



# TEXAS JUNIOR ANGORA GOAT SHOW

## GENERAL RULES

Entry Deadline: December 1, 2023

Superintendent: Fred Speck

Assistants: Jane Brown, Frank Craddock, Edward Earwood, Preston Faris, Eddie Holland, Andy Laughlin, Steve Nelson, Melody Plumley, Bee Pruneda, Taryn Titsworth, Roy Walston and Kristan Weaver

State Judge: Eddie Holland

Location: Hill Country Youth Event Center

### Show Schedule:

Friday January 12, 2024: Barn Unloading from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Check in: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday January 13, 2024: Show begins at 8:00 a.m. Release after judging

The purpose of the Texas Junior Angora Goat Show is to support youth development and provide educational opportunities for youth related to agricultural, mechanical and natural resource industries.

TJAGS is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every reasonable precaution is taken to promote the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. No one has a greater economic stake in the welfare of animals than the livestock producers and organizations involved in the promotion of agriculture.

### **FORCE MAJEURE:**

TJAGS shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such a delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of TJAGS and which delays or prevents performance by TJAGS otherwise required by this Agreement, including but not limited to any (i) breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities; (ii) and strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders directives or rules issued by governmental authorities, including, but not limited to those concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response and/or protection of the environment; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) acts of God; (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantine; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobedience, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) fires, floods, explosions or inclement weather; x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depression, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) other causes beyond the TJAGS reasonable control.

### **EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS:**

Evacuation of Livestock: During such times as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, the TJAGS, and/or its officials may evacuate the show grounds. Incidents such as but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, fire, etc. will be acted upon in accordance and cooperation with local, state and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life, then livestock. In such cases, exhibitors and/or contestants will turn over the care of their livestock to the TJAGS husbandry

practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted, then exhibitors/contestants will be allowed to reenter the show grounds and claim their livestock.

### **INTERPRETATION & VIOLATION:**

Interpretation and Violation of Rules: Exhibitors are requested to report any rule violation to Show Management immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. TJAGS reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules, and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, TJAGS and to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as TJAGS may order.

### **SPECIAL RULES:**

Special Rules: Special Rules are published in any department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, Show Management will make a ruling as to such conflict, which shall be binding and final.

### **DECISIONS:**

Decisions: The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at or before the time of award, is proven. Any objections to a judge must be submitted in writing to Show Management prior to the event in question.

### **PROTESTS:**

All Protests: Official Protests must be submitted in writing and be accompanied by a \$250.00 cash deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered to Show Management immediately upon the conclusion of judging. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will not be considered. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete a investigation is done. Protests concerning ages of the animals must be filed with TJAGS Show Management two hours prior to the commencement of judging in the department. Protest cases are referred to the executive board who will have full power to act and from whose decision there can be no appeal.

### **DISQUALIFICATION:**

Should any contestant awarded a prize be disqualified, the lower placing contestant will not move into the higher position.

### **HEALTH SAFETY INFORMATION AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK:**

All Exhibitors, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events or on-grounds at any TJAGS facilities shall comply with all health and safety orders, rules and guidelines promulgated by the state, county, local and show officials.

Safety Information: infectious diseases are extremely contagious and are spread mainly from person-to-person contact. TJAGS cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners or others in attendance will not become infected. Please follow CDC guidance if you are not feeling well, test positive for a disease or come into close contact with an infected person. For more information on CDC guidelines go to the CDC Website.

### **REFUNDS:**

There will be no refund of fees. In the event of cancellation of a specific contest/show, refunds may be offered in-partial or in-full and will be determined solely by TJAGS.

## **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK:**

I acknowledge and understand the following:

- i. Participation includes possible exposure to an illness from infectious diseases. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
- ii. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; and
- iii. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Activity, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

## **LIABILITY:**

Release and indemnity: each exhibitor, by entering or exhibiting a project at TJAGS:

Exhibitor hereby indemnifies, releases and holds harmless, and agrees to defend, TJAGS, county, and each of their respective directors, officers, managers, partners (general and limited), employees, owners, invitees, agents, successors and assigns (collectively, the “released parties”) from and against any demands, causes of action, proceedings, fines, penalties, losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) or claims for injuries to persons, including death, or damage to property (collectively, “liabilities”) to which the released parties, or any of them, may become subject, which arise from or in connection with, or in any way relate to (i) any breach by exhibitor of any of the terms of this agreement; (ii) any act or omission by exhibitor or any of its agents, employees, independent contractors, invitees or guests, including any negligent act or omission or willful misconduct; or (iii) exhibitor’s participation in, involvement with or attendance at any TJAGS event, or exhibitor’s engaging in a farm animal activity as defined in section 87.001 Of the Texas civil practice and remedies code, including all such liabilities resulting from the alleged or actual negligence of TJAGS or any of the other released parties. Exhibitor hereby acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing indemnity and release provisions include indemnification and release by exhibitor from and against the released parties’ own negligence.

## **ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS:**

Only 4-H Club and FFA members living in the state of Texas may participate in the TJAGS.

The term “exhibitor” shall mean the bona fide owner of the project. Junior Show exhibitors are subject to the General & Junior Rules as well as the Special Rules. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this show.

Exhibitors must be bona fide members of a Texas County 4-H Club or Texas F.F.A Chapter. Exhibitors must have continuously, personally, fed and cared for their projects under the direct supervision of an AST or a CEA.

Exhibitors may enter as either a Texas 4-H or F.F.A member, but not as both in the same Department. Any exhibitor who enters as both in the same Department will have all his/her entries disqualified without refund of fees.

To be eligible, boys or girls must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas at time of show; be between the ages of 9 and 18 on August 31, 2023, or be between 8 and in the third grade and 18 on August 31, 2023, and be bona fide residents of the State of Texas.

In order to exhibit his/her animal the exhibitor must be academically eligible under UIL or other applicable rules, and the exhibitor must also be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at the exhibitor’s school. An ineligible exhibitor will not be allowed to bring his/her animal to the show or participate in the event.

Junior exhibitors and contestants suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 “No Pass, No Play” are ineligible to participate in any TJAGS activity, event or competition. Any project owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition.

This is an invitational livestock show. TJAGS reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any exhibitor.

To be eligible to compete exhibitors will need Quality Counts verification. The Quality Counts verification number must be recorded on the Junior Entry Form when entering the project. Please refer to the website <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts> for information on how to become verified.

## **NO PASS – NO SHOW**

### **ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS:**

Upon reasonable request at any time during the feeding period, each Exhibitor agrees to produce for inspection by the Inspection Committee, his or her exhibits and documentation evidencing his or her ownership. Presentation of such documents shall also be required by the Show officials who receive the animal at the time of its arrival at the show. ETHICS: THE SHOWING OF ANY ANIMAL THAT HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED ANY QUANTITY OF DIURETIC, UNAPPROVED GROWTH STIMULANT OR OTHER UNAPPROVED MEDICATION, OR THAT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY WITHDRAWN FROM APPROVED DRUGS IS PROHIBITED. This prohibition applies to all breeding entries. “Unapproved” is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for that species.

As a condition for participation in TJAGS every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal so entered by him or her to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by TJAGS, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the veterinarian shall be final, without recourse against TJAGS, or any of its officers, directors, or employees.

Also as a condition for participation in TJAGS exhibitor entry will be required to have a certification form signed by: 1.) Junior Exhibitor, 2.) Parent or Guardian, 3.) County Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher. This certification form must be signed and returned with an entry card. No animal will be allowed to show without this certification form properly signed.

TJAGS reserves the right to have blood, tissue, urine, or DNA laboratorial analysis made on any animal entered for competition. All samples shall be taken by persons designated by TJAGS and tested in a laboratory chosen by TJAGS. Reasonable care shall be taken with blood, urine, or other body substances to maintain the purity and identity of the sample. The only chain of custody required will be that routinely relied upon by veterinarians practicing in and around the Kerr County area, or as otherwise designated by TJAGS. The exhibitor agrees that he or she will cooperate with the person or persons charged with the responsibility of taking the sample from the animal. Failure to cooperate with testing procedures, or any doing or failing to do any act which will make it unreasonably difficult for the person with the responsibility of taking the sample shall be deemed a voluntary withdrawal by the exhibitor of the animal from the competition. This will result in forfeiture of placing, premium money, prizes, auction money, scholarships, and the exhibitor will be subject to being barred from future competition at TJAGS.

### **UNAPPROVED DRUG**

Use: The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. TJAGS maintains a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for unapproved drug use and unethically fitted livestock. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, any unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including those that may be destined for human consumption. Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

### **APPROVED DRUG**

Use: If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival to the grounds. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it

takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is typically longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most.

Consequences: In the event any animal is declared by the veterinarian or testing agency to be unethically fitted or disqualified for any reason the TJAGS President will present the case to the Executive Board for evaluation. The exhibitor will likely forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, auction proceeds, premiums and scholarships for all entries if the animal and/or exhibitor is disqualified. Market/Floor money will be forfeited if the animal is condemned at slaughter. The Executive Board may temporarily decide to permanently bar the exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the TJAGS . Reinstatement of anyone barred may be made only by the Executive Board. Probation: An exhibitor may be placed on a probationary status if results of drug tests are inconclusive, confirmation of a primary test cannot be granted, or another situation questioning the ethical fitting of livestock arises. The probation grants the right for the TJAGS to collect ultrasound, DNA, blood, tissue and/or urine samples for laboratory analysis on any animal entered by an exhibitor on probation at the exhibitor's expense. An exhibitor may remain on probation for any amount of time and may be released from probation only by the Executive Board.

### **UNETHICAL FITTING:**

Unethical fitting is defined as any attempt to alter an animal's performance or alter the natural contour, conformation, or appearance of the animal's body, hide, hair, or feet by any unnatural means. Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to:

- Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
- Surgical alterations, excluding the removal of warts or horns
- Use of Injections
- Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area
- Use of electrical contrivances
- Feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass
- Blocking of nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail
- The use of diuretics
- The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench
- The use of alternative treatments including, but not limited to: acupuncture, animal chiropractic services, electrical massage or laser therapy on show grounds
- The use of additives to the mohair, such as painting, powdering, artificial coloring, adhesives, oil, detergents, softeners, etc.

It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the animal is free of the prohibited drugs and substances. Knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regard to the drugs or substances found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown introduced the prohibited substance into the animal.

If any animal requires emergency or medical treatment while on show grounds, only a show approved licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or food additive with the notification of the Division Superintendent.



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## SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### ADMINISTRATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Texas Junior Angora Goat Show (TJAGS) reserves to its executive Committee / Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rule and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor and or their agent who violates any of the general and special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the executive committee may order. Such a penalty may include being barred from the show.

### STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All livestock exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the management, but the show will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him or for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the show against all animals exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

## SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### EXHIBITORS

- 1: Only 4-H Club and FFA members living in the state of Texas.
- 2: Exhibitors of animals must present an ORIGINAL registration paper for each animal to the Show Superintendent between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately before the show. Registration papers must be in the name of the exhibitor. Animals with incorrect registration papers or identification problems will be sifted.
- 3: Transfers must be dated prior to November 1 by the Association. Registered goats must be in the possession of the exhibitor by November 1 of the preceeding year.
- 4: An exhibitor is limited to two (2) entries per class. Maximum entries for the show is 12 animals. Entry Fee is \$25 per animal.
- 5: Exhibitors must feed, care for and exhibit their animals without any aid or assistance during the entire feeding period except from family or legal guardian, AST, CEA or other 4-H or FFA members from the same county. Show management will rule on all issues regarding ownership (i.e. Ribbon, Premium, or Scholarship).
- 6: All exhibitors will comply with current regulations governing livestock shows and sales as established by the Texas Animal Health Commission. TJAGS DOES NOT REQUIRE HEALTH PAPERS UNLESS THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION REQUIRES THEM.

### ANIMALS

- 1: The age of animals will be determined by the registration papers. Transfers to other classes will not be allowed and refunds for incorrect entries will not be made.
- 2: All goats must be machine shorn slick on or after July 15th of the previous year. The signature of the exhibitor's supervisor on the entry card will verify compliance with this rule. Spot checks will be made.

- 3: Any Angora goat with hair equal to or greater than 7 inches will be disqualified from the show.
- 4: Entries must be a credit to the show.
- 5: Entries must show two (2) of the three (3) accepted methods of identification. These methods are tattoos, ear notches and ear tags.
- 6: Entries must have a December 1, 2022 or earlier United States postmark to be accepted. Entries must be received at the address of 401 Junction Hwy., Kerrville, Texas 78028 by 5:00 p.m., December 15, 2022, regardless of the postmark. All entry fees and summary sheet(s) must accompany entries. No refunds will be made. The entry **MUST** be signed by the exhibitor, parents or guardian and supervisor County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher. Improperly filled out cards will be returned. Incorrect entries will be returned and charged \$10.00 per exhibitor. Any entries with corrections must be initialed by the exhibitor and the County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher. Entries must be paid by FFA Chapter or County 4-H Club check
  - a: Late Entries: For any entries submitted postmarked from December 2-15, 2022, all standard entry fees will be \$50 per entry accepted.
  - b: Past Due Entries: For any entries received from December 16, 2022, until the end of check in for the show a past due entry fee of \$250 per entry will be assessed, if accepted.
  - c. Entries must be made on official entry cards with one check to cover all entries.
- 7: All entries must remain presentable to the public.
- 8: Showing will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time will be barred from competition in the class. Protests that the judge overlooked exhibits will not be considered.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

- 1: All animals must be exhibited by the owners. A substitute exhibitor may be used under the following conditions:
  - a. When an exhibitor has two animals in the same class.
  - b. When an exhibitor is sick. Should an exhibitor become sick or injured the day of the show, the department superintendent and two officers may at their discretion render a conditional approval for a substitute exhibitor. Such conditional approval shall require a signed doctor's statement to be mailed to TJAGS, 401 Junction Hwy., Kerrville, Texas 78028, within 5 calendar days from the date of show. It must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Failure to produce such a statement shall result in disqualification of the exhibitor and forfeiture of all premium money and sales proceeds.
  - c. Approved school activities. Exhibitors must have documentation for school activities.

## **SHOW RULES**

- 1: After the class has been turned over to the judge, only exhibitors and officials will be allowed in the arena.
- 2: In all cases, the decisions of the classifiers, sifters, superintendents and judges ARE FINAL.
- 3: Abuse of animals will not be tolerated.
- 4: Trimming and grooming of animals will be limited to areas specified by the Pens and Grounds Committee. No trimming and grooming will be allowed in the aisles or alleyways. Scales and generators are allowed in designated areas only.

- 5: No Recreational Vehicles (unless used by show officials) will be allowed to be used on the grounds.
- 6: Owners of the Champion Animals must submit animals requested by show management for a photograph.
- 7: The registration papers must show the “sole” exhibitor as owner, no farm names or partnerships.
- 8: Absolutely no tack, feed, supplies, or etc. will be allowed to be stored outside the assigned pens. Tack, feed, and supplies will be allowed in or above the assigned pens.
- 9: Animals are no longer the responsibility of TJAGS after the completion of their respective shows.
- 10: The release of animals will be at the discretion of each department’s superintendent.
- 11: The 1st and 2nd place goats in each class may be subject to testing for any substance added to the fleece such as oil. If the winner of the premier exhibitor award does not have a goat that placed first or second, the two highest placing goats from that exhibitor’s herd will be tested. If there is a tie, there will be a random draw from the Executive Committee.

**AWARDS**

- 1: The Premier Exhibitor for the State will be determined by the total amount of premium money won in the Registered Angora Goat classes. Premium money given for champions is not included.

**CLASSES:**

Buck Kids 1	Doe Kids 4
Yearling Bucks 2	Yearling Does 5
Aged Bucks 3	Aged Does 6

**PREMIUMS:**

**JUNIOR SHOW:**

Added money will be paid on 80% of the classes 1-6.

CLASSES 1-6: \$64, \$60, \$56, \$52, graduating down to \$25 minimum.

80% of entries in the class will receive premium money.

**CHAMPION REGISTERED ANGORA BUCK AND CHAMPION REGISTERED ANGORA DOE WILL COMPETE FOR THE REGISTERED CHAMPION GOAT OF THE SHOW.**

For the 2023 a \$10,000 two year college scholarship will be awarded to the premier exhibitor and another \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to the exhibitor of the Champion Angora Goat of Show. The scholarships are for for high school graduates to attend one of the following: Texas Colleges, Texas Universities or Texas Vocational / Technical schools with approval from TJAGS Executive Board. An exhibitor can win both the Premier Exhibitor and Champion Angora Goat only once for each award.