

# 2026 ADGA NATIONAL SHOW RULES

This show is recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association as its official 2026 National Show

## ADGA RULES GOVERN

West Springfield, Massachusetts • June 28-July 2, 2026

**GENERAL RULES.** Unless other rules are specified, the show will be held under the rules of ADGA, provided they do not conflict with those of the Eastern States Exposition regarding facilities and Massachusetts State laws.

**1. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING RULES.** All exhibitors are responsible for knowing all the rules, regulations and information found in this document. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations can lead to expulsion and/or forfeiture of points/awards. Any exhibitor or vendor who refuses to comply with the rules and regulations at a National Show will be prohibited from participating in future National Shows for a period of time to be determined by the Board of Directors of ADGA.

Exhibitors being considered for consequences for the violation of show rules will be notified of the infraction at the show, if possible. If not possible, the exhibitor will be notified within 45 days of the show of the violation by certified mail. The exhibitor will have 21 days to respond to the show chairman setting forth any defense to the charges and/or any other matter respondent believes helpful to the resolution of the rule violation. If the National Show Committee decides that rules have been violated, the exhibitor will be notified by certified mail 21 days prior to the Board of Directors meeting.

The National Show Committee may request that people leave the National Show and may bar them from participation in further functions for violation of ADGA National Show Rules. In such decisions, the National Show Committee shall consult the National Show Rules and the current ADGA Guidebook, which includes the National Code of Show Ring Ethics for Exhibitors. Such action must be approved by a majority of the National Show Committee members attending the show.

**2. ENTRIES:** All entries will be made online through the Showman website, which can be found at <https://showman.app/shows#/2026-adga-national-show-253c>. **NO PAPER ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Entry fees must be paid at the time of entry. **All animals shown in group classes must have been entered and shown as individuals.**

**ALL ENTRIES ARE ONLINE!** Payment for entries will be made through the Showman app at the time of entry.

**ENTRIES OPEN at 12:00 NOON Eastern Time on MAY 22, 2026. ENTRIES CLOSE at 11:59 pm Eastern Time FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026.**

No late entries will be accepted

No animal entry fees will be refunded.

**Substitutions MUST BE MADE ONLINE NO LATER THAN 11:59 am EST Monday, June 22, 2026.**

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON AT THE NATIONAL SHOW CHECK-IN.**

Check-in will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am — 9:00 pm.

**3. PEN FEES.** Pen fees will be charged through the Showman website and must be paid at the time of entry. Pen sizes, types and locations will be listed in Showman. Tack pens, Spotlight Sale consignment pens and pens for the Guernsey animals on display are available at the same price. Pens will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and it may be necessary to adjust your location or number of pens. If it is necessary to adjust your pen number, fees will be refunded. Final decision on pen assignments remain at the discretion of ADGA.

**4. CANCELLATIONS.** If notification is received by June 12, 2026, all monies except the initial per entry animal fee will be refunded.

**5. PARKING.** All exhibitors are required to purchase parking upon entry. All exhibitors will pay for parking upon entry during event days. Parking may be purchased in advance on the ESE Event Page at <https://www.easternstatesexposition.com/events>

**6. ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS.** Only ADGA registered animals can be shown. All dairy goats entering the facility MUST be registered with the American Dairy Goat Association. The original registration/recordation certificate, Stamped Duplicate, or stamped and dated application for registration is required at check-in for all animals of all ages. No signed transfers will be accepted. To avoid your registration applications being delayed

during the “Rush Season,” we suggest you send yours to the ADGA office as soon as possible to allow for adequate processing time. **The Association Manager of ADGA or Staff of ADGA will not transport papers to the National Show site. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to have their own registration papers in their possession before traveling to the show.** All original registration/recordation certificates, Stamped Duplicates, or Stamped Application for Registration or Recordation must be checked at CHECK-IN (thus prior to any breeds being shown). Registration papers for non-show does will also be checked at CHECK-IN.

**7. BUCKS. No bucks, other than Spotlight Sale bucks, of any age will be allowed. No exceptions.**

**8. NURSING KIDS.** Nursing doe kids must either be entered in the show or entered as NON-SHOW does. NOTE: Kids must be born on or before 5-27-2026 to be allowed to be entered or housed at the show. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**9. NON-SHOW ANIMALS:** NON-SHOW DOES can be stalled with the herd entering them on the entry form. All non-show does traveling to the National Show must pass through Vet Check and must be entered at time of entry and listed (with complete entry info) as NON-SHOW. All non-show animals will only be allowed to leave during the week if they are accompanied by a signed, official release form from the National Show Chair and they must be walked out to the parking lot for pickup. A record will be maintained in the National Show office with the animal’s name, date of release and who the animal was released to as a veterinary precaution. **“For Sale” signs will not be permitted for animal sales. No animals will be allowed to be penned in trailers or in any portable pen on the facility grounds. Trailers will be checked daily.**

**10. BASE DATE.** The base date for computing the age of animals is June 28, 2026. The Junior and Senior shows are not separately sanctioned. Junior Champions will receive a restricted leg, if eligible.

**11. STATEMENT REGARDING CLARIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS EXHIBITED.** EXHIBITOR: An exhibitor must be the owner or member of a partnership owning the animal. Certificate of Registration/Recordation showing ownership must be available at check-in prior to being shown. All animals must be entered under the name of ownership on the papers. No signed transfers will be accepted. In specified group classes for Jr. and Sr. Get-of-Sire and Produce-of-Dam, animals need not be owned by exhibitors.

**DESIGNATED HERD UNIT.** If an animal is owned by members of a traditional family (i.e., father, mother, son or daughter) or by individuals who are currently using

a designated herd name at the ADGA office, you may enter your animals as a “herd unit” and be considered as one exhibitor (does not apply to breeder for the purpose of award calculations). To qualify as a “herd unit” all animals must be kept in the same herd at the same location. They must also be grouped together on one set of health papers listing the same place of origin. The “herd unit” decision is final on the closing date for entries. Once the “herd unit” option is chosen, all animals entered from the farm must be shown under the “herd unit”. An animal owned by any person in the “herd unit” may be substituted for one owned by any other person in the designated “herd unit”.

Exhibitors using the Designated Herd Unit option should include both the Designated Herd Unit name and the individual in whose name the animal is registered in the designated space on each entry form submitted.

For Exhibitor Award calculations, a Designated Herd Unit entry will use all animals that are qualified to be shown within the Designated Herd Unit. However, for Breeder Award calculations, the Designated Herd Unit designation will not be applied. This award will be based on memberships of each breeder as designated by member identification numbers.

**Youth members showing in the 2026 Embedded Youth show may enter as part of a Designated Herd Unit and pay entry fees. Embedded youth show entries will be identified by checking the box designating that the animal is also entered in the embedded youth show. Animals showing in the Embedded Youth Show MUST be owned solely by the youth.** Youth participating in any of the Youth Events (showmanship, judging, management and/or fitting) will need to complete the appropriate Youth Forms, which can be found in the Youth section on [nationalshow@adga.org](mailto:nationalshow@adga.org). Youth forms must be completed by June 27, 2026

**12. ANIMAL ARRIVAL AND RELEASE TIMES.** All animals must be in place no later than 7:00 PM on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Note: Youth participants and their animals must be in place and checked in by 1:00 PM, Saturday, June 27, 2026. **All exhibitors must be off the grounds by 10:00 am on Friday, July 3, 2026. Please plan accordingly.**

**\*\* If you are going to be delayed due to an emergency situation, please call (660) 973-2775, and we will try to make arrangements for a later arrival.**

**13. POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING CLARIFICATION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITING.** Animals exhibiting at the ADGA National Show are required to stay for the duration of the show.

This “duration of the show” is specified by the period of time indicated on the Schedule of Events, beginning from “Dairy Goats must be in Place” to the “Release of Dairy Goats.” Failure by exhibitors to comply with this rule will result in loss of points and their animal(s) placing(s) will be deleted from all records and publications. This also may result in disqualification from competing at future National Shows as determined by the Board of Directors. Exception for an emergency will be considered for early release, but must be presented, in writing, to the National Show Chairperson.

**14. TATTOOS.** In accordance with ADGA rules, there will not be any tattooing allowed at the show. Before departing for the show, be sure to check that the tattoos are legible and match the certificate, as issued by ADGA and that they match the tattoos listed on your CVI. **DOUBLE CHECK THAT YOUR TATTOOS ARE CORRECT AND READABLE BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE SHOW.** An EID that is printed on the Certificate of Registration, and on the CVI, is acceptable as a form of identification in the event of an illegible tattoo. A tattoo check will be performed during a randomly-selected group class in each breed to ensure that the proper animals are in the ring.

**15. ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION.** The herdowner must provide the reader if an EID is used for identification. The tattoo is ADGA’s primary identification method. A supplemental ID is one that may be used if the primary ID is evident, but unreadable. A supplemental EID implant must not only meet ADGA requirements, but those of Federal and State regulatory agencies. Just as with a tattoo, use of the EID implant when the tattoo is not legible requires that it be accompanied by a registration certificate when used for State and Federal programs. Refer to the 2026 ADGA Guidebook – Tattoo Policy and Electronic Identification for requirements.

**\*\* If your veterinarian cannot read the tattoo, please have them state “Tattoo Illegible” on the CVI and list the EID. (840 microchip number)**

#### **16. HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR GOATS ENTERING MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE 2026 ADGA NATIONAL SHOW:**

- A. All exhibitors must comply with the State of Massachusetts Livestock Health Requirements.
- B. All animals entering the ADGA National Show must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 30 days of the show (6/28/2026), including those from within Massachusetts.

#### **C. CVI REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. All animals entering the Eastern States Exposition for the ADGA National Show must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued and signed by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of arrival.
- b. The CVI must list the name and address of origin, as well as the destination address.

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- c. Each animal on the CVI must include the official ID and other identifiers.
  - i. Full name as listed on the Registration Certificate or Barn Name
  - ii. Official ID: Official ID may include tattoos and/or 840 microchips when accompanied by official breed registry papers.
  - iii. Age
  - iv. Breed
  - v. Sex
- d. Animals originating from Brucellosis Free and/or Tuberculosis Free States do not require testing. **Please have your veterinarian note Brucellosis Free State and/or Tuberculosis Free State on the CVI.**
- e. Animals originating from states that are not classified as “Brucellosis or Tuberculosis Free states”
  - i. Animals six (6) months of age or older shall have an official negative brucellosis test within thirty (30) days prior to entry
  - ii. All animals shall have an official negative tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry
- f. **The CVI shall contain the following statement or one substantially similar: "All listed sheep and goats are free of scabies, lice, foot-rot, sore mouth, and have not been exposed to scrapie."**

- g. Due to the potential for rapid changes of epidemiological information regarding current disease risks, exhibitors and issuing veterinarians are encouraged to also check with the Office of the State Veterinarian for the most up-to-date requirements for entry. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/division-of-animal-health> phone: (617) 626-1794 fax: (617) 626-1736

#### D. NATIONAL SALE REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Goats which have been selected for the National Sale must have the following negative test results within 30 days of sale date (7/2/2026):
- i. Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE)
  - ii. Tuberculosis (TB)
  - iii. Brucellosis
- b. Separate and Individual CVI is not required.

#### E. VET CHECK REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Upon arrival, animals will be inspected by a licensed veterinarian for signs of infectious disease such as (but not limited to) sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, ringworm, and severe respiratory disease. Animals that do not pass health checks will not be permitted to remain on the show grounds.
- b. Dairy Goats known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, contagious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, contagious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined herd may not be entered in this exhibition. SORE MOUTH, ABSCESSSES, and RINGWORM are considered COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. THEREFORE, GOATS AFFECTED BY THESE DISEASES CANNOT BE EXHIBITED. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Any dairy goat showing evidence of any disease, abscess in any stage, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If any

animal in a trailer is determined to have a condition consistent with a contagious disease, the entire trailer of animals will not be permitted to unload and must leave the area. A panel of veterinarians along with the Show Chair will make the final decision, based on veterinarian recommendations, as to whether the animals will be housed or asked to leave. NOTE: If you have any doubts as to the condition of an animal, leave them at home. Any suspected condition could result in your herd being refused admission. All animals will receive equal inspection.

- c. No tattooing allowed on site. The tattoo must be readable or have an EID that is in compliance with ADGA rules. If Microchip is being used as a secondary form of ID, (as in the case of an illegible tattoo), the 840 microchip number must be on the CVI and the registration papers. The herd owner must provide the microchip reader.

F. EXHIBITORS: You must have a vet signature from vet check on your CVI before entering any barn or stall and you must bring that CVI to registration paper check-in.

G. On call veterinarian: To Be Announced.

**17. DOGS AND OTHER PETS POLICY. All dogs and cats imported into Massachusetts must comply with the current Massachusetts Department of Agriculture regulations. No dogs or pets other than dairy goats will be permitted in the barns or at the entrances and exits of the barns, in or around the show arena, in the Coliseum, or in or around the vendor area.** Please be considerate and leave all pets other than dairy goats at home or at your hotel. Leashes are mandatory at all times on ESE property. A \$500 fine will be issued if a warning occurs more than once. Dogs will be allowed inside your camper or on a leash in the camping area.

Exemptions to the pet policy are as follows:

**Official Service Animals will be allowed in the barns and need to be clearly marked as service animals while in the barn.**

**ESA Animals (Emotional Support Animals)** are companion animals that a medical professional has determined to provide benefit for a person with a diagnosed disability. ESA Animals are not allowed in goat housing area or around the show arena or vendor area, and if on the premises, must be accompanied by an

official ESA documentation letter and clearly marked as ESA Animals.

### **All dogs at the Eastern States Exposition Facilities must be on leash at all times**

**18. PRE-SHOW MILKOUT.** There will be NO pre-show milk out for the 2026 show. We ask all exhibitors to use discretion when they plan milking times. All exhibitors are reminded that judges will discriminate against over-uddered does in the showing.

**19. DISPOSAL OF MILK.** All milk is to be disposed of only in areas designated by the Show Committee.

**20. DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED.** The ADGA National Show Committee realizes the focus is on your doe, but your appearance in the show ring projects an image to the public, the media, and your fellow dairy goat exhibitors. We would like you to help us put on a first-rate National Show. Please take as much care with your personal appearance and that of your helpers as you do with your dairy goats.

All persons entering the show ring handling dairy goats in any classes are expected to be dressed in the following manner:

- Clean, neat and well groomed.
- Clean white shirt – can have farm name, appropriate logo and/or trim with due consideration to public image including those watching live-stream. **Exhibitors may be required to change if clothing is deemed inappropriate by the National Show Committee.**
- Long, white pants or skirts.
- Closed toe shoes.
- Should have some way to fasten animal number on back or right hip so that animal can be properly identified.
- Should enhance, not detract from the animal being shown. If showing in many classes during the day, a change of show uniform may be necessary in order to project a professional image throughout the day.
- White National Show T-shirts from previous years are acceptable.
- All milk drawn in the show ring shall be milked into stainless steel milk buckets.

The following attire is **not acceptable** for National Show rings

- Tight fitting knitted shirts, pants, leggings and/or leotards.
- Sandals, thongs, flip-flops, or other opened toe shoes or bare feet.
- Chore clothes.

- Shorts of any kind
- Hats or caps of any kind (Contact the National Show Chair regarding religious exceptions.)
- Sunglasses
- Capri Pants
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, any see-through or transparent clothing
- No shirts with any logos or graphics other than herd logos or white Official National Show t-shirts.

**21. RELEASE FROM SHOW RING.** Exhibitors leaving the show ring prior to being excused by the Judges will forfeit **all** points earned in that breed. If a doe becomes ill in the show ring, inform the ring steward to contact the Judge who may excuse the doe without forfeiture of points.

**22. CAMPING SITES.** Camping is available through the Eastern States Exposition website at <https://www.easternstatesexposition.com/events/2026/american-dairy-goat-association>. You will need to purchase your reservation in advance. The National Show Committee and the American Dairy Goat Association are not responsible for any transactions or arrangements associated with camp sites. **No exhibitor is allowed to camp in their livestock trailer except in the campground.** All livestock trailers must be moved to the designated lot immediately after unloading. Large dumpsters are available for trailer clean out. Do NOT put bedding or manure on the ground.

**23. SMOKING.** **No smoking or vaping will be allowed inside any of the fairground facilities. No smoking is allowed in or adjacent to any buildings, tents, or temporary structures. Violators will be removed.**

**24. FIRE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.** No open flame of any sort is permitted within any building. Electrical devices shall not be placed in direct contact with combustible materials, including but not limited to shavings, hay or straw bales, and/or decorations. Extension cords must be UL-Listed, in good condition, of appropriate gauge for the intended load, rated for outdoor/all-weather use, and not covered by combustible materials such as carpet, plywood, wall coverings or shavings. All electrical components, appliances, and extension cords are subject to inspection by show management or facility personnel at any time. No skateboards, skates, rollerblades, or scooters are allowed on the grounds or in any building. Bicycles are allowed in the fairgrounds but not allowed to be ridden inside any barns. No personal motorized gasoline/diesel vehicles (scooters/golf carts) allowed in any of the

buildings. Recreational electric scooters are prohibited on ESE Groups; mobility scooters are the only exception. Battery-powered vehicles shall not be charged indoors. Livestock must remain on dirt or pavement and are limited to the inner portions of the grounds. Livestock is never allowed on any lawn areas around the buildings. No excessive accumulation of litter or rubbish is allowed. All aisles shall always remain free and clear. Pens may not be extended into the aisles.

**All personal bedding materials must be put away by 7:00 am each day. Tent Cots are allowed.** There must be 20 feet of clearance in front of all exits. All fire alarm pull stations and any other fire protection equipment shall be free and clear of obstructions and readily visible. All fire extinguishers and sprinklers shall be accessible at all times! Any material used for draping and separation of pens must be of a non-flammable material and may not have a solid top (no canopies).

**25. NON-ESSENTIAL ELECTRIC REGULATIONS. Non-essential electrical use will NOT be permitted.** Exhibitors may not have or use any of the following items in the facility. Items that may not be used include, but are not limited to: electric skillet, microwaves, toasters, coffee pots, popcorn poppers, crock pots, toaster ovens, any items with an open flame, any cooking item not listed above. Picnic tables will be available, and grills will be allowed in designated areas outside the barns. Pasteurizers MAY NOT be used to cook food of any kind. Electronics that are allowed include the following: Cell phones & chargers, laptops, tablets, electric photo frames. Please be certain that all electrical cords are safely out of reach of goats and that all safety regulations are followed. Please be courteous to all those around you, as well as the entire barn.

**26. DISPLAYS AND DECORATIONS.** In accordance with all National Shows, exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their pens with the following restrictions. Draping may only cover one full side of the pens. No pens can be totally enclosed higher than the top of the pens (4'). One wall can extend 8' with drapes which must be made of fire-retardant material or treated with a fire retardant. No tents, no covers over pens and no totally enclosed pens higher than 4 feet. No canopies will be allowed. No duct tape, screws or nails may be used on floors, walls or ceilings. Decorations must not block storage room doors, fire extinguishers, fire exits, exit signs and/or fire strobe lights. No helium balloons are allowed in the facility. The Herdsman Award will be by popular vote. We encourage exhibitors to take time to enjoy the various displays throughout the barns. Voting will be counted on the final day. Voting boxes will be in the vendor area. Put your best foot forward and you could be the winner of the 2026 Herdsman Award!

**27. PEN BEDDING, HAY AND FEED.** Straw, shavings, hay and feed will be available for purchase from:

The Big E Feed Store  
1305 Memorial Avenue  
West Springfield, MA 01089  
[FStore@TheBigE.com](mailto:FStore@TheBigE.com)  
[www.thebige.com/agriculture](http://www.thebige.com/agriculture)

More information about feed orders and availability of hay and bedding will be shared on the ADGA National Show website as we have more information.

**28. FOOD AND AMENITIES.** Food vendors will be available. There are also eating establishments in close proximity to the fairgrounds, along with grocery stores, hotels and laundry facilities. WIFI is available in the barns.

**29. POLICY REGARDING SALES FROM PENS.** Absolutely no goods are to be sold from exhibitors' pens. This includes, but is not limited to soap, cheese, handmade arts and crafts, jewelry, tack, goat supplies or semen. In order to sell these items, you must obtain a vendor's contract and sell your items in the vendor area. We offer a reduced rate for the home craft vendor.

**30. ORDER OF SHOW.** In the interest of time management or in the case of an emergency, the order of the show is subject to change.

**31. POLICY STATEMENT FOR CLARIFICATION ON "DAMAGE AND/OR ACCIDENTAL INJURY RESPONSIBILITY."**

Each exhibitor or vendor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited or for sale by him/her and shall hold harmless the American Dairy Goat Association against all liability in regard thereto. The American Dairy Goat Association will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition or display or any other purpose while anywhere on the grounds that shall be subject to the control of the ADGA, but the owners themselves must take the risk of exhibiting them. In no case will ADGA be responsible in any way for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any property, article or person, while same is on the Fairgrounds or any other time or place, nor be liable for or make any payment for damage, loss or injury. Presentation of entry form and/or vendor form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.

**32. PRODUCTION AWARDS.** (Policy Statement Regarding Clarification on Requirements for Production Points and Awards presented at the National Show **as passed by the Board of Directors 10/1990**) All entries for Production Awards must conform to the DHIR

requirements for a doe to be eligible for Advanced Registry by the ADGA. A doe may meet these requirements for either milk or butterfat. A doe may qualify for these points with a record made at any age.

#### Standard Breeds:

| Age at Freshening | Milk |     | Butterfat |       | Protein |       |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----------|-------|---------|-------|
|                   | Lbs. | Kg  | Lbs.      | Kg    | Lbs.    | Kg    |
| 2-00 or younger   | 1500 | 680 | 52.50     | 23.81 | 45.00   | 20.41 |
| 2-01 to 2-11      | 1536 | 697 | 53.76     | 24.39 | 46.08   | 20.90 |
| 3-00 to 3-11      | 1608 | 729 | 56.28     | 25.53 | 48.24   | 21.88 |
| 4-00 to 4-11      | 1680 | 762 | 58.80     | 26.67 | 50.40   | 22.86 |
| 5-00 or older     | 1716 | 778 | 60.06     | 27.24 | 51.48   | 23.35 |

#### Miniature Breeds:

| Age at Freshening | Milk |     | Butterfat |       | Protein |      |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----------|-------|---------|------|
|                   | Lbs. | Kg  | Lbs.      | Kg    | Lbs.    | Kg   |
| 2-00 or younger   | 600  | 272 | 31.00     | 9.53  | 18.00   | 8.16 |
| 2-01 to 2-11      | 615  | 279 | 31.53     | 9.76  | 18.45   | 8.37 |
| 3-00 to 3-11      | 645  | 293 | 32.58     | 10.24 | 19.35   | 8.78 |
| 4-00 to 4-11      | 675  | 306 | 33.63     | 10.72 | 20.25   | 9.19 |
| 5-00 or older     | 690  | 313 | 34.15     | 10.95 | 20.70   | 9.39 |

All does that meet the minimum will be considered for awards. Only completed lactations will be used for all awards, including lifetime production. Please submit a copy of the doe page or summary via Showman app prior to the closing date (there is a section on the entry page to do this). All production record entries will be verified. Bring the actual completed lactation record found on the individual doe page or herd summary sheet in case there are questions. Only records shown on Dairy Herd Improvement Registry forms, DHIA, DHAS, or ROP records or production certificates issued by the American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, or Canadian Goat Society (including Star Certificates), are accepted.

#### I. Highest Production Award

- A. Awarded to the highest producing doe in milk in each breed that has completed a 305-day or less lactation within the last 365 days and placing in the top 12 in her class.
- B. Awarded to the highest producing doe in butterfat in each breed that has completed a 305-day or less lactation within the last 365 days and placing in the top 12 in her class.

#### II. Highest Lifetime Production Awards

- A. Awarded to the highest lifetime production in milk in each breed (and placing in the top 12 in her class).
- B. Awarded to the highest lifetime production in butterfat by breed (and placing in the top 12 in her class).

Lifetime totals on record with ADGA will be used. If not at ADGA, the application must have been made with entries along with an Individual Doe page showing lifetime totals for completed lactations. Records in progress on 2026 lactations will not be added to the total.

#### III Total Performer Award. This award is designed to

support animals which excel in all three areas of ADGA's performance programs. Points are allotted based on DHIA records, linear appraisal scores, and placement points from the doe's individual age class at the National Show. The award will be \$100.00 for the highest qualifying doe from each breed shown. This is a separate award from the individual production awards.

How to enter: Provide copies of the DHIA record at the time of entry through the Showman website. Only official records will be accepted. The records do not have to be the most recent, but the production record must be a single lactation of 305 days or less. Please indicate the record you want us to use and the year of appraisal you want to have considered, and it will be verified against the database and CDCB records.

**DHIA Records must be included with your National Show entries through Showman.** Documentation should be available at the show in case of questions. Does must be shown at the National Show. There is no entry fee for this award.

**Point calculations:** Points are given in each of the three categories and will be adjusted so that production points (milk, fat and protein) roughly balance with type points (appraisal and class placings).

#### Type score:

- A. Appraisal score—actual score x2 (Example: FS 90 x 2= 180 pts.)
- B. Placing score—class placing points x 6 (see scoring chart for breakdown. Example: 1<sup>st</sup> with 1<sup>st</sup> udder (25+5) x 6= 180 pts)

#### Production score:

- A. Milk production (lbs.) x .07 (Example—2500 lbs. = 175 pts.)
- B. Fat + Protein (lbs.) x 1 (1 point for each lb.)

**All entries are considered based upon ADGA data or non-ADGA data provided with entry. Bring verification if there are questions. Refer to National Show Rule #32 or entry and verification requirements.**

## 2026 ADGA NATIONAL SHOW Divisions and Classes

### COMPETITION BREEDS:

Alpine, Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Recorded Grade, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg

**EXHIBITION BREED:** Guernsey

BASE DATE June 28, 2026

| Classes                  | Birth Date          |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Junior Kid               | 4/1/26 – 5/27/26    |
| Intermediate Kid         | 3/1/26 -3/31/26     |
| Senior Kid               | 1/1/26 – 2/28/26    |
| Jr. Yearling             | 5/1/25-12/31/25     |
| Sr. Yearling             | 6/28/24 – 4/30/25   |
| JUNIOR CHAMPION          |                     |
| RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION  |                     |
| Best Three Junior Does   |                     |
| Jr. Get of Sire          |                     |
| Yearling Milker          | 6/28/24 and later   |
| 2 Year-old Milker        | 6/29/23 – 6/28/24   |
| 3 Year-old Milker        | 6/29/22 – 6/28/23   |
| 4 Year-old Milker        | 6/29/21 – 6/28/22   |
| 5 and 6 Year-old Milkers | 6/29/19 – 6/28/21   |
| 7 Years and Older        | Born before 6/29/19 |
| Senior Champion          |                     |
| Reserve Senior Champion  |                     |
| Grand Champion           |                     |
| Reserve Grand Champion   |                     |
| Best Udder               |                     |
| Reserve Best Udder       |                     |
| Dairy Herd               |                     |
| Best Three Senior Does   |                     |
| Senior Get of Sire       |                     |
| Produce of Dam           |                     |
| Dam & Daughter           |                     |

### GROUP CLASS REQUIREMENTS

**JUNIOR GET-OF-SIRE:** Three does, senior yearlings or younger, the get of one sire. Animals may be owned by more than one exhibitor. Sire must be named on entry form.

**DAIRY HERD:** Four does in milk, all owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.

**BEST THREE JUNIOR DOES:** 3 does from Junior Division, all bred and owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.

**BEST THREE SENIOR DOES:** 3 does from Senior Division, all bred and owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.

**SENIOR GET-OF-SIRE:** Three does, the get of one sire, milking yearlings or older. Animals may be owned by more than one exhibitor. Sire must be named on the entry form.

**PRODUCE OF DAM:** Two does, from Senior Division, produce of same dam. Animals may be owned by more than one exhibitor. Dam must be named on entry form. Class limited to does in milk only (Senior Does).

**DAM & DAUGHTER:** One doe and one of her daughters, from Senior Division. Each entry must consist of two animals, no one animal may be used in two entries.

Note: All Senior Group Classes limited to does from Senior Division.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

**HERDSMAN AWARD:** This award will be presented to the exhibitor-herdsman whose behavior and exhibit, in the opinion of the other exhibitors and the National Show Committee, best reflects a positive image in the following areas and practices of exhibiting dairy goats:

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Promotion of dairy goats | 4. Cleanliness   |
| 2. Cooperation              | 5. Sportsmanship |
| 3. Good Attitude            | 6. Educational   |

### **PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD *Each Breed***

This award is made to the exhibitor of eight or fewer does winning the most points in open single competition. At least one doe must be in milk. If more than eight does are shown by one exhibitor, the award is automatically figured on top eight does winning the most points. Production points and udder points are included. Limited to the two highest per class.

### **PREMIER BREEDER *\*Each Breed\****

#### **RESERVE PREMIER BREEDER *\*Each Breed\****

The Premier Breeder award is made to the breeder of eight or fewer does winning the most points in open single competition, regardless of the current exhibitor. At least one doe must be in milk. If more than eight does bred by one breeder are shown, then the award is automatically figured on the top eight does winning the most points. Production points and udder points are included (Limited to two highest per class). The Reserve Premier Breeder award is made to the breeder with the second highest number of points, based on the same criteria.

### **PREMIER SIRE *\*Each Breed\****

This award is made to the sire whose get wins the greatest total number of points in the regular individual and championship classes.

1. There must be at least 3 exhibitors within the breed. Separate award for each breed.
2. Points will only be counted in individual classes where competition exists between at least two exhibitors.
3. At least two different offspring of the buck must contribute points on which the award is based. One of the two must be in milk.
4. A sire will receive credit for points no matter who exhibits his offspring. Points from not more than two offspring, however, will be credited to a given sire in any one class. These points will be taken from the two offspring earning the greatest number of points regardless of exhibitor.
5. The award will be presented to the exhibitor earning highest on the following list:
  - a. The current owner.
  - b. The last owner of the sire, if animal is deceased.
  - c. The last among the exhibitors to own the sire, if the animal is alive.
  - d. The exhibitor owning get contributing the greatest number of points in winning the award.
  - e. The exhibitor making entries first according to postmark on entries.
  - f. In case of a tie, the buck with the largest number of offspring receiving points will receive the award.

For the purpose of Premier Exhibitor Award calculations, a Designated Herd Unit entry will use all animals that qualified to be shown within the Designated Herd Unit. However, for Breeder Award calculations, the Designated Herd Unit will not be applied. This award will be based on membership of each breeder as designated by member identification numbers.

## PREMIER EXHIBITOR/BREEDER/SIRE AWARD POINTS

| CLASS POINTS              | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Junior Kid                | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5    | 4    | 3    |
| Intermediate Kid          | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5    | 4    | 3    |
| Senior Kid                | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5    | 4    | 3    |
| Jr. Yearling              | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5    | 4    | 3    |
| Sr. Yearling              | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5    | 4    | 3    |
| Yearling Milker           | 25  | 23  | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9    | 8    | 7    |
| Two Year Old Milker       | 25  | 23  | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9    | 8    | 7    |
| Three Year Old Milker     | 25  | 23  | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9    | 8    | 7    |
| Four Year Old Milker      | 25  | 23  | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9    | 8    | 7    |
| Five & Six Yr. Old Milker | 25  | 23  | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9    | 8    | 7    |
| Seven Years and Over      | 25  | 23  | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9    | 8    | 7    |
| Production                | 3   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Udder (see NOTE3)         | 5   | 4   | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| <b>CHAMPION POINTS</b>    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| Jr. Champion              | 7   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| Res. Jr. Champion         | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| Sr. Champion              | 7   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| Res. Sr. Champion         | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| Grand Champion            | 7   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| Best Udder                | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| Res. Best Udder           | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |

**NOTE 1:** Recorded Grades will be eligible for points.

**NOTE 2:** A minimum of 100 animals entered and 80 animals shown, 40 in milk, are required to establish a dairy breed as a competitive breed. Failing to meet this minimum will not qualify the breed for points.

**NOTE 3:** Does will be judged on udder for First, Second and Third place in each of the milking classes and will be milked in the ring at the discretion of the judge. No entry fee is required.