RULES FOR OFFICIAL SHOWS

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A. SHOW SANCTION AND FEES

1. A sanction application shall be sent to the NPGA Show Coordinator. *(09-14)*

2. Show chair/secretary must be an NPGA member and give membership number on application unless application is made by local, county or state fair official. Sanction application shall include signature of show chair/secretary and a statement that sanctioned shows must adhere to NPGA rules. *(08-16)*

3. The sanction fee is seventy-five dollars ($75.00) each when the application for sanction is postmarked to NPGA at least 60 days prior to the show, (fifty dollars ($50.00) each 4-H or restricted), one hundred and five dollars ($105.00) each when postmarked between 59 and 31 days (sixty five ($65.00) each 4-H or restricted), and one hundred thirty dollars ($130.00) each when postmarked 30 days or less prior to the show. The fee covers NPGA rosettes for Champions. *(03-06, 06-09, 07-09, 08-03, 14-20, 20-21)*

4. No more than one sanctioned show can be held simultaneously. *(25-09)*

5. An open show is open for all participants/exhibitors without restrictions. Restricted shows are outlined in H. Youth and Restricted Shows. *(23-33)*

6. All NPGA sanctioned shows must be judged by a person licensed by NPGA.

7. Bucks and does shall not compete against each other, but shall be considered as separate shows with a separate sanction fee required for each show.

8. If there is a 4H/Youth/Restricted Show on the same day/weekend/event and judged by the same judge at the same location as an open show, then the animals from the restricted show may show in the open show. *(16-11).*

9. No other show within a 1,000-mile radius may be sanctioned the same weekend as the Convention. Shows within the same state as Convention should be urged to change show dates if they are scheduled on the preceding or following weekend. The ruling shall stand as long as the Convention date is not scheduled arbitrarily on a weekend of an established show date. *(84-11)*

10. Show Cancellations (*11-3)*
    a. In the event that a show is cancelled after an NPGA sanction has been approved by the NPGA Show Coordinator and ribbons have been sent, but before the start of the show, the local show chair must return the ribbons to the NPGA Show Coordinator in order to receive a credit (no cash refund) for the sanction fees paid. This credit may be used in conjunction with a subsequent Application for NPGA Sanction for a new or rescheduled show. *(11-3*)
    b. In the event that a show is cancelled after an NPGA sanction has been approved by the NPGA Show Coordinator but before ribbons have been sent, the local show chair must notify the NPGA Show Coordinator of the cancellation in order to receive a credit (no cash refund) for the sanction fees paid. This credit may be used in conjunction with a subsequent Application for NPGA Sanction for a new or rescheduled show. *(11-3)*
    c. In no case may a local show official transfer an approved sanction to another event not reflected on the approved sanction application (different dates or location). Additionally, in no case will a credit for sanction fees be given for a cancelled show if the notification to the NPGA Show Coordinator occurs on or after the start of the scheduled show. *(11-3)*

B. SHOW OFFICIALS & JUDGES

1. **Show Chairperson/Secretary Responsibilities:**
    a. To have a copy of the NPGA Show Rules available at all times during the show and follow said rules.
    b. Prior to goat being shown, check the following information on the <u>original</u> NPGA registration papers *(85-17, 00-04, 00-12)*
        (1) Each goat has been entered in the correct age class and division.
        (2) Is entered by its full correct name.
        (3) The tattoo and/or microchip and registration number match those on the entry form.
        (4) Confirm ownership on registration or current transfer of ownership. If transfer is over 90 days old refer to C.2.
        (5) Confirm proof of PGCH status as defined in Rules for Official Shows, paragraph I.5 for animals entered in the Master Champion Challenge class.
    c. To have and assure that Report of Award is correctly filled out.
2. **Judge Responsibilities:**
    a. No person shall judge any goat in which he/she has an ownership or part ownership or which is owned by a member of his/her immediate family or household. Judges should also be sure that their immediate family members or household members do not show goats for other exhibitors or even enter the ring with a wether, doe, or buck. *(09-09, 20-5)*
    b. Judge according to the NPGA breed standard, scorecard, and faulting sheet.
    c. Check the birth date on the registration certificate with the schedule of classes to see that the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion goats were shown in the correct class. Check Grand and Reserve Grand Champion to see information on Report of Award matches that on registration papers. *(86-03)*

d. See that the tattoos and/or microchips are read on the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion. The judge will be the sole authority on what the tattoos or microchips numbers are, but may have someone else actually do the job. *(84-22, 04-17)*
e. The judge will read tattoos and/or microchip numbers of champions before the goats leave the ring; however, the judge may ask the champions to be moved to an area that is satisfactory for reading tattoos. *(83-27, 84-22, 04-17)*
f. The judge will document and sign the Grand Champion win on the back of the winner's certificate of registry. The judge will also note if the win is at a Restricted Show. *(96-34, 04-20, 08-03)*
g. Wear clothes that are neat, clean, and appropriate for judging. This is especially important at 4-H shows to set a good example for exhibitors and at fairs in order to compare well with the judges and exhibitors of other livestock breeds. No blue jeans, shorts, or open toed/heeled shoes. Shirts shall be long enough to always overlap pants while standing, bending, or kneeling. Judges shall not wear apparel that promotes individual farms while judging. Deviations from this are acceptable if agreed between the local show chair and judge, in writing, in advance. *(09-29)*
h. The judge shall not judge a show if he/she is first showing at that show event. (*13-31*) An exception can be made by the show secretary due to an emergency situation, an alteration of travel plans, or unforeseen circumstances. *(21-12)*
i. A judge must not be a judge of a show that he/she is also chairing. (*13-31*)

3. **Exhibitor Responsibilities:**
a. It is the ultimate responsibility of the exhibitor that the exhibitor's goat(s) is/are entered and shown in the correct age class and division. *(02-18)*
b. Exhibitors shall not show any doe or buck in an NPGA sanctioned show with the herdname(s) of the judge who is judging that show. This does not apply to wethers or unregistered classes. *(02-19, 04-07, 25-23)*
c. Exhibitor shall not show any doe or buck whose registered color is not one of the NPGA's recognized color/color patterns. (Any non-conforming color or color pattern is a disqualifying fault in does and bucks.) (16-06)

C. REGULATIONS FOR DOES AND BUCKS

1. An original NPGA registration certificate is required for each goat entered. The document must be presented to the show secretary before the goat is shown and must be present at the time the goat is being shown. Only NPGA or CGA (Canadian Goat Society) registered goats may be shown in sanctioned classes. *(00-12, 02-09, 24-25)*
2. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration certificate. Otherwise, the owner is determined by a transfer of ownership when it is dated within 90 days of the show and presented with the original registration certificate. *(82-21)*
3. Exhibitors may enter and show goats not registered to them with the registered owner's verbal or written consent. Verbal consent between the owner and exhibitor is assumed by the exhibitor having the goat and the original registration certificate. If the signature of the owner is required, the exhibitor may sign for the owner. Win will be recorded in the name of the owner in all cases. *(12-9)*
4. Goats 6 months of age or older must have either a legible tattoo or an embedded microchip recorded by NPGA prior to being shown. In the case of a microchip, evidence of the recording of that microchip will be the Central Office's preprinted number on the registration certificate. *(01-20, 11-8)*
5. A goat may be judged in only one age class. An animal is considered judged once it has been visually and/or physically evaluated. Proof of date of birth shall be the birth date on the registration certificate. *(86-13, 25-04)*
6. The base date for computing the age of the goat shall be the day the goat is to be judged. *(86-18, 11-25)*
7. Health certificates may be required if specified on the entry form. Show officials may deny entry if any goat does not appear in good health.
8. Any goat, which is disqualified in its class, must not be counted in the total number of goats shown. *(80-12)*
9. NPGA sanctioned show has no age restrictions. *(17-08)*
10. The following goats are ineligible to be shown in sanctioned shows. Intentionally doing so is a violation of the NPGA Code of Ethics *(01-20, 08-03)*:
a. If a Junior records the win, it cannot be shown again until the goat is eligible to be shown in the senior division. A buck that records a second win prior to its second birthday cannot be shown again until it reaches two years of age. *(87-23, 08-03)*
b. Any doe having received two wins, must give birth to at least one healthy, normal kid in order to be eligible to be shown again in the senior division. Proof of this shall be the existence of an NPGA registered or recorded offspring. *(96-11, 08-03)*
c. Any buck having received three wins, must have sired at least one healthy, normal kid in order to be eligible to be shown again in the senior division. Proof of this shall be the existence of an NPGA registered or recorded offspring. *(98-08, 08-03)*
d. Any goat receiving the required number of wins to attain Permanent Grand Champion status may only compete in Master Champion Challenge classes or in the Champion Challenge at the National Show. *(87-23, 09-13)*
e. Any goat receiving Master Champion status may no longer compete in sanctioned shows but may compete in the National Champion Challenge. *(09-13)*

D. REGULATIONS FOR WETHERS

1. The fee for an NPGA sponsored wether show shall be twenty-one dollars and fifty cents ($21.50) when the application for sanction is postmarked to NPGA at least 60 days prior to the show, forty dollars ($40.00) when postmarked between 59 and 31 days, and one hundred twenty dollars ($120.00) when postmarked 30 days or less prior to the show. The fee covers the ribbons and report of awards form, and is required if wethers are to record wins. *(09-05, 14-20)*
2. Wethers are not eligible for Junior, Senior, or Grand Champion competition.
3. Classes for wethers shall be judged according to Guidelines for Judging Pygmy Goat Wethers. Separate classes for wether showmanship may be held.
4. A wether is defined as any male goat that has had a castration procedure performed. It is to be assumed that the procedure is effective even if the end results are not yet evident. *(10-07)*
5. It is suggested, but not required, that a bill of sale listing the registration numbers of the sire and dam or an NPGA issued "Certificate of Recorded Ancestry" be presented as proof of Pygmy lineage. However, all wethers that appear to the judge to be purebred Pygmy goats shall be allowed to be shown.
6. Proof of a Best Wether win shall be the awarding NPGA licensed judge's signature on the back of the certification papers. The judge will only sign the certification papers of the Best Wether if:
   a. An original NPGA wether certificate is present at the time the wether is being shown. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the certificate. Otherwise, the owner is determined by a transfer of ownership when it is dated within 90 days of the show and presented with the original certificate. Exhibitors may enter and show goats not registered to them with the registered owner's verbal or written consent. If the signature of the owner is required, the exhibitor may sign for the owner. The win will be recorded in the name of the owner in all cases. *(09-05)*
   b. The tattoo and/or microchip number recorded with NPGA matches the number preprinted by the Central Office on the NPGA wether certificate if the animal is over 6 months of age. *(11-8)*
   c. The goat was entered and placed in the correct age class.
   d. There were at least 5 wethers of any age competing in the show. Both NPGA certified and non-certified wethers are to count for this requirement. *(10-05)*
   e. The goat has not yet recorded 12 wins. *(06-15)*
   f. A goat may be judged in only one age class. An animal is considered judged once it has been visually and/or physically evaluated. (25-04)
7. The Reserve Best Wether will record a win if any of the following apply to the Best Wether:
   a. Is not certified with the NPGA
   b. Did not have original wether certificate at the show
   c. Was not shown in the correct class
   d. Did not have legible tattoo and/or microchip
8. If the goat is not qualified to record the Best Wether win because it does not meet requirements set by NPGA, it will still receive the NPGA rosette. *(06-15)*
9. Wethers that record the Best Wether win at a restricted show will earn 1 full credit toward a full win. *(21-17)* If a wether earns 12 restricted Best Wether wins at a restricted show, that animal will no longer be eligible to complete in future restricted shows. *(16-15)*
10. Health certificates may be required if specified on the entry form. Show officials may deny entry if any goat does not appear in good health.
11. There is no restriction to the number of times a wether may be shown under any judge. *(14-14)*
12. Wethers that have reached platinum status may continue to show against other platinum wethers in a Master Wether Class. Platinum wethers may acquire 20 additional wins. A certificate will be received after each 5 wins; Sterling, Emerald, Sapphire, and Diamond. *(13-10, 25-29)*
    a. Master Wether Classes must be at least two (2) platinum level wethers entered. Master Wether Classes may be included in open shows or sanctioned youth shows. The rules currently in place for youth shows will apply to Master Wether Classes held in youth shows.
    b. Platinum status may be determined by a platinum certificate or signatures on the registration certificate. An animal receiving his final platinum win may not be entered in the Master Wether Class in that show but may compete in another show that day under a different judge.
    c. A wether reaching Diamond status is considered retired and may no longer show in sanctioned shows.

E. CLASSES AND AWARDS

1. Only NPGA or CGS (Canadian Goat Society) registered goats shall be shown in the sanctioned classes. Unregistered goats must not be shown in the sanctioned show. *(01-15)*
2. Junior division classes shall include all buck kids under one year, and does under two years which have never freshened. Any doe delivering after 135 days of gestation is considered as freshened. *(82-20, 08-03)*
3. Senior division classes shall include all does, freshened or unfreshened, that are two years or older, or younger does which have freshened one or more times, and all bucks that are yearlings or older. *(08-03, 12-6)*

a. The milking doe class is open to all lactating does of any age either currently nursing kids or being milked. Does are ineligible for this class if they have weaned their kids or are no longer being milked since they are not actually milking even though they may exhibit an udder. (*12-13*)

4. All doe shows and all bucks shows shall include both Junior and Senior Division classes. *(16-13)*.
5. Entries may not be added to a class after the judging has started unless the show officials have given permission. *(00-12)*
6. The judge shall make awards comparatively among all goats in the class, sequentially placed, starting with first and placing as far down as required by the show secretary. *(05-07)*
7. Local show chairs have the option to split oversized classes any time before the start of the show based on age and not conflicting with any other show rule. *(96-29)*
8. If the goat is not qualified to record the Champion win because it does not meet requirements set by NPGA, it will still receive the NPGA rosettes.

F. SELECTION OF CHAMPIONS

1. Doe Show or Buck Show *(16-13)*
   a. Junior Champion shall be selected from the 1st place winners of the classes in the Junior division.
   b. Reserve Junior Champion shall be selected from the goat, which stood 2nd to the Junior Champion in its individual class and the 1st place winners of the other Junior division classes.
   c. Senior Champion shall be selected from the 1st place winners of the classes in the Senior division.
   d. Reserve Senior Champion shall be selected from the goat, which stood 2nd to the Senior Champion in its individual class and the 1st place winners of the other Senior division classes.
   e. Grand Champion shall be selected between the Junior and Senior Champions.
   f. Reserve Grand Champion shall be selected between the Junior or Senior Champion that has not been made Grand Champion and the goat that stood Reserve to the Grand Champion (either the Reserve Junior or Reserve Senior Champion).
2. If a goat is found to be ineligible for line-up in the champion class, before the judging of that class begins, the goat standing in second place to the ineligible goat will be moved up to the first-place position. Likewise, the goat standing in third place will move up to second. *(96-12)*

G. REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL WINS FOR DOES/BUCKS

1. In a Doe or Buck Show, if the Senior Champion is named Grand Champion there must be at least 20/10 does/bucks in the show (12/8 for youth shows), 8/5 of these must be in the Senior division (6/4 for youth shows). At least two senior age classes must be judged. The winning goat must be named Senior and Grand Champion or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand. *(00-03, 08-03, 09-23, 16-13, 19-03,19-18)*
2. In a Doe or Buck Show, if the Junior Champion is named Grand Champion there must be at least 20/10 goats in the show (12/8 for youth shows), there is no requirement on the number of goats in the Senior division. The goat earning the win must be named Junior and Grand Champion or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand. *(00-03, 08-03, 09-23, 16-13)*
3. To record a win a goat must be permanently tattooed and/or microchipped prior to being shown in its individual class on that day. Tattoo and/or microchip number must match the Central Office's preprinted number on the front of the registration certificate. Tattoo and/or microchip must be legible, allowing for re-tattooing, but no variations other than partial or complete duplications. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide a compatible microchip scanner for the judge's use if microchips are used for purpose of identification of the animal at the show. *(81-08, 85-29, 85-30, 96-38, 99-14, 00-09, 11-8)*
4. Goats under 6 months of age are excluded from the rule requiring legible tattoos and/or microchips as a condition for recording a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion win. *(84-33)*
5. Goats must be entered and placed in the correct age class to record a win. *(86-12)*
6. At least six exhibitors must be represented at any show for a Grand Champion to earn a win. For purposes of meeting this requirement, each NPGA membership number shall constitute one exhibitor, or in the case of a non-NPGA member, the owner(s) of record on the registration certificate. Only one membership number/name can be assigned to each animal for the purpose of counting exhibitors. (effective May 1, 2000) *(00-02, 00-03, 15-09)*
7. The Reserve Grand Champion will record the official win if:
   a. The goat named Grand Champion does not meet all NPGA requirements for an official win.
   b. The animal named Reserve Grand Champion meets all NPGA requirements for an official win.
   c. Only one win towards a Permanent Grand Champion may be earned as Reserve Grand Champion.
8. All requirements for official wins must be fulfilled. *(86-19, 08-02)*
9. The Recorded Grand Champion of a Restricted Show shall record 1/2 credit toward a Grand Champion win. Two (2) credits shall equal a full Grand Champion win and the animal is no longer eligible to compete at a Restricted Show. *(85-09, 04-20, 25-14)*
10. Only one full credit towards a Permanent Grand Champion may be earned as the recorded Grand Champion in a 4-H/Youth or fair restricted shows. *(81-09)*

H. YOUTH AND RESTRICTED SHOWS

1. A restricted show is defined as any:
    a. 4-H/Youth show
        (1) If the NPGA sanctioned show is sponsored by a recognized youth organization, the age limits are set by that organization. *(14-13)*

        If the youth show is sponsored solely by an NPGA member/club, a youth is defined by NPGA Bylaws Article 2 Section 2.2 (18 or younger). Age will be determined by the age of exhibitor as of January 1st. *(14-13, 17-13)*

        (2) Animals entered in a NPGA sponsored youth show are to be owned by a youth. Proof of ownership shall be the name or family name on the original registration certificate. Otherwise, the owner is determined by a transfer of ownership signed and dated within 90 days of the show on the back of the original registration certificate. *(19-23)*

        (3) Each youth of a family membership may count as an exhibitor not to exceed two per family. *(19-23)*

    b. Geographically restricted shows with the exception of fairs.

    c. Shows that limit participation for any other reasons. *(23-34)*

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMANENT GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1. A buck must have 4 champion wins under at least three different judges. One of the required 4 wins may be received as a junior buck. At least three of the required 4 wins must be received as a Senior buck. At least two of these wins must be at the age of 24 months or older.
2. A doe must have 3 wins under at least two different judges. At least two of these wins must be received as a Senior doe. One of the required 3 wins may be received as a junior doe.
3. Before a doe/buck may be recorded as a Permanent Grand Champion, she/he must have produced at least one healthy, normal kid. Proof of this shall be the existence of an NPGA registered or recorded offspring. *(86-17)*
    a. Progeny resulting embryo transfer does not count towards a doe becoming a Permanent Grand Champion. *(20-7)*
4. Any goat receiving the required number of wins to attain Permanent Grand Champion status may only compete in Master Champion Challenge classes or in the Champion Challenge at the National Show. *(87-23, 08-20)*
5. Proof that a goat is a Permanent Grand Champion shall be established in either of the following two ways:
    a. Possession of an original Permanent Grand Champion Certificate issued by NPGA, or
    b. Possession of original Grand Champion Certificates issued by NPGA, evidence of recent wins which together totals the required number of wins to attain Permanent Grand Champion status (evidence accepted is a copy of the NPGA Report of Awards listing the goat as a Grand Champion) and proof of progeny by Progeny Sticker or Registration Certificate of an offspring. *(03-01)*

J. REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER CHAMPION TITLE

1. Master champion classes may be offered at all sanctioned open buck and doe shows. The open doe and buck sanction fees cover the rosettes and report of award for each master champion class. The show chairman will check the box "MC Ribbons needed" if they are going to offer master champion classes and need the rosettes and report of award forms. (*20-14, 20-20*, 22-44)
2. A Permanent Grand Champion Buck must win four Master Champion Challenge classes under at least three different judges. A Permanent Grand Champion Doe must win three Master Champion Challenge classes under at least two different judges. *(08-20)*
3. The Master Champion Challenge class shall consist of at least three Permanent Grand Champion does or bucks. (08-20, 09-24)
4. Proof that a goat is a Permanent Grand Champion shall be established (see H.5) prior to entering the Master Champion Challenge class. *(08-20)*
5. An animal receiving their final win toward Permanent Grand Champion status is not eligible to compete in a Champion Challenge class that same day under the judge awarding the final GCH leg. *(08-20, 11-7)*
    a. An animal with newly awarded Permanent Grand Champion status may compete in Master Champion Challenge classes the same day if those classes are judged by someone other than the judge that awarded the final GCH win. *(09-13, 09-24, 11-7)*
    b. Eligibility to compete in the Master Champion classes may be determined by the appropriate signatures (3 for Does), (4 for Bucks) on the back of the original papers to determine Permanent Grand Champion status. (23-10)
6. The Master Champion leg is not considered official until a Report of Awards is verified through the NPGA Report of Awards Coordinator. *(08-20)*
7. An animal achieving the Master Champion title may no longer compete in sanctioned shows but may compete in the National Champion Challenge. *(08-20)*

K. NATIONAL SHOW AND CHAMPION CHALLENGE

1. Bucks/Does
   a. Champion Challenge class competition consisting only of Permanent Grand Champions for the National Champion trophy shall be judged by a panel of judges in attendance at the convention who do not own any goats being judged or have any goats with their herd name being judged. All other judges are eligible to participate in the judging panel with the exception of the current chair of the Judges Training Committee or whomever s/he designates to perform the duties described in subparagraphs J.1.c and J.1.d below, whose duty shall be the supervision of the overall conduct of the competition. Each judge will write his/her top three placings on a scorecard, and they will be tallied by two non-judge members appointed by the President. *(91-12, 96-24, 04-05, 08-15, 11-4)*
      (1) The placings will be scored 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 3 points and 3rd place = 1 point.
      (2) The goat with the most points will be the National Champion. If two or more goats are tied then,
      (3) The winner will be whichever tied goat has the most 1st places. If there is still a tie then the winner will be whichever tied goat has the most 2nd places, then 3rd places. If there is still a tie then Co-National Champions will be awarded. *(04-05)*
      (4) Scorecards with less than three placings will be discarded. *(20-3)*
   b. There must be at least two buck and two doe Permanent Grand Champions entered in the National Champion Challenge classes to qualify as a win for the National Champion Challenge. *(02-14)*
   c. Proof of Permanent Grand Champion status as outlined in paragraph H5, for both does and bucks, must be furnished to the JTC Chair or his/her designee prior to the commencement of the National Champion Challenge. *(03-02)*
   d. Goats entered in the National Champion Challenge must have either a legible tattoo or a microchip. Prior to entering the show ring, the goat's tattoo or microchip will be checked by the JTC Chair or his/her designee to ensure that the numbers match those preprinted by the Central Office on the respective Registration Certificates. *(03-02, 11-8)*
   e. Winners of National Champion awards will receive a trophy to keep and a free half page ad in MEMO. *(95-12, 02-14)*
   f. The National Champion portion of the show must be conducted before the sanctioned portion of the show begins. *(05-13)*
2. **Wethers**
   a. NPGA will conduct a National Champion Wether Challenge to be held just prior to the National Champion Doe Challenge during the annual NPGA National show.
   b. There must be at least two bronze level wethers entered in the National Champion Challenge to qualify as a win for the National Champion Challenge. (*08-06)*
   c. A wether, which has received at least three "Best Wether" awards at NPGA shows, may compete in any subsequent National Champion Wether Challenge. *(01-08, 08-03)*
   d. An original NPGA wether certificate must be present at the time the wether is being shown.
   e. The winner of the National Champion Wether Challenge will be designated as the (year) National Champion wether.
   f. The judging procedure for the National Champion Wether Challenge will be the same as that for bucks/does in Section 1. *(99-03)*
   g. The National Champion portion of the show must be conducted before the sanctioned portion of the show begins. *(05-13)*

L. REPORT OF AWARDS

1. The Report of Awards form shall be completed and signed by the show secretary and the judge before either person leaves the show grounds. The Show Chairman/Secretary shall mail the original to the NPGA Show Coordinator within ten days of the date of judging. The judge keeps the second copy and the sponsoring organization keeps the third copy. The judge will document and sign the Grand Champion win on the back of the winner's Certificate of Registry. *(08-03)*
2. All tattoo and/or microchip information for the Report of Awards shall be taken from the judge as he/she, or the person he/she has delegated, reads it on the goat. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide a compatible microchip scanner for the judge's use if microchips are used for purpose of identification of the animal at the show. *(99-14)*
3. By checking "Papers OK" the judge verifies that the Report of Award is completed correctly and information on the Report of Award matches the animal's Certificate of Registry/Ancestry; including color pattern and obvious random markings of the animal. Should the animal's registered color be anything other than a NPGA recognized color/color pattern, a doe or buck will be disqualified and will not record the win. This would not apply to wethers, where there are no disqualifying faults. (15-14) (16-05).

4. No changes may be made on the Report of Awards after the NPGA Show Coordinator receives it. Records of wins will be taken from these reports. The show secretary and judges should use diligence to ensure all information is correct. If a Report of Awards is lost, information from the judge's unaltered copy will be used to record the Champions. If the judge's copy is unavailable or altered, the show secretary's unaltered copy will be used.

M. CERTIFICATES

1. Grand Champion Does and Bucks
   a. The NPGA Report of Awards Coordinator will print and mail a Grand Champion certificate to the goat's owner, upon verifying eligibility, after each such win.
   b. The NPGA Report of Awards Coordinator will print and mail a Permanent Grand Champion certificate to the goat's owner, upon verifying eligibility, after the required number of grand champion wins.
2. Master Champion Challenge
   a. The NPGA Report of Awards Coordinator will print and mail a Master Champion Challenge certificate to the goat's owner, upon verifying eligibility, after each leg won.
   b. The NPGA Report of Awards Coordinator will print and mail a Master Champion certificate to the goat's owner, upon verifying eligibility, after the required number of Master Champion Challenge legs won.
3. Wethers
   The NPGA Report of Awards Coordinator will print and mail the appropriate level Wether Certificate to the goat's owner, upon verifying eligibility. For three Best Wether wins, a Bronze Certificate of Award will be issued; for the next three (a total of six) Best Wether wins, a Silver Certificate of Award will be issued; for the next three (a total of nine) Best Wether wins, a Gold Certificate of Award will be issued; and for the next three (a total of twelve) Best Wether wins, a Platinum Certificate of Award will be issued.
4. National Champions
   The NPGA Report of Awards Coordinator will print and mail National Champion Certificates to the goat's owners after the annual competition at the National Convention. The Certificates will be awarded for winning the Doe, Buck, and Wether National Champion Challenges.
5. Previously won Master Champion and National Champion certificates will be issued by the Report of Awards Coordinator to owners at $5 per certificate.

N. APPRENTICE PROGRAM

1. The apprentice must have passed NPGA's written test for judge candidates before the show.
2. Participation in the AP shall be optional for judges, apprentices, and show chairs.
3. The judge must have been licensed for at least 3 years to qualify to mentor an apprentice in the AP.
4. The apprentice shall get written permission in advance from the local show secretary and the judge before mentoring at the show. This permission can be included in the judge's written contract for judging the show or in a separate agreement signed by the judge, the apprentice, and the local show secretary. There may be only one apprentice per judge at any given event.
5. Show rules that apply to the judge shall also apply to the apprentice:
   a. Rule B.3.b. Exhibitors shall not show any goat in the sanctioned shows judged by the judge during that day with the herdname(s) of the apprentice.
6. The Code of Ethics for Judges (Rules and Regulations 10.E.3.) shall apply to the apprentice while at the show. *(11-27)*
7. The judge and the apprentice must do their best not to unduly slow down or interrupt the show.
8. The apprentice should stand back out of the way and watch the Judge check teeth and teats. The apprentice will follow the ring procedure of the judge including hands on examination and watching the animals while on the move. (*13-11*)
9. When the judge starts placing the goats, the apprentice can write down reasons to compare to the judge's. The judge should not hold up the show to wait for the apprentice - it is the apprentice's responsibility to be ready. The apprentice must be sure that any written comments cannot be seen by exhibitors or spectators.
10. The apprentice may be in the ring for a maximum of two classes in each division (2 Jr. Doe, 2 Sr Doe, 2 Jr. Buck, 2 Sr. Buck).
11. The show secretary shall notify the exhibitors on the entry form which show that an apprentice will be participating in. *(06-10)*

O. COMPLAINTS AND PENALTIES

1. Complaints regarding shows are to be made in writing and submitted, with required fees, to the Compliance Committee Chairperson, who will forward the complaint to the appropriate committee for the recommended course of action. Complaints meant to affect the outcome of a show or the eligibility of an animal to be shown must be filed within 7 days. All other complaints will be subject to Compliance Committee guidelines for filing complaints. The

committee's recommendation will then be submitted to Board of Directors whose decisions, including possible penalties, shall be final. *(09-20)*

a. Complaints pertaining to the ethics of judges or members shall be referred to the Compliance Committee. *(09-20)*
b. Complaints pertaining to the competence of a judge shall be referred to the Judges Training Committee.
c. Complaints pertaining to the management of the show shall be referred to the Show Coordinator.
d. Complaints pertaining to the judge's interpretation of the Breed Standard shall be referred to Breed Standard Committee.
e. Technical errors shall not affect the recording of the Champion win unless reported within 21 days.

2. The Show Coordinator will review wins awarded at a show in which NPGA rules were violated and his/her recommendation referred to the Board. If deliberate abuse of the rules is proven to a majority of the Board, and goat(s) involved are the Champions, the win will be disallowed. In cases where a qualified Reserve Champion exists from that show, that animal will record the win. *(99-17, 07-02)*