

JUDGES TRAINING COMMITTEE (JTC)

REPORT TO THE BOARD JANUARY 2009

REGION & STATE	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	ROTATE OFF
2 – CA	Jennifer Josephson	Dec. 2012
3 – CA	Donna Elkins	Dec. 2011
3 – AZ	April Seiler	Dec. 2012
4 – MI	Jennifer Sanderson	Dec. 2012
5 – VT	Michael O’Kelly	Dec. 2012
5 – PA	Sarah Read	Dec. 2011
6 – IL	Carol Shea-Hepner	Dec. 2009
8 – NC	Debbie McGhee	Dec. 2009
ROTATED OFF		
1 – WA	Mark Adkins	Dec. 2008
1 – OR	Judy Starbuck	Dec. 2008
4 – MI	Erin McCarthy	Dec. 2008
4 – MI	Mary Beth Guenther	Dec. 2008

COMMUNICATION:

- I mailed annual judging licenses to all the judges, including information about their individual requirements to attend the Continuing Education Program (Con-Ed).
- I provided an information sheet on the June 2009 Judging Exam to be held in Cottonwood, AZ to *Memo* for candidates, Judges, and others who plan to attend (to appear in Winter 2008, Spring 2009, and Summer 2009 issues).
- I wrote a summary for *Memo* (Winter 2008) with the JE results and “thank you” for all of the participants of the NPGA 2008 JE held in Perry, GA.

2008 JUDGING EXAM (JE):

Eleven candidates were tested by the seven JTC-member (including myself) scoring panel. We licensed four Judges (two previously Provisional Judges) and three new Provisional Judges.

2008 CONTINUING EDUCATION (CONED):

Nine judges (besides the JTC members) attended the Convention to fulfill their Con-Ed requirements. Bill Granger and Michael O’Kelly received 1-year Con-Ed extensions to 2009.

The Con-Ed was a success again, with positive evaluations from the attending judges. Andy and Janet Nash did a great job providing a positive learning environment for the attending judges.

2009 JE:

There are currently 6 candidates eligible for the JE in Cottonwood, AZ. There are other NPGA members who have said that they plan to attend, but they have not yet scheduled their written tests.

LICENSED JUDGES:

Pursuant to R&R 10.D.2, all judges must participate in the Con-Ed Program at least once every 3 years, subject to a 1-year extension in non-sequential years. Roseanne Roberts-Brown resigned in June 2008. Peggy Madonia did not attend the Con-Ed in Perry, Georgia and her NPGA judging license was revoked effective June 9, 2008. Once a judging license is revoked, a new license must be earned by retaking and passing the written and practical tests under the same rules as any other candidate.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Rules & Regulations 10.D.2 currently states "A judge must attend a Continuing Education (Con-Ed) Seminar at least once every 3 years."

We suggest the following changes and additions be made:

d. A judge must attend a Con-Ed Seminar at least once every 4 years if the following requirements are met:

- (1) Judge at least 1 NPGA Sanctioned show per year
- (2) Complete Con-Ed questionnaires at least once annually for 3 years and twice annually during the 4th year and return it within 30 days of receiving the questionnaires. (*see attached sample of questionnaire*)

e. A judge may receive credit for a Con-Ed seminar by attending an alternate Continuing Education seminar offered by a different approved goat organization. This experience cannot count for consecutive Con-Ed requirements and is only applicable to the 3 year requirement.

- (1) A written request must be submitted to the JTC Chairperson at least 60 days prior to the planned training for approval. (*see attached document*)
- (2) The judge attending the alternate seminar must complete an evaluation form and return it to the JTC Chairperson within 30 days after attending the seminar. (*see attached document*)
- (3) Approved goat organizations include the following: Canadian Goat Society (CGS), American Goat Society (AGS), American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA), Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association (NDGA), American Boer Goat Association (ABGA), and the International Boer Goat Association (IBGA).
- (4) Failure to comply with these requirements will result in this experience not counting toward a Con-Ed experience and result in the judge's license automatically being revoked if attendance at an NPGA offered Con-Ed is not attended in the required time.
- (5) The alternate Continuing Education cannot be used more than 3 times by a Judge.

2009 BUDGET:

Whenever possible my correspondence will continue to be sent via e-mail, which is free. However, I will need to make at least one U.S. Mailing to send out the annual judging licenses. I also will need to mail written tests and name badges to new judges.

Estimate:

\$650	Income	6 written tests @ \$25 each and 10 candidates @ \$50 each
\$125	Expense	Postage [annual licenses/written tests/name badges] + JE forms + name badges for new judges

Jason Overman, DVM
Judges Training Committee Chairperson
December 15, 2008



NPGA Continuing Education

Questionnaire – 2009a

Dear Judge,

Completing the following form in its entirety and returning it to the JTC Chairperson within 30 days will allow you to receive credit towards your Con-Ed requirements. These questionnaires will arrive twice annually and all must be completed and submitted in order to count towards your Con-Ed requirements. By completing the forms and judging at least 1 NPGA sanctioned show a year you will be able to attend an NPGA sponsored Con-Ed once every 4 years instead of 3 years. This is completely voluntary and your answers will not be graded, only evaluated to see areas that need to be addressed and hopefully give you a chance to self-evaluate your current knowledge. If you choose not to participate in this optional Con-Ed you will be required to attend the Con-Ed every 3 years as you have done in the past.

Thanks for your time,

Jason Overman, DVM
JTC Chairperson

Section I – Review of Rules for Official Shows

1. The Reserve Best Wether will record a win if any of what six (6) criteria apply to the Best Wether?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____

2. Any doe delivering after how many days of gestation is considered freshened and would have to be entered in the Senior Doe division?
 - a. _____

3. In a separately sanctioned Junior and Senior doe show, there must be at least how many does judged in at least how many different age classes to meet sanction?
 - a. Number of does in each show: _____
 - b. Number of classes: _____

Section II – Review of Showmanship

1. The three categories of judging showmanship with their respective number of points allocated to each are:
 - a. Category: _____ # of points: _____
 - b. Category: _____ # of points: _____
 - c. Category: _____ # of points: _____

2. *Circle the correct answer in parenthesis:* When switching goats standing next to each other in the line, the number 1 position exhibitor will start a (clockwise/counterclockwise) turn moving out of the line (toward/away from) the judge, make a roll turn, and then complete the (clockwise/counterclockwise) turn back into the line behind the number 2 goat that will have moved up to the number 1 position.
 The number 2 position exhibitor will: (*circle the correct answer*)
 - a. Simply move his/her goat forward in the line when the number 1 goat has moved out of the way
 - b. Move toward the judge and far enough in front of the line to give the other exhibitor enough room to walk between himself/herself and the line
 - c. Walk behind the number 1 position and into the 1st position without have the animal in the first position move

Section III – Review of Faults

1. Place an “X” under the correct fault value for each trait listed. If a trait has a range for the fault place an “X” under each value the fault may carry depending on its severity.

Fault	Moderate	Serious	Very Serious	Disqualifying
Doe with multiple orifices				
Doe with extra teat				
Buck with multiple orifices				
Doe with pendulous udder				
Doe with unbalanced udder				

2. Assuming the following animals are equal in everything but the following faults, indicate which animal would place over the other according to the faults listed by CIRCLING the animal that should be first:
 - a. Goat A has a multiple teat and Goat B has short & sparse haircoat
 - b. Goat A has a weak, thin neck and Goat B has poorly placed shoulders
 - c. Goat A has helicopter ears and Goat B has a shallow chest

3. A goat that is blind in one (1) eye should be disqualified from showing
 - a. True or False? _____

4. Wethers have disqualifying traits
 - a. True or False? _____

Once you have completed this form return the form within 30 days to:

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 22549 Lost Creek Terrace Apt. 200
 Ashburn, VA 20148



Alternate Continuing Education

Name of Judge: _____

Name of alternate Organization: _____

Dates you will be attending event: _____

- Return the above completed information at least 60 days prior to this event. This will be returned to you for you to complete the remainder of the form.

Approved Not approved

JTC Chairperson

Judge Report: Complete the following information after you have attending the approved alternate Con-Ed and return it to the JTC Chair within 30 days of attending the event.

Provide in detail information covered at the event you attended, knowledge gained from the event, and how you can apply this information to judging pygmy goats (you may use a separate sheet of paper if more room is needed):

Signature of Judge & Date