



The following rule changes were approved at the 2025 December Board of Directors meeting.

Rule 105: Joint Ownership

As defined, joint ownership of an animal can include up to four memberships ABGA or JABGA members. Owners of joint owned animal(s) may only sell or transfer their part of the ownership. Any owner(s) listed can register progeny of the dam. Progeny of a joint owned animal must have all owners of the dam at date of service listed as the breeder of the progeny. Any joint owner may submit flush reports for a joint owned animal. The member submitting the flush report will be the owner of the embryos.

Rule 206: Percentage Boer Wethers; Record of Pedigree

Bucks of less than 25% Boer goat blood will not be eligible for registration. Wethers (castrated males) that are at least 6.25% are eligible for a "Record of Pedigree" certificate. This "Record of Pedigree" will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the wether's herd prefix, herd name, date of birth and tattoos, scrapie tags/federal ID, or microchips.

Rule 306: Transfer of Bred Doe

C. Any progeny registered from the sale of a bred doe, a recipient, or embryos will have the owner(s) of the dam at date of service listed as the breeder.

Rule 500: Embryo Transfer Rules

In all cases, the breeder of an embryo is defined as the owner(s) or lessee(s) of the dam (in this case, the donor doe) at the time of service. The breeding date is the date that the donor doe was serviced.

Rule 1000

C. Points at the ABGA National Show

- i. Points awarded by ABGA at the ABGA National Show will be subject to the requirements posted in the ABGA National Show rules.
- ii. Animals entered into an ABGA National Show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
- iii. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Grand Champion and Junior, Yearling, and Senior Reserve of the ABGA National Show will receive class points and Champion



points according to the published scale for number of animals exhibited in their gender division of the National Show.

iv. National Grand and National Reserve Champions of the ABGA National Show will receive an additional eighty (80) and forty (40) points respectively.

v. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004, will not be awarded points.

vi. Points for the ABGA National Show will be awarded based on the following schedule:

JABGA B&O, JABGA, & ABGA National Show Champion Points										
# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class									
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
10 or fewer	10	5	2							
11 to 25	15	10	5	2						
26 to 50	20	15	10	5	2					
51-100	25	20	15	10	5	2				
101-150	30	25	20	15	10	5	2			
151+	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2		

JABGA B&O, JABGA, & ABGA National Show Champion Points				
# Exhibited in Section	Division Champ	Division Reserve	National Grand Champ	National Reserve Champ
10 or fewer	10	5	80	40
11 to 25	15	10		
26 to 50	20	15		
51 to 100	25	20		
101 to 150	30	25		
151 to 200	35	30		
201 or more	40	35		

Rule 1400

P. Concurrent Show Rules

Definition: A concurrent show refers to multiple shows taking place at the same time, in the same ring, at the same venue. While the shows are happening at the same time and place, they are 2 separate shows and must therefore be treated as individual shows. The ABGA



National Show and JABGA National Show are single placement shows judged by a team and do not fall under this category.

Embedded Show – A JABGA show running with an ABGA show with only one judge in the ring.

Concurrent Show - Two judges sorting one set of goats at the same time.

- i. A concurrent show may only consist of either two JABGA shows or two ABGA shows. NO MORE THAN TWO SHOWS MAY BE RUN CONCURRENTLY AT ANY GIVEN TIME. Embedded JABGA shows within an ABGA is NOT allowed during a concurrent show.
- iii. **The show secretary shall notify judges at the time of the contract that shows are going to run concurrently with each other.**
- iv. The show secretary shall be required to provide judges with separate ring stewards and class lists to mark placings. The class placings must be completed before class reasons are given. Ring stewards must submit the completed class placings to the show secretary prior to starting reasons.
- vi. If a cut is made from a large class and the animals pulled by each judge are different:
 - b. The judges may work the ring at the same time. A judge may choose to place all animals pulled or only their selections from the larger class.
- vii. Division Drives and Overall Drives (especially those with different animals for each judge's show) will be handled differently than normal classes and are up to the show staff and the judges for how they would like to make their decisions:
 - c. Both drives are brought into the ring at the same time. Division for Judge A is set up, with the different animals from Judge B set up adjacent to the first drive. Both judges make their decisions, and Judge A begins their reasons followed by Judge B.



Q. Show Ring Protocol for ABGA Judges

The goal of this protocol is to ensure that each judge strives to provide a fair, unbiased, and objective inspection of each animal as it is presented for his/her evaluation and in so doing, provide a positive experience for all individuals involved including exhibitors, spectators, and show personnel. As a representative of the American Boer Goat Association, an ABGA Judge, through his or her appearance, evaluations, and presentations, is to conduct him or herself in a professional manner with show officials, exhibitors, and spectators at all times.

- i. A judge is at all times, to evaluate Boer goats in accordance with the ABGA Sanction Show Rules and the ABGA Boer Goat Breed Standard. Animals should be evaluated according to the degree with which they meet the desired traits outlined within the ABGA Breed Standard.
- ii. Judges are required to check the following on Boer goats presented to be judged in order to ensure these areas are correct according to the ABGA Boer Goat Breed Standards:
 - a. Udder/teat structure on females.
 - b. Mouths on males and females.
 - c. Pigmentation on males and females.
 - d. Testicles on males.
 - e. Ears, Eyes, Face and Tails on males and females.

Recognizing the complication of time involved in judging very large classes, a judge is allowed discretion to check only those animals retained in the show ring from which the final selections will be made. In all classes, where practical, it is recommended that the judge(s) check all animals presented.

- iii. Judges are recommended to set their final placement line in numerical order, beginning with the lowest placing animal and continuing in ascending order to the first-place animal, prior to giving reasons so that exhibitors and spectators can clearly see and understand the placements.
- iv. A judge shall be responsible for ensuring that the tattoos/microchips are read on the winner of each class plus any goats in that class other than the winner that, by virtue of class size, are eligible for points under ABGA rules including all GCH and RGCH animals before giving reasons on the class. Judges will have sole discretion for an animal being disqualified based on incorrect tattoos/microchips.
- v. Judges are responsible for ensuring that no bracing occurs during the judging portion of the show.
- vi. No judge shall
 - a. Judge an animal that within the last 90 days:
 - i. Is owned partially or entirely by the judge.



- ii. Is owned partially or entirely by any member of the judge's immediate family, which includes children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings, or spouse.
 - iii. In which the judge has any pecuniary interest.
 - iv. Over which the judge has any supervision.
 - b. Judging one concurrent show (two judges in the same show ring) at the same show location within a weekend period on different days.
 - c. Ride to a show as a judge with an exhibitor and judge the animals of the exhibitor you are traveling with.
- vii. Recognizing the need for judgment, it is strongly recommended that a judge not place animals that exhibit a serious degree of any fault according to the ABGA Breed Standard or a disqualification trait as defined by the ABGA Breed Standard. Display of any such trait should negatively impact an animal's placing and/or be grounds for dismissal from the ring. Animals that a judge disqualifies but does not dismiss from the ring must be designated to the show secretary.
- viii. Recognizing the need for judgment, it is recommended that single entry animals in a class not be automatically awarded a first place if the animal exhibits any serious degree of a fault according to the ABGA Breed Standard, a disqualification trait as defined by the ABGA Breed Standard or is otherwise deemed a quality that does not warrant placing the animal at the front of the class.
- ix. An ABGA judge should use terminology in accordance with the structure of Boer goats when giving reasons, so that spectators may more easily understand the judge's references and evaluations. "Canned" reasons are discouraged. A judge's reasons for placing classes are an educational tool and should be used as such by the judge.
- x. A judge should be courteous at all times and kind, when called for, in his/her evaluations, refraining from negative comments that would unnecessarily embarrass any exhibitor. All necessary criticism of the animal to be evaluated should be constructive in nature and should serve an educational purpose for the exhibitor of the animal, other exhibitors, and spectators.
- xi. A judge should always show personal discretion in his comments while in the show ring as an exhibitor or ring side as a spectator at any event where such comments may be overheard and perceived to be derogatory of the working judge.
- xii. A judge should at all times dress professionally and appropriately for the show ring.
- xiii. Recognizing the complications of arriving at a show arena within a prescribed time frame can create delays for a judge, it is therefore strongly recommended



- that upon arrival, a judge, with discretion, refrain from visiting the pen area or visiting with exhibitors where possible prior to judging the show.
- xiv. Personal solicitation of judging assignments is not allowed at anytime on social media platforms, in person, calling shows, or contacting ABGA staff.