the animal or the Judge shall make changes on the Show Report. Any pertinent information that is left off the may render the win invalid.
6. No changes may be made on the Show Report after it is signed by the Judge. Recording of wins/legs will be taken off these reports as Official by the Official Show Chair.
7. In the case of a clerical error on the Show Report, the Official NDGA Show Chair shall make note of the error and is the only person who can verify the win and deem it official, if applicable.

N. COMPLAINTS AND PENALTIES

1. All complaints regarding shows are to be made in writing, within 7 days of the show to the Show Secretary or the NDGA Show Chair.
2. Wins recorded at the show in which NDGA rules were violated may be invalidated.

O. SAMPLE CLASSES

The following sample classes are a suggestion only. Classes may be changed, added, or subtracted to as long as there are at least 2, TWO age classes in each sanction. Class lists MUST accompany Show Sanction Application!

Senior Does in Milk

1. Under 18 months
2. 18 months to under 24 months
3. 2 years to under 3 years
4. 3 years to under 4 years
5. 4 years and older

Grand Champion Senior Doe in Milk

Reserve Grand Champion Doe in Milk
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Senior Dry Does

6. Under 18 months
7. 18 months to under 24 months
8. 2 years to under 3 years
9. 3 years to under 4 years
10. 4 years and older

Grand Champion Senior Dry Doe

Reserve Grand Champion Senior Dry Doe

Junior Does

11. 0 to under 6 months
12. 6 months to under 9 months
13. 9 months to under 12 months
14. 12 months to under 18 months
15. 18 to under 24 months

Grand Champion Junior Doe

Reserve Grand Champion Doe

Wethers

16. 0 to under 6 months
17. 6 months to under 12 months
18. 12 months to under 18 months
19. 18 months to under 24 months
20. 2 years and older

Grand Champion Wether

Reserve Grand Champion Wether

21. PGCH Wether class MUST follow selection of Champion Wethers

Junior Bucks

22. 0 to under 4 months
23. 4 months to under 8 months
24. 8 months to under 12 months

Grand Champion Junior Buck

Reserve Grand Champion Buck

Senior Bucks

25. 12 months to under 18 months
26. 18 months to under 24 months
27. 2 years to under 3 years
28. 3 years and older

Grand Champion Senior Bucks

Reserve Grand Champion Bucks

If Combining Does (Sr and Dry)

Under 18 months

18 months to 24 months

24 months to under 3 years

3 years to under 4 years

4 years and older

Grand Champion Senior Doe

Reserve Grand Champion Senior Doe

If combining Bucks

0 to 6 months

6 months to under 12 months
12 months to under 24 months
2 years and older
Grand Champion Buck
Reserve Grand Champion Buck