



# Navigating Your Way Through Paris

**Everything you need to know to make your weekend a success**

## Tips From Your Presidents

Hello JABGA members,

Welcome to your JABGA Area 2 Regional Fall Classic Survival Guide!! This guide is provided for you to survive and succeed at the show and in the contests. Please take time to read through it and gather the information you need to navigate to the top of the awards standings. We are excited to be able to host a show of this caliber for you to learn, compete and show against other young people around you with the same passion. Please note this Fall Classic show is kind of a pre-cursor to bigger and better things to come for JABGA regionals. Watch out for more information coming on those soon. If there is anything I can help you with to get through the obstacles please let me know. I leave you to complete your journey with a few thoughts: 1) come to the show with a GREAT ATTITUDE! 2) make NEW FRIENDS and get to know each other!! and 3) HAVE FUN!!!

*Deric Wetherell*

IMGP President  
ABGA President

Hello fellow members,

Welcome to the 2017 JABGA Area 2 Regional Fall Classic Show! As president of the Junior Illinois Meat Goat Producers (JIMGP), I want to welcome you to the show. Our JIMGP board and members look forward to hosting this year's show. We have lots of events planned so make plans to attend the show and participate in all the fun and learning activities that we have planned for the weekend. Attached are descriptions and rules for contests we have planned. Please take the time to read the descriptions and rules prior to attending the show to be prepared for the contests. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact a board member. We had a great time last year and look forward to seeing you and facilitating the new activities we have planned for this year.

*Michael Wetherell*

JIMGP President

# Overall Awards

## Eligibility

1. All Participants must be JABGA Members in good standing
2. Age division will be determined based on the contestant's age on January 1<sup>st</sup>, for the division of competition.  
Junior Division under 8 years of age  
Intermediate Division 9-13  
Senior Division 14-18

## Individual Competition

1. At the Regional Show, overall competition will be determined by highest points earned in 4 of the 5 following events: Livestock Judging, Sales talk, goat show, Skillathon and Showmanship.
2. All participants are required to compete in the showmanship competition.
3. Points will be awarded to the top ten competitors in Livestock Judging, Sales Talk, Skillathon and Showmanship, with the highest score receiving 10 points, and each subsequent score receiving one less point, down to one point for 10<sup>th</sup> place.
4. Points will be awarded to the highest placing entry for each participant to include, JABGA Sanctioned Show, wether and commercial doe show. Maximum of 10 points will be awarded based on the highest placing of a single animal.
5. JABGA Sanctioned show rules will be followed for the JABGA Regional. Please READ these rules also.

## Recognition and Awards

1. To receive awards, contestants must attend the entire awards ceremony. Any unclaimed prizes will be forfeited.
2. Ties: in the event of ties in the overall competition, ties will be broken by comparing scores in the following events:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker Showmanship

- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker Skillathon
3. Awards will be presented to the top two competitors in each age division for Sales Talk, Livestock Judging, Skillathon and Showmanship.
4. Awards will be presented to the top five cumulative high point winners for each age division based on the top 4 scores for an individual of the 5 contests

## Fitting Competition

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.

- Each team will consist of no more than **TWO** INDIVIDUALS. Participants must be current JABGA members.
- 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.
- 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.
- All team members and equipment must be in place at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
- Each team will be allowed 30 minutes to fit their animal.
- **ALL FITTING TECHNIQUES MUST BE WITHIN THE ACCEPTED PRACTICES OF THE AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL SHOW.**
- Judges will circulate and question participants during the 30 minutes.
- Points will be awarded as follows:
  - Ability to fit - 25 points
  - Participation of each team member - 10 points
  - Organization of supplies & equipment - 5 points
  - Overall effect - 5 points
  - Knowledge & response to questions - 5 points

# 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.

- JABGA will divide the membership into 4 age divisions for the purpose of Showmanship Classes.
  - PeeWee Division (6 years and younger)
  - Junior Division (7-9 years of age)
  - Intermediate Division (10-14 years of age)
  - Senior Division (15-18 years of age)
- Each exhibitor must use their own animal for the showmanship competition if they have one entered into the JABGA Sanctioned, or commercial doe show.
- Participants that do not have an animal entered into any JABGA competition may borrow an animal for showmanship purposes. That selected animal can only be used by one exhibitor during the competition and cannot be exhibited by multiple participants.
- Time Allotted:  
There is not time range in this contest, each class length is determined by the judge of the contest.
- Materials:  
Your Goat entry that is entered in at the show at which you are participating.
- Dress:  
Jeans, nice shirt. Preferably closed leather shoes and a belt but not required.

# Skillathon

- Skillathon contest is a multiple choice quiz to test your knowledge of the goat industry. The quiz will use a Scan Tron type answer sheet, please make sure you're familiar with standardized testing score sheets. If you have trouble reading, don't worry; just make sure you let us know before arriving at the contest and an assistant will help you with reading your quiz.
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- Allotted: 30 minutes
- Materials: Pencil and a highlighter
- Dress: Casual
- Each age division will have their own test
- Moderator will be present

# Judging Contest

- All animals will be judged as sound and based on the ABGA Breed Standards.
- Recommended classes are: wethers, young does, mature does, bucks
- Groups will get 8 minutes to judge each class and 45 seconds between each class
- Official placing's and cuts will be done by a ABGA Approved Judge
- Conferring between other contestants, parents, and/or advisers is strictly prohibited during the judging contest.
- Any contestant believed to be receiving assistance during the competition will be disqualified.
- There will be one class that will be oral reasons for all senior individuals.
- Materials: Notepad and a pencil.
- Dress: There is no required dress for this contest although many participants wear jeans and polo shirts or button downs.

# Sales talk

- Sales talk uses a live setting complete with a live animal or a photo and potential buyers. This contest is a mock sales situation—you are selling your animal to 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 they are selling, their ability to relay important information about the animal, and their overall effectiveness in convincing the judges to buy the animal.
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- Time Allotted: 5-7 minutes.
- Materials: Live animal or a photo (no larger than 8 x 10) and a registration certificate for the animal being "sold". If using a live animal you will need another JABGA individual to hold the animal for you during your presentation.
- Dress: There is no required dress code 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.

# Photography Contest

- Original photos depicting Boer Goats way of life are suitable.
- Use your imagination to capture the heart and soul of breeding Boer goats life: Sunrise over the herd, kids and human kids playing at the windmill, weening time or a newborn kid with soft eyes and wobbly legs. Share your favorite scenes of Boer goats and the farm life.

## Guidelines

(By submitting an entry, contestant accepts and agrees to comply with these rules.)

- 1. All contestants must be a member of JABGA. Proof of membership must be submitted with entry.
- 2. Entries must be submitted as 8" x 10" photographs and must follow the theme for competition.
- 3. Photos must have been taken during the last 12 months.
- 4. Any type of camera may be used and photos may be color or black & white.
- 5. You may submit as many photographs as you like; however a separate entry form must be attached to the back of each photo. Only one entry per contestant will be awarded a prize.
- 6. The content of the photograph may or may not include you personally. If the photograph includes you, it has to be you who takes the photograph, for example by using the camera's timer.
- 7. Although slight computer-enhanced photos are allowed, such as cropping, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction, substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, or using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.
- 8. Photographs should not contain "user placed text," This includes such things as comments or titles. Text or wording that is part of the photograph (i.e., photo of a farm sign, etc.) is acceptable.
- 9. Modifying, enhancing or altering a third party's pre-existing work does not qualify as entrant's original creation.
- 10. Photos should be mounted, not framed.
- 11. A separate entry form must be attached to the back of each photo stating the contestant's name, parent's or guardian's name, age division, and a title describing the photo.
- 12. Entries will become the property of JIMGP and will not be returned. Winning photos may be used for promotional purposes at the discretion of JIMGP.
- 13. JIMGP is not responsible for damage to photos during display. JIMGP reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.
- 14. Contestants are not required to attend the JIMGP Fall Classic to be eligible to participate or win awards, but must make submission arrangement on their own and pick up.

### Judging

- 1. Photos will be judged on the following criteria: Creativity 50%, Photographic quality 50%.
- 2. All judgments are final and interpretations of the guidelines are at JIMGP sole discretion.

### Awards

- First, second and third place winners will be selected in each age category. Winners will receive awards as predetermine by the Board of JIMGP.

### People's Choice Award

- Photographs will be displayed for review by attendees during the IMGGA Fall Classic Shows. 2. Selection of the winning entry for the People's Choice award shall be determined by popular per vote, with the award given to the entry with the greatest number of votes received.