



# Junior American Boer Goat Association

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## JABGA Sanctioned Show Rules

*Effective January 1, 2026*

1. Exhibitors must be 21 years old or under on **July 1** of the current year and be an active member of the Junior American Boer Goat Association or American Boer Goat Association. Exhibitors must present a current ABGA/ JABGA membership card at check-in. Copies or digital copies of cards are acceptable.
2. If the child is present and physically able, they must show their own animal unless they have multiple entries in one class; then they must have another JABGA member to show the animal for them. If not enough JABGA members are present, any youth 21 and under as of January 1 of current year may fill in.
3. If the child is physically unable or not present due to specific circumstances approved by Youth Committee or involving death in the family, family emergencies, or religious reasons, they must have a JABGA member show for them, and it must be reported to the ABGA Youth Coordinator before the goats arrive at the show.
4. JABGA members are allowed to have a heeler in the class and may independently lead and/or hold the animal. The heeler is not allowed to touch legs or assist in leg placement. The heeler must be a current JABGA member. JABGA members with physical or mental disabilities are allowed a heeler and reasonable accommodation can be provided. Documentation needs to be provided to the Youth Coordinator (and in absence of the Youth Coordinator, the ABGA Board President), at least 72 hours prior to the show.
5. All goats must be registered in the JABGA member's name only. No ranch or family name can be listed in the owner section of the certificate. Any goat that is transferred to a Junior exhibitors name for showing at a JABGA Sanction show cannot be transferred back to the seller and/or seller's agent for a period of 1 year.
6. Showmanship is not required but highly recommended for **both breeding and market type classes**. ABGA will not provide ribbons or awards. The following age breaks are suggested for sanctioned shows. Age for showmanship for regular sanction shows is determined on the day of the show. **Personal, Farm, and/or company logos may not be worn during showmanship.**
  - a. Novice Division: 4-7 years of age
  - b. Junior Division: 8-12 years of age
  - c. Intermediate: 13-16 years of age
  - d. Senior Division: 17-21 years of age



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7. Exhibitors entering showmanship must use a goat that is registered in his/her name and entered in the JABGA show.
8. If the JABGA member has a goat entered in the JABGA show, goats in sibling's/step- sibling's names may not be used for showmanship purposes.
9. Participants that do not have an animal entered any JABGA competition may borrow an animal for showmanship purposes only. That selected animal can only be used by one exhibitor per age division.
10. All show results received by the JABGA will be final.
11. All ABGA rules, breed standards, classes, judges, and entries apply.
12. Please note the new ABGA no Alcohol Policy.
13. All JABGA Sanctioned shows are required to have a BRED AND OWNED CLASS. One class each for the PERCENTAGE DOES, FULLBLOOD DOES, FULLBLOOD BUCKS, PERCENTAGE BUCKS (Effective June 1, 2026). All ages will compete in one class.
14. Market and Wether Dam Classes are not required but are highly recommended. ABGA will not provide ribbons or awards. The following rules are suggested:

### JABGA Wether Dam Show

1. Participants must show their own Wether Dam unless there are two or more does entered by the same participant in a particular class. This includes all divisions and champion drives.
2. All Wether Dams must have ownership declared before weigh-in and may not be entered or shown in another youth's name after being weighed in.
3. All Commercial does must have scrapie tag, tattoo or microchip in place and match health certificate
4. Wether Dams may be exhibited with hair.
5. Does exhibited in the Wether Dam show are not permitted to be exhibited in the JABGA Breeding Show.
6. The coordinator of each individual show reserves the right to refuse entry into the show for any animal that exhibits a transmissible disease, fungus, etc.
7. All fitting techniques must be within the accepted practices of the ABGA Sanctioned Show Rules.
8. The Wether Dams will be shown in Divisions by teeth then by weight. Classes will be divided into three divisions:
  - a. Division 1 - All milk teeth in place
  - b. Division 2 – All milk teeth in place
  - c. Division 3 – 2 adult teeth or more



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### JABGA Market Show

1. Wethers and does can be exhibited.
2. Participants must show their own market goat unless there are two or more entries entered by the same participant in a particular class. This includes all divisions and champion drives.
3. Market goats must have ownership declared before weigh-in and may not be entered or shown in another youth's name after being weighed in.
4. All market goats must have a scrapie tag, tattoo or microchip in place and match health certificate.
5. Wethers may not have testicular tissue or exhibit behavioral signs of still being an intact male.
6. The coordinator of each individual show reserves the right to refuse entry into the show for any animal that exhibits a transmissible disease, fungus, etc.
7. All fitting techniques must be within the accepted practices of the ABGA Sanctioned Show Rules.
8. Market goats will be shown in classes by weight. Show Management reserves the right to adjust the class numbers and breaks as needed.
9. Classes will be divided into three divisions (where numbers permit)
  - a. Light
  - b. Medium
  - c. Heavy
10. The JABGA reserves the right to not sanction and/or to not tabulate placing's for points submitted by a show or not yet submitted by a show that didn't follow the ABGA rules, breed standards, classes, judges, and entries.
11. The JABGA strongly suggest that JABGA members own and care for his/her own goats. Directors and members of the JABGA discourage unethical ownership and care.

Exhibitors and parents should always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Infractions of this rule may cause immediate termination of membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
12. Judges for JABGA sanction shows are required to be an ABGA Approved Judge.
13. Judge's names should be published thirty (30) days prior to the show.
14. Drug testing cannot be refused if the show deems necessary.
15. All JABGA and ABGA Sanction show rules must be followed. Responsibilities of Host Show.

Please contact the ABGA office, 325-486-ABGA (2242), or [shows@abga.org](mailto:shows@abga.org), for more information.