

American Boer Goat Association Ennoblement Rules and Regulations

Rule 1000: Ennoblement Program Rules

A. Animal Eligibility

- i. The ABGA ennoblement program is open to animals in the following categories of registration:
 - a. ABGA registered Fullblood doe (FB; 100%)
 - b. ABGA registered Purebred doe (15/16; 93.75%)
 - c. ABGA registered Fullblood buck (FB; 100%)
 - d. ABGA registered Purebred buck (31/32; 96.88% or higher)
- ii. Any animal owned by an individual whose membership has been denied or revoked is ineligible for Ennoblement.
- iii. ABGA sanctioned show exhibitors are to present a valid ABGA registration paper at show entry for tracking of placing.
- iv. Animals are required to meet inspection and point requirements as listed in the Ennoblement Rules and Regulations to receive ennoblement status.
- v. Non-inspected animals can achieve ennobled status through their progeny. This requirement includes but is not limited to deceased ABGA registered Fullblood & Purebred bucks and does. A minimum of three (3) progeny (sons and/or daughters) are required to pass visual inspection to contribute points to the parent.
- vi. The progeny, registered Fullblood/Purebred sons and/or daughters as defined in Rule 1000.A.i, may begin earning points for their sire and/or dam as well as themselves either through ABGA sanctioned shows or performance testing prior to visual inspection.
- vii. The progeny must pass visual inspection before their earned points become official and are applied toward the ennoblement of their sire and/or dam as well as their own ennoblement. Progeny cannot be inspected prior to 10 months of age.
- viii. Progeny is defined as the direct offspring of a buck or doe, i.e., sons and daughters (not grandsons and granddaughters).
- ix. The progeny may come from live coverage, artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

B. Points at ABGA Sanctioned Shows

- i. Points are awarded based on ABGA judges' placement of animals at an ABGA sanctioned show.
- ii. Animals entered into an ABGA sanctioned show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
- iii. ABGA can not change placing without written authorization from the show secretary and one other show official.
- iv. A formal show report containing the animals' names, ABGA registration numbers, tattoos, the total number of animals exhibited in the show and in each class shall be completed by the show secretary and submitted to the ABGA office within 30 days of the show.
- v. The overall Grand and Reserve Champions of ABGA sanctioned shows will receive additional points correlating with the total number of Fullblood or Purebred animals exhibited in their gender division.
- vi. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Division Champions shall receive additional points based on the number of animals exhibited in their gender division.
- vii. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004 will not be awarded points.
- viii. Points will be awarded as shown in the Sanctioned show Points Charts under Rule 1400.

C. Points at the ABGA National Show

- i. Points awarded by ABGA at the ABGA National Show will be subject to the requirements posted in the ABGA National Show rules.
- ii. Animals entered into an ABGA National Show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
- iii. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Grand Champion and Junior, Yearling, and Senior Reserve of the ABGA National Show will receive class points and Champion points according to the published scale for number of animals exhibited in their gender division of the National Show.

- iv. National Grand and National Reserve Champions of the ABGA National Show will receive an additional fifty (50) and thirty (30) points respectively.
- v. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004 will not be awarded points
- vi. Points for the ABGA National Show will be awarded based on the following schedule:

ABGA National Show Class Points						
# Exhibited in Class	Placing In Class					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5 th	6th
10 or fewer	5					
11 to 25	10	5				
26 to 50	15	10	5			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5

ABGA National Show Champion Points				
# Exhibited in FB/PB	Junior & Senior Grand Champion	Junior & Senior Reserve Champion	National Grand Champion	National Reserve Champion
10 or fewer	5		50	30
11 to 25	10	5		
26 to 50	15	10		
51 to 100	20	15		
101 to 175	25	20		
176 or more	30	25		

D. Performance Testing Points

- i. Bucks entered into an ABGA Approved Performance Gain Test are required to be ABGA registered as Fullblood or Purebred to receive points.
- ii. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded
- iii. Ten (10) points will be awarded to a Boer buck who shows an average daily weight gain (ADG) in the top five percent (5%) of the Fullblood and Purebred Boer animals on test.
- iv. Five (5) points will be awarded to a Boer buck who shows an average daily weight gain in the next fifteen percent (15%) of the Fullblood and Purebred Boer animals on test.
- v. See rules governing the ABGA Performance Testing Program (Rule 1200).

E. Inspection Requirement for Ennoblement

- i. An animal seeking ennoblement is required to meet the inspection rules of ABGA (Rule 1100).

F. Ennoblement Requirements

- i. Passed visual inspection
 - a. A combined total of eighty (80) points from subject animal and progeny is required for ennoblement
 - b. Minimum number of progeny required to pass visual inspection is 3
 - c. Minimum ABGA points earned by each individual inspected progeny is 5
 - d. Minimum points from the total of 3 or more visually inspected progeny is 30
 - e. The animal can not contribute more than 50 points toward its' own ennoblement
- ii. Uninspected animal, including those that are deceased
 - a. A total of one hundred (100) points must be earned by the progeny.
 - b. Minimum number of progeny required to pass visual inspection is 3
 - c. Minimum ABGA points earned by each individual inspected progeny is 5
 - d. Minimum points from the total of 3 or more visually inspected progeny is 100.