

Breed Improvement Committee (BIC) Proposal to Combat Aging

Traditionally, the ABGA National Show has been the event members use when making breeding decisions regarding hitting target age breaks. With added emphasis on this particular event, comes added pressure to age to insure being at the top of certain classes. The BIC recommends the following proposal be enacted at the ABGA/JABGA National Show beginning in 2026, as well as the JABGA Regional Shows beginning with the 2025/2026 show season.

- All junior division class breaks remain the same. 0-3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 class breaks
- Within each of these class breaks, animals are to be broke by weight into sub classes of a comparable weight range. 2-3 sub classes are expected per age break but there is no set number as to prevent targeting by exhibitors.
- Judges are to be provided the exhibitor number, DOB, actual weight, and ADG for each animal; and the class average for each category.
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- All junior division goats are to be weighed at check in using the same official scales, staff/volunteers, and methods/process currently established for the wethers/commercial does.
- ADG is to be calculated for all goats using the standardized BW of 8 lbs.
- Class breaks are to be determined by show staff using the same methods/process currently used to break classes under current rules.
- In the event of initial small class size, especially at the Regional shows, it may not be logical to break the class by weight, however all data is to be provided to the judge and public for each class.
- All data collected is to be compiled and saved by the ABGA office for future use in improving class breaks and breed improvement/performance opportunities.

The committee does not foresee any significant cost increase associated with this proposal. There will be a time and labor increase associated with the weigh in process. There is reason to believe that this proposal could increase entry numbers as those younger animals will be exhibited in a tighter contemporary group than current class breaks. This will encourage exhibitors to enter and exhibit those animals.

We all feel that age and weight, and the relationship between them, are equally important when evaluating seedstock and promoting the Boer breed.

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