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Dear Youth Participant,

It's the time of year to start looking ahead to the ADGA National Show to be held in Louisville, KY on July 17-23, 2021. As you can imagine, hold a national event like this during a period that still has much uncertainty of pandemic Covid is complicated and changes may occur as we near the show dates. This letter details current plans but we strongly encourage youth participants to watch the national show webpage closely for updates.

Participation in the youth events will allow you to demonstrate your talents as well as give you an opportunity to learn something new. In addition, the events give you the chance to meet other youth from all over the country and discuss what you love most – dairy goats! However, we will be enforcing necessary social distancing and mask wearing mandates, so all youth will be expected to follow National Show health requirements in order to participate. Enclosed in this packet you should find the information that you need, including a tri-fold pamphlet outlining the rules and frequently asked questions. Please remember that every youth participant under the age of 18 must have a consent form signed by a parent that identifies a responsible guardian who will be in attendance at the show. This year that consent form will be online and your and your parents will need to agree to the rules when you complete online entry. For participants over the age of 18, we ask that you sign the form confirming your willingness to adhere to the code of conduct.

Changes to youth events for 2021! Please read carefully.

1. All youth participants will be required to follow National Show Health requirements found in the 2021 ADGA National Show General Rules
2. For this year only, youth will be allowed to participate as long as they are less than 22 years old on Saturday July 24, 2021. This allows participants that missed participating last year a final year of participation.
3. Due to social distancing and mask guidelines we are canceling the fitting team contest and the youth pizza party for 2021.
4. Showmanship will be done following the guidelines in place for the National Show. Every effort to distance participants in the ring will be made and we have received ADGA Board of Directors permission to drop the required trading of animals for this show.
5. Judging and management contest will be similar to previous years with some management changes to better allow for social distancing.
6. We will be recommending all youth complete their age appropriate online training at the Youth for Quality Care of Animals website (<http://yqca.org/>). Starting in 2022 this will be required for participation, but in 2021 it is strongly recommended.
7. The embedded youth show will occur as previously.

We are pleased to say that we will again be offering a youth show that will be embedded in the week-long open show. This will provide our youth members a unique opportunity to “shine.” The embedded show and the youth **events are two separate events**, and you can elect to participate in one or both events. Please read below for updates and information related to each.

Youth Events

Deadline for Entry – July 2, 2021

Online Forms required – Youth Events will be entered using the Blue Ribbon Fair Software program being used for animal entry this year. The Youth permission will be in the form of an online disclaimer. Each youth and their parent will need to read and agree to all of the rules and regulations of the show. You will also need to print a copy of the youth permission slip off the National Show website. It needs to be signed by both yourself and your parents and emailed to louisvillenatshow21@gmail.com or attached to your online entry (either way is permissible). **This is MANDATORY...if we do not receive this form, you will not be entered in the show. Do NOT mail this form to ADGA.**

Due to moving to an online registration we request that all participants be sure and fill in this information and register in advance. We are avoiding on-site registrations for safety reasons. **All youth taking part in youth events much register online by July 2, 2021.**

Again we are pleased to say that this year’s contests will occur on both Saturday and Sunday. This year’s mandatory participant meeting will occur by video conference at 2 PM on Saturday July 17, 2021. Please make plans to have some means of accessing the online meeting. It will be followed by the Judging & Management contest at 4:00 PM.

Events will resume Sunday, July 18 at 8:00 AM with the Showmanship classes. We will be doing two classes of showmanship concurrently in two side by side rings. This will allow us to expedite the showmanship portion of the youth events in order to complete everything before the breed shows begin.

A couple of other issues warrant comment:

- **Remember, to be eligible for the Premier Youth Exhibitor Awards, you must compete in all three (showmanship, management and judging) youth events.**

- As in previous years, youth are allowed to bring a showmanship doe for use in the youth events with dismissal Sunday evening. This allows youth who are unable to stay for the entire week the opportunity to use their favorite showmanship animals. It should be noted that these animals still have the same health requirements as the open show animals and must be removed from the grounds by Monday morning at 8 am. Of course, youth may also elect to borrow a showmanship animal from a friend who is staying for the week. If you are interested in bringing your does for just the weekend, please read the guidelines in the rules carefully and be sure to check the enter requesting a youth pen under the Department C Youth Events entries. Due to limited space, **all showmanship does need to be entered by July 2, 2021. Please use the Blue Ribbon online entry to enter your doe AND reserve your showmanship pen if needed. Entries will be available under Department 3 Youth Events.** After that deadline pens will not be available. Please also note that you will not be given a tack pen (all tack and supplies will need to be neatly stored in front of you animal’s pen or on your truck. Additionally, animals owned by

the same family will be housed together in a single pen. **If you have entered your does in the open show and/or embedded show and have purchased pens for them, you DO NOT need to request a showmanship pen.**

- All participants are required to adhere to the code of conduct presented in the parental consent form. Individuals caught partaking in the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be disqualified from the competition and may be asked to leave the fairgrounds for the remainder of the show. If state or national laws have been violated, the authorities may be contacted. Any youth awards previously won at the 2021 Youth Events will be forfeited.
- Remember, that in order for open show placings of your does to contribute points towards the Premier Youth Exhibition awards, they must list the youth's (and only the youth's) name as the sole owner on the registration paper. This animal can, however, still be shown as part of a "herd unit" for the open show. Also note that placings in the youth embedded show will not count towards Premier Youth Exhibitor. If you have any additional questions concerning this, please consult the youth rules brochure or call.
- Please take note of the proper attire for showmanship as discussed in the youth rules brochure. The judges will be aware of these rules and participants who fail to conform will not be allowed in the show ring or may be penalized during judging (this action will be at the discrimination of the committee and judge).

Youth Embedded Show

Deadline for Entry – July 2, 2021

Forms Required – Enter animals online for both the National Open Show and the youth embedded show using the Blue Ribbon online entry system. Details for entering will be provided on the National Show website prior to the open of entries. Open class entries are under Department 1 and Youth Embedded Show Entries are Department 2. If you are entering the Youth Embedded show you must FIRST enter the Open class and then enter the Embedded show.

For those of you who are not familiar with this type of show, here is how it will operate. Entered animals will receive a 2nd ring card indicating youth show information. You will need to make plans to display both cards in the ring this year. All animals will enter the ring together for the open show class. Once the judge has placed the animals, a show volunteer will go down the lineup and will record the top two placed youth animals and distribute placing ribbons to those animals, as well as participation pins to all youth entries. Following the selection of the open show champion for each breed, we will invite the first and second place youth animals back into the ring for selection of the Youth Premier Doe (One Junior (Dry) Doe and One Senior (Milking) Doe for each breed).

There are detailed directions for entry, rules and entry forms enclosed in this packet, however, some important points are detailed below for your reference:

- 1) You are not required to participate in the youth events on the first weekend to be able to participate in the embedded show, however, you are required to be entered in the open show to participate. All embedded show animals will be required to follow national show

guidelines and are required to follow the check-in times and dismissal times for the open show. **You cannot just bring your does in for the day of the show.**

- 2) Entry is a two-step process. First enter in the open show and then re-enter your embedded show animals in Department 2 – Youth Embedded show in the Blue Ribbon online entry system. Detailed instructions on entry will be provided prior to opening of entries. In order to show in the Embedded show you MUST enter them in a separate department.
- 3) ADGA wants to make sure that the names of these awards are appropriately advertised. When referencing your placings online, in your project workbooks or in printed press the following terminology should be used. **By signing the embedded show entry form, you are agreeing to use the following conventions in advertising.**
 - a. Class winners shall be designated as 1st or 2nd place embedded youth <insert class name here> winner at the 20XX ADGA National Show.
 - b. Breed winners shall be designated as Youth Premier <insert Junior or Senior and Breed> Doe at the ADGA 20XX National Show
- 4) All embedded show animals must have the youth's name listed as the sole owner on the official ADGA registration paper and the animal must be shown by the youth who owns that animal. If a youth owner is not available to show the animal in the appropriate class, it cannot be shown in the embedded show.
- 5) Only 1 embedded show animal can be entered per age class. If you have more than one animal that age, you will need to select in advance which one will be entered as the embedded animal.
- 6) The youth showing the animal in the embedded show will need to follow the guidelines for show attire outlined in the open show packet (which is slightly different than the youth showmanship attire). Please review this information carefully and make sure that you have appropriate attire. If you are not wearing attire that follows the guidelines, you may be prevented entry to the show ring.
- 7) It is the youth's responsibility to make sure that his/her "ring card" has been appropriately marked for the correct animal during the show check-in.

Please note that by signing both the youth entry form and the embedded show form, the legal guardians are providing permission for the youth's names and pictures to be used for ADGA promotional purposes.

As mentioned earlier, we strongly recommend that you closely watch the National Show website for changes associated with evolving health standards. You are the future of our industry, and I know you will make us all proud. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in July.

Sincerely,

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