

ABGA NATIONAL SHOW DRUG & DNA TESTING POLICY

A. PARTICIPATION: As a requirement for participation in the American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) National Show, the goat(s) Owner of Record or Registered Agent, as recorded by the ABGA, is required to submit any goat(s) that have entered the National Show for inspection and/or drug testing. For non-registered goat(s) being entered in the market/wether dam categories of the National Show, the Owner is defined as being the Exhibitor upon entry. If the entered goat(s) belongs to a minor; a parent, legal guardian and/or adult sponsor is required to sign the Consent for Testing Form. Testing includes but is not limited to DNA, hair, urine, blood or other body samples. A consent form acknowledgement is required to be on file for any goat(s) to enter and participate in the ABGA National Show.

B. TESTING: Testing includes but is not limited to DNA, hair, urine, blood or other body samples. The form of testing will be determined by the ABGA Board of Directors and is subject to change at any time without notice. The ABGA holds the absolute right and discretion to require a drug test at any time while the entered goat(s) is on the grounds of the ABGA National Show. Exhibitors and Agents forfeit the absolute right to decline any form of drug testing while on the grounds of the ABGA National Show. Samples collected will be tested by a certified laboratory chosen by the ABGA in its absolute discretion for any prescription medication, therapeutic drugs and/or prohibited substances. A split sample of each goat(s) DNA, hair, urine, blood or other body samples may also be collected.

C. DNA COLLECTION AND TESTING FOR REGISTERED ANIMALS: Division Champions, Division Reserve Champions, Overall Grand Champions and Overall Reserve Champions are subject to collection of DNA samples. The samples will be put on file with the current ABGA DNA contracted lab for the sole purposes of research or progeny parentage verification. The cost of the sample testing will be covered by the ABGA.

D. PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS: Any goat(s) requiring prescription medication or therapeutic drugs on the grounds of the ABGA National Show, the Owner of Record or Registered Agent is required to follow these guidelines: 1) The ABGA National Show Veterinarian is required to administer any prescription medications or therapeutic drugs. 2) The Show Veterinarian is required to disclose any prescription medications or therapeutic drugs given at the ABGA National Show. 3) The National Show Veterinarian is required to declare if that animal is or

is not fit to compete on the signed medication form to be on file with the National Show Leadership Team. All goat(s) are subject to immediate disqualification should these requirements be violated. **Abuse of the extra-label privilege by Veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.**

E. CONSENT FORM: By acknowledging the Consent to Testing Form, the Owner and/or Owner's Agent of Record (if owner is a minor, the parent, legal guardian or sponsor will be the owner's agent) of the goat(s) being entered agree that:

- a. The Exhibitor, Owner and Owner's Agent of Record is solely responsible to ensure that the goat(s) testing sample reports no trace of ALL prohibited drugs and substances. The Exhibitor, Owner and Owner's Agent of Record is solely responsible for all knowledge of substances administered related to the animal(s) registered. All Exhibitors, Owner's and Owner's Agents accept absolute responsibility for any direct or indirect exposure of banned substances.
- b. The exhibitor agrees to not administer any prescription medications or therapeutic drugs to any animal(s) that will be exhibited at the ABGA National Show until after June 6th, 2025. Any prescription medications or therapeutic drugs must be administered by the attending veterinarian on site during the National Show.
- c. The ABGA shall be entitled to disqualify an animal(s) that test positive for any administered drug or substance.
- d. The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding, even if the source of the drug is unknown.
- e. Additional clarification on drugs that are banned from the ABGA National Show include:
 - aa. Class I- Non steroid Anti-inflammatory and pain killers that are not given by the Show Veterinarian and on file with the National Show Leadership Team at the time of exhibition.
 - bb. Class I- Any substance administered prior to the show not in accordance with drug label directions
 - cc. Class II- Any substance which is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or United States Department of

Agriculture (USDA) for use in slaughter animals and for use in the specific species and sex of the animal being exhibited

dd. Class II- Any substance which has the potential to enhance an animal's performance including anabolic steroids, adrenal steroids, androgen steroids, beta-agonist, diuretics, steroidal anti-inflammatory, and tranquilizers.

f. Medications that could test positive but will be allowed for the health and well-being of animals in transit.

aa. antibiotics

bb. medications given by the show veterinarian, which have been submitted to the National Show Leadership Team; and the animal has been deemed fit to show by the show veterinarian.

F. NOTIFICATION: In the event of a failed test, the ABGA Office will notify the Owner or Owner's agent of the animal(s) and will provide proper documentation and procedure to be completed by email and certified mail. The procedure for any contest, including the selection of the laboratory to be used for the testing of any split samples, shall be determined by the ABGA Board of Directors in its sole discretion. Owner or Owner's Agent shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with the testing of their animal(s) split sample. If owner or owner's agent elects to contest, then Owner or Owner's Agent must, within 10 business days of receiving notice by certified mail of the failed test, provide the ABGA with written notice by certified mail of their intent to contest and provide proof that owner or owner's agent has paid the selected laboratory and ALL costs associated with the testing of their animal's split sample. If the owner or owner's agent fails to do either of the above, within 10 business days of original notification by certified mail, then the Exhibitor, Owner and Owner's Agent will have forever forfeited any right to contest. In the event of a contest, the ABGA Board of Directors and the Exhibitor, Owner and Owner's Agent agree to abide by an order of suppression. All comments, details, and any other information regarding the contest will be retained between the parties and their respective legal representatives. No outside comment or discussion will be allowed by all parties.

G. VIOLATIONS: Violations of the Drug Policy will trigger an automatic hearing, in front of the ABGA Board of Directors, to be scheduled at the discretion of the

ABGA. If it is found that the drug violation occurred after the animal(s) are entered/registered into the ABGA National Show the Exhibitor, Owner and Owner's Agent are subject to the following recourse:

a. No show for random sampling

1. First Offense - Exhibitor is disqualified for the remainder of the National Show. Selected animal(s) will be disqualified from any awards given prior to required testing.

2. Second Offense – Exhibitor is banned from showing, entering and attending the ABGA National Show for a period of one (1) year.

b. Class I Banned substance violation penalties as follows:

1. First Offense – Disqualified from the ABGA National Show with loss of points, forfeiture of all cash awards, trophies, prizes, banners, titles, ribbons and placings. Banned from showing, entering, and attending the ABGA National Show for a period of one (1) year from the date of the Board hearing. May not judge a sanctioned show for the period of one (1) year from the date of the Board hearing.

2. Second Offense – Forfeiture of all points on the subject animal, cash awards, prizes, trophies, ribbons, banners, titles and placings. Banned from showing, entering and attending the ABGA National Show for a period of one (1) year from the date of the Board hearing. May not judge a sanctioned show for the period of two (2) years from the date of the Board hearing. Loss of registration of animal in question will be for three (3) years.

c. Class II Banned substance violation penalties as follows:

1. First Offense - Forfeiture of all cash awards, prizes, trophies, ribbons, banners, titles and placings. Banned from showing, entering and attending the ABGA National Show for a period of one (1) year from the date of the Board hearing. May not judge a sanctioned show for the period of two (2) years from the date of the Board hearing. Loss of registrations of animal in question will be for three (3) years.

2. Second Offense – Forfeiture of all cash awards, prizes, trophies, ribbons, banners, titles and placings. Lifetime ban from the ABGA National Show. Cannot judge a sanctioned show for two (2) years. Loss of registrations of animal in question permanently.

c. Market or Wether Dam banned substance violation penalties as follows:

1. First Offense - Forfeiture of all cash awards, prizes, trophies, ribbons, banners, titles and placings. Banned from showing, entering and attending the ABGA National Show for a period of one (1) year from the date of the Board hearing.
2. Second Offense - Forfeiture of all cash awards, prizes, trophies, ribbons, banners, titles and placings. **Junior exhibition** ban from the ABGA National Show.

H. CONCLUSION: The ABGA reserves the final and absolute right to interpret rules, to arbitrarily settle and determine all contest. All decisions made by the ABGA concerning the National Show Drug Testing Policy shall be final and legally binding.

ABGA NATIONAL SHOW DRUG TESTING PROCEDURE

- A. CONSENT: **Consent to Testing will be confirmed at the time of entry. The consent to testing is required to be submitted prior to completion of entry.**
- B. TESTING: All Division Champion(s), Reserve Division Champions, Overall Grand Champion(s), and Reserve Grand Champion(s) will be tested and a selected amount of randoms may be drug tested. **Random sample collections may be taken at any time after arrival. Random drug testing selection shall be done using Google Generator or similar platform for random drug testing selections. If random selection is made during the show, the selections will be made public prior to the placing of the class.** The random placings chosen by the generator will submit a drug sample collection immediately at the conclusion of that class showing in the controlled area provided by the ABGA National Show.
- C. COLLECTION: A third party not affiliated with the ABGA, will be hired to process all samples at the ABGA National Show. The third-party entity is responsible for collecting, handling, storing and submitting the samples. All samples taken from a goat(s) being exhibited by a minor will require a parent, legal guardian or agent to sign the collected sample. The parent, legal guardian or agent must be present in the identified and controlled drug testing area until the testing sample is collected.

- D. RESULTS: Blind results that will not include any exhibitor information shall be submitted to the ABGA Executive Committee for initial evaluation and review. The final evaluation and review report shall be submitted to the Board of Directors within 60 calendar days of the ABGA National Show.