

MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR & MISSISSIPPI GOAT ASSOCIATION

1207 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS. 39202

ADGA/AGS OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOWS

Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ 9:00 am

Sunday, October 12, 2025 @ 9:00 am

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL SHOWS. READ CAREFULLY

1. All entries & awards in these shows are subject to the general rules published in this list &/or the Mississippi State Fair Premium book.
2. **Mississippi state health rules will be observed. All goats must have the following:**
  - A. An official health certificate issued within the 30 days of the show date by an accredited veterinarian certifying the animals to be free from the symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases.
  - B. A certificate number on the health certificate if they are from a certified/accredited herd. Goats from a certified free state should have that information on their health certificate.
  - C. Goats require individual identification by an official USDA Scrapie ear tag, OR registered tattoo recorded on the HEALTH CERTIFICATE.
3. **Out-Of-State Entry Requirements for Goats.** All goats shall be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI) & shall comply with the following:
  - A. Goats require individual identification by an official USDA Scrapie ear tag, OR registered tattoo recorded on the OCVI.
  - B. Statement on official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI): **"I certify these animals are free of clinical signs of the diseases contagious foot rot, keratoconjunctivitis, contagious ecthyma (Orf), scabies, & lice, and that sexually intact animals represented on this form are not known to be scrapie positive, suspect, high risk, or exposed, & did not originate from a known infected, source, exposed, or noncompliant flock."**
  - C. **Dairy goats entering for show purposes ONLY are exempt from the Brucellosis & TB Test requirement. Out- of -State animals that entered under this exemption & sold in public sale or private treaty & remain in Mississippi, must meet the Brucellosis & TB Test requirement.**
  - D. Animals from "non-consistent" states may only enter if from a Scrapie Certified Flock with prior entry permit from the state veterinarian.
4. Any goat exhibiting an abscess or signs of any other infectious disease (soremouth, ringworm, pinkeye, etc.) will be immediately disqualified from the show & will be removed from the area where other goats are being kept. A **health official** has the final decision on whether animals satisfy all health requirements. By application for this admission, each exhibitor agrees to show their animals subject to these rules.
5. Base date for age is Saturday, October 11, 2025.

6. **Open show exhibitors may not bring animals, tack, equipment, etc. to the barn or in any way attempt to reserve pens prior to 1:00 pm on Friday, October 10, 2025.** Animals must be in place Friday, October 10, 2025, by 7:00 pm. Animals will be released by 4:00 pm or the conclusion of the show, whichever is later Sunday, October 12, 2025. **Any exhibitor that does not abide by these rules will forfeit all premium monies they have won from the Mississippi State Fair Commission.**

7. Entry Link: <https://showman.app/shows#/2024-mga-state-fair-open-dairy-goat-shows-76d3/>

8. **Entry deadline is Monday, October 6, 2025. Entry fees for the Open Shows are \$8.00 per animal per class. No late entries accepted. NO EXCEPTION.**

9. Exhibitors are expected to purchase passes from the fair office. For information on this contact the Fair Commission office @ 601-961-4000. Neither the Mississippi Goat Association, nor the Mississippi State Fair will be held responsible for any animal or property.

10. NO dogs are allowed in the barns.

11. Any owner, exhibitor, or person exhibiting animals & who publicly expresses disapproval concerning the decision of the judge or who interferes with the show shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming to an exhibitor & may be disqualified & may be asked to remove themselves & their animals from the grounds. The show chairman & show secretary shall have the discretion to make the decision. This includes behavior in the show ring or on the grounds.

12. Exhibitors are expected to wear proper show attire in the ring. Please set a good example for the youth present.

13. Exhibitors are expected to keep the pen/aisles near them clean & neat. Bedding will not be provided but will be available on the fair grounds. Pens must NOT be altered. A clipping area can be in the corner of each barn. Please use this area for clipping if you did not prepare your animals at home.

14. Exhibitors will only be allowed one pen for use as a tack &/or sleeping quarters. **Should the number of goat entries fill the pens there will be no pens for tack/sleeping area.** This rule will be strictly enforced. Show management reserves the right to assign pens for show exhibitors.

15. **Exhibitors will be given pen space at the ratio of at least 2 seniors /pen & at least 3 juniors/pen as pen space is limited.** Exhibitors are expected to make every effort to give an honest representation of the number of animals they intend to bring to the show at the time of completing entries. It is certainly understandable that unusual circumstances may arise in which exhibitors are unable to bring to the show the number of animals that were entered; however, these instances should be exceptions rather than the rule.

16. Each Exhibitor should have sufficient help to assist at ring side to allow show to progress in a timely manner.

## PROTESTS

All protests must be made on an official protest form available at the livestock manager's show office. Protests must be made and signed by the person(s) protesting. The protest must designate the exhibitor and animal involved and the specific rule or regulation that the exhibitor and/or animal is violating. Protests not requiring carcass inspection and/or laboratory tests must be accompanied by a \$500.00 cash deposit (which will be forfeited, if protest is not sustained) and submitted to the show manager before official placings of the class involved are announced. Protests concerning unethical procedures, the basis of which requires inspection of hide, carcasses, and/or laboratory tests be accompanied by a \$500.00 cash deposit (which will be forfeited, if protest is not sustained) and subjected to the show manager within one (1) hour after the end of the show involved.

## RULES SPECIFIC FOR THE OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOWS

1. Unless other rules are specified, these shows will be held under the rules of the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA), provided they do not conflict with any other rules/regulations prescribed by the Mississippi State Fair. The junior doe & senior doe shows are separately sanctioned.
2. These shows are sanctioned by ADGA for the following breeds listed in the order they will be shown. **The show order is subject to change in order to make the show run smoothly.**  
**Saturday Show:**  
Senior does: AOP, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, and Recorded Grade.  
Junior does: Alpine, AOP, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, and Recorded Grade.  
**Sunday Show:**  
Senior does: AOP, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, and Recorded Grade.  
Junior does: Alpine, AOP, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, and Recorded Grade.
3. Nigerian Dwarf will be dual sanctioned by AGS.
4. All dairy goats must be registered with the ADGA, the AGS, or the Canadian Goat society. A duplicate copy of the Application for Registration is acceptable for animals registered with the official ADGA date stamped on it.
5. There will be no pre-show milk out. No horns allowed. No removal of horns on the grounds.
6. Judging will begin at 9:00 am, Saturday, October 11, 2025, with senior doe classes followed by showmanship & junior doe classes. Judging will begin at 9:00 am, Sunday, October 12, 2025, with senior doe classes followed by junior doe classes.