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Official Sanctioned Show Rules Booklet and Application Form

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A. Show Sanction and Fees

1. A sanction application and copy of the schedule of classes shall be sent to the MGR office.
2. The schedule of classes shall state "MGR rules to govern and to take precedence over all others". Show chair/secretary must be a MGR member and give membership number on application unless the application is made by local, county or state fair official.
3. The sanction fee is Fifty dollars (\$50.00) each and the application for sanction must be postmarked to MGR at least 60 days prior to the show. This fee covers MGR rosettes for Junior, Senior and Grand Champion and Reserve Junior, Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champions. The sanction fee for the Wether show will be Twenty dollars (\$20). Late sanction fees of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) each for buck and doe shows are charged when applications are postmarked to MGR within 30 and 59 days of show date. Wether show fees will remain Twenty dollars (\$20). This late fee covers the extra expense incurred to rush order sanction ribbons and to expedite the mailing of those ribbons. No sanctions will be approved with postmarks to MGR of 29 days or less from show date.
4. All MGR sanctioned shows must be judged by a person trained and licensed thru a goat registry. Judges must be approved by MGR before a show will be sanctioned.
5. Bucks, does and wethers shall not compete against each other, but shall be considered as separate shows with a separate sanction fee required for each show.
6. Two or more sanctioned shows judged by two or more judges evaluating the same goats at the same time is disallowed.
7. No other agency shall make any rule, which directly affects the Sanctioned Show without first obtaining approval from MGR.
8. No two shows within a 400 mile radius shall be sanctioned on the same date.
9. No sanctioned show will be approved for the same date for which the National Championship show is scheduled to be held.

B. Show Officials and Judges

1. Show Chairperson/Secretary Responsibilities are:

- a.** To have a copy of the MGR Show Rules available at all times during the show and follow said rules.
- b.** Prior to goat being shown, check the following information on the original MGR registration papers:
 - 1)** Each goat has been entered in the correct age class and division.
 - 2)** Each goat is entered by its full correct name as stated on registration.
 - 3)** The tattoo, USDA scrapie tag, and/or microchip and registration number match those on the entry form.
 - 4)** Confirm ownership on registration or current (less than 45 days) transfer of ownership.
 - a.** An owner may provide written consent for another person to exhibit their animal in their absence and to sign their name. That handler may sign their own name on the Report of Awards form, the owners name and address must be printed on that form. The consent form must be mailed to MGR along with the Report of Awards. .
 - b.** To have and assure that the Report of Awards is correctly filled out.
 - c.** The MGR registration will not be accepted if defaced by information that has been altered or written in.

2. Judge Responsibilities:

- a.** No person shall judge any goat in which he/she has an ownership or part ownership or which is owned by a member of his/her immediate family.
- b.** Judge according to the MGR breed standard, scorecard and faulting sheet.
- c.** Check the birth date on the registration certificate with the schedule of classes to see that the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion goats were shown in the correct class. Check Grand and Reserve Grand Champion to see information on Report of Award matches that on the registration papers, as recorded by MGR.
- d.** Verify that the tattoos, USDA scrapie tags or microchips are read and that those match the numbers documented on the MGR registration papers. These should be read before the Grand or Reserve Grand Champions leave the show ring; however, the judge may ask the champions to be moved to an area that is satisfactory for reading tattoos.

3. Exhibitor responsibilities:

- a.** It is the ultimate responsibility of the exhibitor that the exhibitor's goat(s) is/are entered and shown in the correct age class and division.
- b.** Exhibitor shall not show any goat in a MGR-sanctioned show with the herd name(s) of the judge who is judging that show.
- c.** All goats must be permanently ID'd and that ID must be documented in the MGR database before that entry can record an official win.
- d.** Exhibitor shall provide microchip readers if their goats are identified with microchips.

C. Regulations for MGR Registered Animals

9. An original MGR registration certificate is required for each goat entered, and the document must be presented to the show secretary before the goat is shown. Only MGR registered goats may be shown in sanctioned classes.

10. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration certificate. Otherwise, the owner is determined by a transfer of ownership when it is dated within 45 days of the show and presented with the original registration certificate.

11. Exhibitors may enter and show goats not registered to them with the registered owner's written consent and the goat is entered in the owner's name. If the signature of the owner is required, the exhibitor/handler may sign their own name, for the owner. The owners name and address will be printed on the Report of Awards form. The win will be recorded in the name of the owner.

12. A goat may be judged in only one age class. Proof of date of birth shall be the birth date, recorded by MGR on the registration certificate.

13. Goats must have a legible tattoo, USDA scrapie tag, and /or microchip recorded in the MGR database prior to recording an official win.

14. The base date for computing the age of the goat shall be the day the goat is to be judged unless otherwise stated by a Fair Board in its rules governing livestock. This date must be stated by the fair on the sanction application.

15. Health certificates may be required if specified on the entry form. Show officials may deny entry if any goat does not appear in good health.

16. Any goat that is disqualified in its class must not be counted in the total number of goats shown.

17. The following goats are ineligible to be shown in sanctioned shows. Doing so is a violation of the MGR Code of Ethics:

a. If the Junior Champion buck or doe records the win, it cannot be shown again until the goat is eligible to be shown in the senior division. A buck that records a second win prior to its second birthday cannot be shown again until it reaches two years of age.

b. Any doe having received two wins must give birth to at least one healthy, normal kid in order to be eligible to be shown again in the senior division. Proof of this shall be the existence of a MGR registered or recorded offspring.

c. Any buck having received two wins, must have sired at least one healthy, normal kid in order to be eligible to be shown again in the senior division. Proof of this shall be the existence of a MGR registered or recorded offspring.

d. Any goat receiving the required number of wins to attain Permanent Grand Champion status or Platinum Wether status will be considered retired and may only be shown in Champion Challenge classes.

D. Classes and Awards

- 18.** Only MGR registered goats shall be shown in the sanctioned classes. Unregistered goats must not be shown in the sanctioned show.
- 19.** Junior division classes shall include all buck kids under one year, all wethers under one year, doe kids under one year which have never freshened and yearling does which have never freshened. Any doe delivering after 135 days of gestation is considered as freshened.
- 20.** Senior division classes shall include all does that are two years or older, all yearling or younger does which have freshened one or more times, all bucks that are yearlings or older, and all wethers that are yearlings or older.
- 21.** Entries may not be added to a class after the judging has started unless the show officials have given permission.
- 22.** The judge shall make awards according to the merit of the goat in any class in which there is no competition.
- 23.** Local show chairs have the option to split oversized classes any time before the start of the show based on age and not conflicting with any other show rule.
- 24.** If the goat is not qualified to record the Champion win because it does not meet requirements set by MGR, it will still receive the MGR rosettes, but will not record the official win.

E. Selection of Champions

- 25.** Junior Champion shall be selected from the 1st place winners of the classes in the Junior division.
- 26.** Reserve Junior champion shall be selected from the goat, which stood 2nd to the Junior Champion in its individual class and the 1st place winners of the other Junior division classes.
- 27.** Senior Champion shall be selected from the 1st place winners of the classes in the Senior division.
- 28.** Reserve Senior Champion shall be selected from the goat which stood 2nd to the Senior Champion in its individual class and the 1st place winners of the other Senior division classes.
- 29.** Grand Champion shall be selected between the Junior and Senior Champions.
- 30.** Reserve Grand Champion shall be selected between the Junior or Senior Champion that has not been made Grand Champion and the goat that stood Reserve to the Grand Champion (either the Reserve Junior or Reserve Senior Champion).
- 31.** If a goat is found to be ineligible for line-up in the champion class, before the judging of that class begins, the goat standing in second place to the ineligible goat will be moved up to the first place position. Likewise, the goat standing in third place will move up to second.

F. Requirements for Official Wins for Does/Bucks/Wethers

32. If the Senior Champion is named Grand Champion there must be at least 20/10/6 does/bucks/wethers in the show, 8/5/0 of these must be in the Senior division. At least two senior age classes must be judged. The winning goat must be named Senior and Grand Champion or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand.

33. If the Junior Champion is named Grand Champion there must be at least 20/10/6 does/bucks/wethers in the show, there is no requirement on the number of goats in the Senior division. The goat earning the win must be named Junior and Grand champion or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand.

34. To record a win a goat must be permanently identified by tattoo, USDA scrapie tag, and / or microchip prior to being shown in its individual class on that date. Tattoo, USDA scrapie tag and/or microchip number must match the number on the registration certificate and must be documented in the MGR database. Any Tattoo must be legible, allowing for re-tattooing, but no variations other than partial or complete duplications. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide a compatible microchip scanner for the judge's use if microchips are used for purpose of identification of the animal at the show.

35. Goats must be entered and placed in the correct age class to record a win.

36. At least six current active members of MGR must be represented at any show for a Grand Champion to record a win. For purposes of meeting this requirement, each MGR membership number shall constitute one exhibitor, or in the case of a non-MGR member, the owners of record on the registration certificate.

37. The Reserve Grand Champion will record the official win if:

a. The goat named Grand champion does not meet all MGR requirements for an official win.

b. The animal named Reserve Grand Champion meets all MGR requirements for an official win.

c. Only one win towards a Permanent Grand Champion may be earned as Reserve Grand Champion.

G. Requirements for Permanent Grand Championship or Platinum Status

38. A buck must have 3 champion wins under at least two different judges. One of the required 3 wins may be received as a Junior buck. At least two of the required 3 wins must be received as a Senior buck. At least one of these wins must be at the age of 24 months or older.

39. A doe must have 3 wins under at least two different judges. At least two of these wins must be received as a Senior doe. One of the required 3 wins may be received as a Junior doe.

40. A wether may compete at any age in the wether show. A wether may win a maximum of 12 recorded Grand Champion wether awards. A certificate will be earned each time he records 3 wins until the 12th win.

The certificates are:

Bronze	- 3 recorded wins
Silver	- 6 recorded wins
Gold	- 9 recorded wins
Platinum	- 12 recorded wins

After he attains the title "Platinum" Wether "he will be considered retired and may only be shown in Champion challenge classes at MGR sanctioned shows.

41. Before a doe/buck may be recorded as a Permanent Grand Champion, she/he must have produced at least one healthy, normal kid. Proof of this shall be the existence of a MGR registered or recorded offspring.

42. Any goat receiving the required number of wins to attain Permanent Grand Champion status will be considered retired and it may only be shown in Champion Challenge classes at MGR sanctioned shows.

43. Proof that a goat is a Permanent Grand Champion shall be established in either of the following two ways:

a. Possession of an original Permanent Grand Champion Certificate issued by MGR, or

b. Possession of original Grand Champion Certificates issued by MGR, evidence of recent wins which together totals the required number of wins to attain Permanent Grand Champion status (evidence to be accepted is a copy of the MGR Report of Awards listing the goat as a Grand Champion) and proof of progeny by Registration Certificate of an offspring.

H. Champion Challenge Classes in Sanctioned Shows.

Following the selection of the Grand Champion buck/doe/wether a Champion Challenge class may be offered if Permanent Grand Champion animals have entered. The Permanent Grand Champions will compete against the Grand Champion of the show for the Best Buck in Show/Doe in Show/Wether in Show award. Bucks, Does and Wethers do not compete against each other in MGR sanctioned shows. (Section A - 5)

I. National Show and National Champion Challenge

1. Champion Challenge class competition consisting only of Permanent Grand Champions or of Wethers with at least Bronze status for the National Champion trophy shall be judged by a panel of at least three judges in attendance at the show who do not own goats being judged or have any goats with their herd name being judged. Each judge will write his/her top three placings on a scorecard, and they will be tallied by the MGR senior officer.

a. The placings will be scored 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 1 point.

b. The goat with the most points will be the National Champion. If two or more goats are tied then.

c. The winner will be whichever tied goat has the most 1st places. If there is still a tie, then the winner will be whichever tied goat has the most 2nd places, then 3rd places. If there is still a tie, then Co-National Champions will be awarded.

2. There must be at least two bucks and two does with Permanent Grand Champion status entered in the National Champion Challenge classes to qualify as a win for the National Champion Challenge. There must be at least two wethers with at least 3 recorded wins (Bronze status) entered in the National Champion Challenge wether class to qualify as a win for the National Champion Challenge.

3. Proof of Permanent Grand Champion status as outlined in paragraph **G.6** must be furnished to MGR senior officer or his/her designee prior to the commencement of the National Champion Challenge.

4. Goats entered in the National Champion Challenge must have either a legible tattoo, USDA scrapie tag or a microchip. Prior to entering the show ring, the goat's tattoo, scrapie tag or microchip will be checked by the MGR senior officer or his/her designee to ensure that the numbers match those on the respective Registration Certificates.

5. Winners of the National Champion awards will receive a trophy to keep.

J. Report of Awards

- 1.** The Report of Awards form shall be completed and signed by the show secretary and the judge before either person leaves the show grounds. The show secretary shall mail the original to the MGR office within ten days of the date of judging. The judge keeps the second copy and the sponsoring organization keeps the third copy.
- 2.** All tattoo, USDA scrapie tag and/or microchip information for the Report of Awards shall be taken from the judge as he/she, or the person he/she has delegated, reads it on the goat. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide a compatible microchip scanner for the judge's use if microchips are used for purpose of identification of the animal at the show.
- 3.** No changes may be made on the Report of Awards after it is received by the MGR show committee chairperson. Records of wins will be taken from these reports. The show secretary and judges should use diligence to insure all information is correct and that no items have been left blank. If a Report of Awards is lost, information from the judge's unaltered copy will be used to record the Champions. If the judge's copy is unavailable or altered, the show secretary's unaltered copy will be used.

K. Complaints and Penalties

- 1.** Complaints regarding shows are to be made in writing and submitted to the MGR office.
- 2.** Complaints meant to affect the outcome of a show or the eligibility of an animal to be shown must be filed within 7 days.

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Application for a MGR Sanctioned Show

(This is a two (2) page printed form)

Date(s) of Show: _____

Name of Show (s): _____

Location: _____ City _____ State _____

Judge # 1: _____ **Judge #2:** _____

Affiliated with: _____ Affiliated with: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, ST, ZIP: _____ City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

Judge # 3: _____ **Judge #4:** _____

Affiliated with: _____ Affiliated with: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, ST, Zip _____ City, ST, ZIP _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

Open to All? Yes No (circle one) 4-H or Youth only Restricted by Fair? Yes No

Number of Buck Shows: _____ Doe Shows: _____ Wether Shows: _____

Show Chair/Secretary Must be a MGR member or Local, County or State Official.

1. Secretaries are responsible for reporting the full correct name for both goat and owner of said goat in the Show Result Forms going to MGR.

2. The forms for returning show results to MGR must be followed and used.

3. Report of Award forms must be returned to MGR office within 10 days.

4. Non-Sanctioned and Fun Classes (upon approval of MGR, not eligible to compete for recorded wins). All non-sanctioned or fun classes must be listed with rules for those classes. MGR must approve those classes before they can be held in conjunction with a MGR show. Failure to list these classes will result in the loss of MGR sanction with no refund of sanction fees.

I agree to follow the MGR Sanction Rules/regulations:

Show Chair/Secretary:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Area Code _____

(____) _____

Signature: _____

MGR Member # _____

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ATTACH CLASS SCHEDULE for all classes, including buck, doe and wether show. Specify which ones are Junior/Senior Division Classes. All classes must

be listed including any non sanctioned or fun classes. All non sanctioned classes must include the complete rules for those particular classes. **The CLASS SCHEDULE MUST STATE: "MGR rules to govern and take precedence over all other"**

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(This is a two (2) page printed form)

Sanction Fees: \$50 each for bucks, does and **\$20** for wethers. Application must be postmarked at least **60** days prior to show.

Late Sanction Fees: \$100 each for bucks, does and **\$20** for wethers.

Application postmarked **30 to 59** days prior to show.

For example a typical 2 buck shows, 2 doe shows & 2 wether shows would be

2 X \$50, 2 X \$50 & 2 X \$20 = \$240.00 postmarked 60 days prior to show date

2 X \$100, 2 X \$100 & 2 X \$20 = \$440.00 postmarked 30 – 59 days prior to show

Please make check payable to: **MGR** Mail to: Myotonic Goat Registry

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All animals must present a MGR registration certificate prior to showing. Proof of ownership is the name on the registry certificate, unless new owner presents a transfer of ownership dated less than 45 days prior to the show date along with the registration certificate. See show rules section C.

Once a sanction show application has been processed and approved, the sanction fee will not be refunded in the event that the show is cancelled. If the same show is rescheduled within the same calendar year, by the same show committee, the sanction fee may be applied to the new show. The sanction fee may not be transferred to a different show or show committee at any time.

For Office Use only

4-H or Restricted: _____ # of

shows _____ Doe _____ Buck _____ Wether

Date Received: _____ Date Approved: _____

Date Paperwork Sent: _____

Total Amount Received: \$ _____ Check # _____

Sanction Fee \$ _____

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