



Oktoberfest Rules

Merced County Fairgrounds • 900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way • Merced, CA 95341

Saturday, October 10 & Sunday, October 11, 2009 ~ 5 Shows in 1 Weekend!

Check-in: 7:00 – 8:30 am • Show Starts at 9:00 am

SAT: Commercial & Intl BGA Percentages - 9 am • Market Goat Showmanship & Jackpot approx. 11 am • F/B Does & Bucks follows

SUN: Breeding Showmanship (all ages): 9 am followed by ABGA Open/Junior breeding show

The intent of the show rules is to provide fair competition to the exhibitors and their animals on a non-discriminating basis.

1. **SANCTIONING ORGANIZATIONS:** This open/jr. show is held under the sanction of Intl. BGA on Sat., Oct. 10, and ABGA on Sunday, October 11. All applicable organization show rules shall apply and are included herein by this reference.
2. **ENTRY FEE:** \$18.00 per one-day entry; \$28.00 per two-day entry. Stall Fee: \$8.00 per pen (Pens are larger; 8'x8'). All exhibitors showing seven (7) animals or more will receive a breeder's directory ad at NO CHARGE.
3. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entry forms and payments postmarked after 10/01/09 will incur additional late fee of \$5.00 per head.
4. **HEALTH REGULATIONS:** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain and possess documentation required by the state of California. Goats showing visible signs of illness, disease or external parasites will be removed and disqualified at the sole discretion of the show officials.
5. **REFUNDS/SUBSTITUTION:** No refunds will be made after the entry deadline. No refund will be granted for disqualified entries or entries scratched after the entry deadline. Substitutions will be allowed; limited to 5 per exhibitor.
6. **ELIGIBILITY –** Animals must be registered in a registered herdbook; American Boer Goat Association, International Boer Goat Association, or Canadian Boer Goat Association. You MAY show an ABGA registered animal in the Intl BGA show & vice versa. Commercial does must have permanent identification by means of an official Scrapie tag.
7. Junior show animals must be owned, registered and shown by exhibitors 19 years of age or less on show day.
8. **ENNOBLED HERD BOOK POINTS:** Only those registered in the American Boer Goat Association will be eligible to earn points for their actual placing in the Sunday ABGA show as described in the applicable association rules. International BGA points will be allowed ONLY if owner submits an application for registry within five (5) business working days after the Saturday Intl BGA show.
9. **PROOF OF REGISTRATION:** An original registration certificate is required, although a copy of a Registration Application stamped with the date received by one of the listed associations can be accepted for kids qualified for classes for goats less than 3 months of age. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration document. Persons showing animals whose registration certificates have signed transfers that have not been processed by the applicable registry association must show those animals as agent for the owner as shown on the association records.
10. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** An exhibitor shall not present an animal to be shown under a judge from whom it was purchased or possession taken within 90 days of a show. It is recommended that an exhibitor not contact the judge prior to the show announcing that you will be in attendance or to discuss animals.
11. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:**
 - a. An exhibitor shall not knowingly show an animal that does not meet eligibility requirements
 - b. Any goat showing any pronounced defect or abnormality will be barred from the show in any breeding class. Artificial coloring will be a disqualification as well as illegible tattoos or tattoos that are inconsistent with the goat's registration papers. Judge can check tattoos on animals that are placed up to fifth place. Owner of an animal with a microchip as a permanent identification is required to provide a microchip reader for verification of animal identity.
 - c. Any doe over 24 months of age that has not kidded and cannot prove a current pregnancy should not be entered into the show and is subject to disqualification.
12. **RING ETIQUETTE:** No offspring allowed in the ring while showing the dam – only animal entered in that class may be in the ring. No heelers will be allowed in the ring. Emergency assistance may be provided to render health aid and/or remove exhibitors that are in serious trouble with their entry.
13. **DOGS: NO DOGS ON THE GROUNDS...PLEASE!**
14. **SPECIALTY CLASSES:** All animals in specialty classes must be shown in individual classes.
15. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** The show management will have a night watchman present on Friday/Saturday nights only. The Intl BGA, ABGA, Merced Fairgrounds, or Bill and Sue Hobby will NOT be held responsible for illness, injury, damage or loss of animals, person or property. Your animals are your responsibility, be sure that extra care is taken in locking pens if necessary.
16. **STALLS:** Pen locations are determined on date of entries received and subject to the number of animals each exhibitor enters. For late entries, we cannot guarantee the quantity of pens you require. First bedding will be provided. If additional bedding is required, a fee of \$8.50 per 12 cu. ft. bale will be charged.
17. **GENERAL NOTES:**
 - a. All Exhibitors MUST CHECK IN BY 8:30 AM THE DAY OF THE SHOW; FAILURE TO DO CAN DISQUALIFY YOU AND NO REFUND WILL BE MADE.
 - b. The show management will do its best to announce each class that is entering the ring, but it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be aware of the progression of the show and the classes they are entered in; including the Grand and Reserve Champion runs.
 - c. It is the intent of the show management to have a copy of the Intl BGA and ABGA Official Show rules available during the course of the show.
 - d. You may check out the show rules at www.intlboergoat.org and www.abga.org websites. Official show results will be mailed to the Intl BGA and ABGA Offices within 30 days of the show.