

JABGA REGIONAL SHOW RULES 2025-2026





Junior American Boer Goat Association

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2025-2026 JABGA Regional Show Series Rules

Eligibility

1. To compete in the High Point program, you must be a JABGA member or ABGA member in good standing.
 - a. JABGA members are eligible for prizes in all facets of the program.
 - b. Non-JABGA members are only eligible for prizes in the market, wether dam and market showmanship contests.
2. To be eligible to compete in the Regional Show Program, participants must:
 - a. Exhibitors must be 21 and under as of July 1, 2025
 - b. Be a current JABGA member/ ABGA member
3. Age divisions will be determined as of July 1, 2025. Divisions are as follows:
 - a. Novice Division – 4-7 years of age
 - b. Junior Division – 8-12 years of age
 - c. Intermediate Division – 13-16 years of age
 - d. Senior Division – 17-21 years of age

Regional Competition

1. Division High Point and Regional High Point winners will be determined by highest points earned in 4 of the 6 following events: Public Speaking, Goat Judging, Sales Talk, Goat Show, Skill-a-thon, and Showmanship.
 - a. Regional Show points possible – 400
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 100 points.
3. Goat Judging – All age divisions will evaluate 4 classes of goats and receive up to 200 points. To get the total points to be included in overall score, the equation will be as follows:
$$\text{Points earned} / \text{points possible (200)} \times 100 = \text{Goat judging score}$$
 - a. Senior reasons scores will be used in the total for senior scores. Senior score will be calculated as follows: $\text{Points earned} / \text{points possible (250)} \times 100 = \text{goat judging score}$.
4. Points will be awarded for the top placing animals for each exhibitor. First place will receive 100 points, and each subsequent placing will receive five less points, down to 50 points for 10th place. Points will be awarded to the highest placing entry for each participant to include JABGA Regional Show, market, and wether dam doe show. A maximum of 100 points will be awarded based on the exhibitor's highest placing animal. Non-JABGA members will only be placed in the market show, wether dam show, and showmanship and not receive series points. Placings will stand as is, and JABGA members will not move up in their placings.
5. Single Entry Classes- Single entry classes will be awarded 85 points
6. If a participant competes in more than one JABGA Regional Show, their highest 4 placings in Public Speaking, Goat Judging, Sales talk, Goat Show, Skill-a-thon, and Showmanship will be used to determine their total Regional Show series score that will be used for the Cumulative High Point Winner. The highest score per contest will be utilized.
7. Regional Awards will be presented to the top five competitors in each age division for Public Speaking, Sales Talk, Goat Judging and Skill-a-thon.
8. Regional Awards will be presented to the Division High Point and Reserve High Point Winners, as well as a Regional Show High Point and Reserve High Point Winner.
 - 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 Liaison, prior to the Awards Ceremony, to receive the awards. Any unclaimed prizes will be forfeited.
9. 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



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National Competition

1. National Show High Point Winners will be determined by highest points earned in 4 of the 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: $\text{Points earned} / \text{points possible} (250) \times 100 \times 1.5 = \text{Goat judging score}$
 - o Senior reasons scores 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 showmanships. 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 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 Division Champion and Reserve for each age division, and a National Show High Point Winner and Reserve
 - 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 Liaison 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

Series Sweepstakes

1. Cumulative awards will be determined by the highest converted points earned in 4 of the 6 following events: Public Speaking, Goat Judging, Sales Talk, Goat Show, Skill-a-thon and Showmanship.
 - a. Regional Shows: 400 points possible
 - b. National Show: 600 points possible
2. Individuals top 4 contest placings from Regional Shows and top 4 contest placings from the National Show will be used for the Sweepstakes High Points.
3. Converted point values from Regional Shows are as follows: 1st place will receive 100 points, down to 10 points for 10th place.
4. Converted point values from the National Show are as follows: 1st place will receive 150 points down to 50 points for 10th place.
5. Awards will be presented to the top five Sweepstakes Division High Point Winners, for each age division and the top five Sweepstakes Overall High Point Winners
6. Ties: in the event of ties for sweepstakes awards, ties will be broken by comparing scores in the following events:
 - iv. Public Speaking
 - v. Skill-a-thon
 - vi. Goat Judging



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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. All Wether Dams must have ownership declared at entry and may not be entered or shown in another youth's name after entry deadline.
3. All wether dam does must have scrapie tag, tattoo or microchip in place and match health certificate
4. Wether Dams may be exhibited with hair.
5. Participation at the Regional Show is not limited to JABGA members – Double entry fees will be charged for non-JABGA members.
6. Registered Does exhibited in the Wether Dam show are not permitted to be exhibited in the JABGA/ABGA Breeding Show.
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 will be allowed. Effective immediately**
10. The Wether Dams will be shown in Divisions by teeth then by weight. Classes will be divided into three divisions:
 - a. Division 1 - Light Weight all milk teeth in place and no adult teeth present
 - b. Division 2 – Heavy Weight all milk teeth in place and no adult teeth present
 - c. Division 3 – Any Adult Teeth
11. All weights and teeth 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)
12. Top 5 Overall Wether Dam will be selected. Top 3-5 from each division may represent their division in the Grand Drive at the judges' request.
13. The top 3-5 from each division must submit to an official weigh back. Teeth will be checked for these animals at this time. Each animal must maintain a 5 LBS plus or minus of their declared weight. If an animal is outside of this range they will be disqualified from the show. (the exhibitor may continue to show other animals they have entered in other classes or shows)

JABGA Market Show

1. Wethers and does can be exhibited.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. All market goats must have a scrapie tag, tattoo or microchip in place and match health certificate.
5. Wethers may not have testicular tissue or exhibit behavioral signs of still being an intact male.
6. **Market goats must be slick shorn, with maximum body hair length of ¼". Effective immediately**
7. Participation at the regional show is not limited to JABGA members – Double entry fees will be charged for non-JABGA members.
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 will be allowed. Effective immediately**
11. Market goats will be shown in classes by weight. Show Management reserves the right to adjust the class numbers and breaks as needed.
12. 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)
13. Classes will be divided into four divisions (where numbers permit)
 - a. Light
 - b. Medium



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- c. Heavy
- d. Registered Wether

14. Top 5 Market Goat will be selected. 3-5th in each division may be selected and will represent their division during the Grand Drive at the judge's request.
15. The top 3-5 from each division 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 they will be disqualified from the show. (the exhibitor may continue to show other animals they have entered in other classes or shows)

REGISTERED WETHER SHOW RULES

1. Does are not permitted in the registered wether show class(es)
2. Wethers entered in the registered wether show may not also show in unregistered wether classes
3. Wethers must be under 1 year old and have all milk teeth in place
4. Wethers must be tattooed or microchipped and will be checked on the Top 2 placing animals against the registration papers and entry information.
5. Registered wethers must be declared at time of entry
6. Wethers must be registered with a minimum of 6.25%
7. All market show weight and weigh back rules apply

Market & Wether Dam Class Premium Payouts										
# in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
1-2	\$15									
3-4	\$20	\$10								
5-8	\$30	\$20	\$10							
9-15	\$50	\$25	\$15	\$10						
16-20	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10					
20-29	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10			
30+	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5

# in Show	Grand	Reserve	3 rd	4 th	5 th
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+	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$135	\$100



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Breeding Show

1. Exhibitors must be 21 years old or under on July 1, 2025, and be an active member of the Junior American Boer Goat Association or American Boer Goat Association.
2. If the child is physically unable or not present due to specific circumstances, substitute showman form must be completed, approved and on file with the or Youth Liaison.
3. JABGA members can have a heeler in the class and may independently lead or hold the animals. The heeler is not allowed to touch the legs. The heeler must be a current JABGA member. JABGA members with physical or mental disabilities are allowed to have a heeler and reasonable accommodations can be provided. Proper documentation needs to be provided to the Youth Liaison within 72 hours of the show.
4. Percentage Buck classes will be available at all 2025-2026 Regional Show Series.
5. All ABGA and JABGA Sanctioned Show Rules Apply.

CLASS BREAKS FOR THE JABGA REGIONAL SHOW

1. **Junior division (0-3, 3-6, 6-9, and 9-12 months)**
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. DOB, actual weight, and ADG for each animal as well as class averages will be published to the class list, show program, website, etc.
 - d. ADG is to be calculated for all goats using the standardized birth weight (BW) of 8 pounds
 - e. All junior division goats will have declared weights.
 - f. Declared weights must be entered on the Showman app by the posted date and time on the Show schedule. 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)
 - g. 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).
2. **Yearling Division (12-16, 16-20, and 20-24 months)**
 - a. Classes of 50 or more will be broken into classes by age.
3. **Senior Division (24-36 and 36 plus months)**
 - a. Classes of 50 or more will be broken into classes by age.

JABGA BRED AND OWNED CLASSES

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

All JABGA Regional shows are required to have a BRED AND OWNED Division. Bred and Owned Division Champion and Reserves will be selected at the Junior, Yearling and Senior Divisions following the Owned Division Selection. Overall Champion and Reserve will be selected following the Owned Grand and Reserve Selection.



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JABGA Showmanship

Showmanship is the ability to present you and your animal in the best form possible. It is the appearance, the presentation, and the knowledge of your animal and the Boer goat industry. Showmanship begins long before you arrive at the show and is dependent on hard work and practice with your animal.

1. There will be two showmanship competitions representing both wether-type livestock and ABGA breeding livestock. Animals exhibited in wether- type classes may only be used in market showmanship. Animals exhibited in breeding classes may only be used in breeding showmanship. Participants may participate in both showmanship classes.
2. Age divisions will be determined as of July 1, 2025. Divisions are as follows:
 - a. Novice Division – 4-7 years of age
 - b. Junior Division – 8-11 years of age
 - c. Intermediate Division – 12-16 years of age
 - d. Senior Division – 17-21 years of age
3. **No competing outside of assigned age division. Effective immediately**
4. Each exhibitor must use their own animal for the showmanship competition, if they have one entered in the JABGA Regional Show, or wether-type show. Any discrepancies must be reported to show management before class placing is final.
5. Participants that do not have an animal entered in any JABGA competition may borrow an animal for showmanship purposes only. That selected animal can only be used by one exhibitor during the competition per age division and cannot be exhibited by multiple participants within the same age division.
6. **Only JABGA members with physical or mental disabilities are allowed to have a heeler and reasonable accommodation can be provided. Proper notification needs to be provided to the Youth Coordinator within two (2) hours of the show. Effective immediately**
7. The dress would be jeans and a nice shirt. Preferably closed leather shoes and a belt, but it is not required.
 - a. Personal, Farm, and/or company names/logos may **not** be worn during showmanship.



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JABGA Sales Talk

This contest is a mock sales situation—you are selling your animal, genetic offerings, services or products to potential buyers. The purpose is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise Boer Goats. Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of the animal, genetic offerings, services, or products they are selling, their ability to relay important information, and their overall effectiveness in convincing the judges to buy their product.

1. Time allotted:
 - a. Novice- 2-4 minutes
 - b. Junior- Senior- 4-7 minutes.
2. Materials: Materials may be used pertaining to the participants item they are choosing to sell. Including but not limited to photos, videos, and marketing materials. Live animals may not be used.
3. Dress: There is no required dress, but it is important to keep in mind that appearance is important when marketing yourself and your animals. Nice jeans, boots, and button-down shirts are suggested.
4. Ties: in the event of ties in sales talk, they will be broken by overall high point score.

JABGA Skill-a-thon

Skill-a-thon contest is a quiz to test your knowledge of the goat industry.

1. Each age division will have their own test.
2. The number of questions per test is as follows:
 - Regional Shows:
 - All age divisions– 25 questions
 - National Show:
 - All age divisions– 50 questions
3. A moderator will be present.
4. If you have trouble reading, just make sure you let us know before arriving at the contest and an assistant will help you with reading your quiz.
5. Casual dress.
6. The use of electronic devices is prohibited. Any contestant found to be using a phone, headphones, watches, or any other electronic device will be disqualified from the contest.
7. Ties: In the event of ties in skillathon, they will be broken by overall high point score.



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JABGA Judging Contest

1. All animals will be judged as having no faults (including teats, ears, scrotum, pigment, tail and bite) and based on the ABGA Breed Standards.
2. No handling of goats for any of the classes, unless approved by the Youth Liaison or Youth Committee Chair
3. Recommended Classes (based on availability)
 - a. Wethers / wether dam does
 - b. Young does
 - c. Mature does
 - d. Bucks
4. Contestants will get 8 minutes to judge each class (unless all cards are turned in).
5. Official placings and cuts will be done by 1 ABGA judge and 1 ABGA staff member at Regional Shows and 2 ABGA judges and 1 ABGA staff member at Nationals. The JABGA Regional Show judge may not officiate, if the Regional Show is after the conclusion of the judging contest. In the absence of an eligible ABGA Certified judge, the market and/or wether dam doe judge may officiate.
6. Conferring between other contestants, parents, and/or advisers is strictly prohibited during the judging contest.
 - a. Any contestant believed to be receiving assistance during the competition will be disqualified.
7. The use of electronic devices is prohibited. Any contestant found to be using a phone, headphones, watches, or any other electronic device will be disqualified from the contest.
8. There will be one class designated to be oral reasons required for all senior individuals.
9. There will be one class with 5 questions at regionals and 10 questions for all age divisions at the National Show.
10. Tiebreakers are as follows for Novice- Intermediate Divisions:
 - a. Questions Score
 - b. Overall Placing
11. Tie Breakers for Senior Division:
 - a. Reasons Score
 - b. Questions Score
12. Materials: Notepad and a pencil.
13. Dress: There is no required dress for this contest although many participants wear jeans and polo shirts or button downs.



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JABGA Public Speaking Contest

1. Electronic devices will not be allowed in the holding area or contest room.
2. Materials: two 3 x 5 note cards can be used, absolutely no outside materials are allowed. Excessive reference to notes may result in deduction of points and the use of visual aids may not be allowed.
3. Time Allotted
 - a. Novice- 2-4 minutes
 - b. Junior 3-5 minutes
 - c. Intermediate- 4-6 minutes
 - d. Senior- 5-7 minutes
4. Dress: There is no required dress, but it is important to keep in mind that appearance is important. Nice jeans, boots, and button-down shirts are suggested.
5. Each contestant must make the presentation without a microphone. Contestants shall not be penalized for moving about or using (or not using) a podium. Contestants will be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being over or under the time allowed for each speech.
6. Ties: in the event of ties in public speaking, they will be broken by overall high point score

2025-2026 JABGA Public Speaking Topics

Novice- Choose one of the following topics (may use the same topic for Regionals and Nationals)

- What challenge(s) have you faced with your animal(s) and how did you fix it
- What is your favorite part of taking care of your goat?

Junior- Choose one of the following topics (may use the same topic for Regionals and Nationals)

- Why is responsibility important when raising livestock and how does it impact you as a breeder and/or showman
- What traits do you look for when buying your next goat? i.e. for breeding or showing

Intermediate

Regionals

- What are major challenges goat breeders face today and how do issues like disease, market trends and environmental factors impact their operations?

Nationals

- What are different nutritional needs for goats during their different life stages? i.e. kids, show goats, pregnant/nursing does & market goats

Senior

Regionals

- How have advancements in Boer goat genetics and modern breeding techniques impacted the goat industry?

Nationals

- Why is it important for youth involved in agriculture to advocate for the JABGA and the industry in today's digital age and how can they do it effectively?



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JABGA Fitting Contest

The objective of this contest is to gain the ability to work with a team to enhance the show ring performance of the groomed animal.

1. Each team will consist of no more than TWO INDIVIDUALS. Participants must be current JABGA members.
2. Skill levels will be self determined.
 - a. Beginner- encouraged to be a Novice or Junior age division or beginner exhibitors in the intermediate and senior age divisions. 15 minutes
 - b. Advanced- open to all age groups, encouraged to be juniors who have placed in their age divisions in previous competitions, Intermediates and Seniors. 30 minutes
 - c. Mentor- Encouraged to be one from each division, Beginner and advanced. Scoring will be focused more on teaching and mentoring rather than team work and partnership. 30 minutes.
3. Each team will be responsible for bringing a goat to use in the competition. Animals can be pre-clipped and need to be washed and dried, but no products are allowed on the animal upon entering the competition. All animals will be checked for products before entering the competition area.
4. Each team must provide their own fitting equipment. Once the contest begins, no team member may leave the area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
5. All team members and equipment must be in place at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
6. ALL FITTING TECHNIQUES MUST BE WITHIN THE ACCEPTED PRACTICES OF THE AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION'S SANCTIONED SHOW RULES.
7. Judges will circulate and question participants during the time allotted.
8. No power will be provided
9. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Ability to fit - 25 points.
 - b. Participation of each team member - 10 points.
 - c. Organization of supplies & equipment - 5 points.
 - d. Overall effect - 5 points.
 - e. Knowledge & response to questions - 5 points.