



## American Boer Goat Association

### Concurrent Show Rules

**Definition: Concurrent Show** - 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 going on at the same time and at the same place, there are 2 separate shows and therefore they must 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** - An embedded show occurs when a single judge is in the ring and allows for a JABGA and ABGA show to take place simultaneously under only one judge.

- I. A concurrent show may 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. **(12-12-25)**
- II. The show secretary shall note on the show application defining which shows will run concurrently with each other. **(12-12-2025)**
- 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.
  - a. Ring stewards must submit the completed class placings to the show secretary prior to starting the season. **(12-12-2025)**
- V. Judges are required to check all animals in a class themselves for any DQ faults; to promote consistency, judges may confer with each other regarding any DQ faults they may find questionable. **(12-5-2024)**
  - a. In the interest of time, in very large classes the judges are permitted to check only the animals from which each wish to make their final selections.
- VI. If a cut is made from a large class and the animals pulled by each judge are different:
  - a. The judges may decide to take turns working the ring with the animals they selected to pull from the larger class.
  - 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. **(12-12-2025)**
- 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:
  - a. The drive for one judge may be brought in, that judge decides on their champion and reserve, then makes note of it on a score card/to their ring steward. After that, the other judge's drive is brought in, they make their final decision and talk their reasons. The first judge's drive is then brought back in, and they talk about their reasons for their decision.
  - b. One judge leaves the ring and moves far enough away so that they are out of earshot, and the other judge proceeds to treat the drive like any other show. After the results and reasons are completed, the judge who left may return and proceed to do the same and treat the drive like a regular show.
  - 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 decision, and Judge A begins their reasons followed by Judge B. **(12-12-2025)**

- VIII.** Each judge is responsible for ensuring tattoos or microchips on all first place, division champion, and overall champion animals, as well as any other animals that stand to gain points during the show, are checked for their respective show. This is in effect even if both judges have the same animals being awarded any of the same placements.
- IX.** Judges are required to give reasons to at least fifth place for each of their respective shows. It's understood that people don't want to spend forever in the ring, but each show is its own entity, and exhibitors deserve to hear the reasons for why they placed how they did in each individual show.
- X.** Discussion of the class between judges prior to the class being officially placed by both judges is strictly prohibited.
  - a.** Short comments (asking one another if it's alright to walk the animals, asking to switch the angle of view, witty remarks, etc.) are fine.
  - b.** Private conversations between judges are strictly prohibited.
- XI.** It is highly recommended that show secretaries only request experienced judges for judging concurrent shows. Two shows running simultaneously in this manner could be viewed as a bit overwhelming for a novice judge.
- XII.** All ABGA and JABGA Sanctioned Show Rules and Judges' Protocols still apply to the Concurrent Shows.