



**CANADIAN
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Judges Licensing Forum

COURSE GUIDELINES FOR INSTRUCTORS AND ORGANIZERS

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Requirements for CMGA Judges Licensing Forums:

1. Judges Licensing organizing committee:
 - a. Must submit an application to the CMGA Office to host the Judges Licensing Forum at least 90 days prior to the event. The JLF organizing committee will receive a written response from the CMGA Office within 14 days of receipt of the application, advising whether or not the CMGA will be sanctioning the event.
 - b. Is responsible for the cost of travel, lodging, meals and fees for the presiding judge(s). The CMGA may provide some financial assistance towards the expenses of presiding or assisting Canadian judges only.
 - c. Must ensure that all relevant materials are forwarded to the applicants at least 30 days prior to the event.
2. Once sanctioning has been approved by the CMGA, the CMGA Office will send the organizing committee a current copy of the Scorecard, Breed Standards and other prestudy materials to be forwarded to the applicants who will be attending the JLF. It is a prerequisite that all participants know the study material prior to attending the JLF. The JLF is primarily for showing presence training, for hands-on training in direct application of the CMGA scorecard and breed standards, and for examinations.
3. The CMGA Board of Directors will ensure that the Judges Licensing Forum is advertised in the Meat Goat Journal and on the Website well in advance to give all members the opportunity to attend.
4. The Judges Licensing Forum is open to all current CMGA members and non-members. However, individuals that pass the JLF must become a member of the CMGA prior to receiving approval to apprentice at any CMGA shows.
5. A licensed and experienced CMGA judge or a licensed and experienced judge from a CMGA-recognized association may preside. Currently recognized associations include: American Boer Goat Association, International Boer Goat Association, and US Boer Goat Association. Other associations may be presented to the CMGA Board for consideration.
6. If a non-CMGA licensed judge presides, one (1) fully licensed CMGA judge must be present to assist, with the following criteria:
 - a. The CMGA judge shall supply, collect and mark the written exams.
 - b. The CMGA judge must be present during the oral presentations of reasons to ensure that the current CMGA scorecard/procedure is adhered to, and to score the presentation and accuracy of reasons, etc. In the case of a discrepancy of opinions, the CMGA judge's opinion shall be final.
7. Immediately after completion and marking, each participant may be briefly shown the mistakes on their exam, at their request. The written exams are not returned to the participants. The CMGA judge must submit all completed exams to the CMGA Office for storage and reference. Failure of the CMGA judge to submit exams to the Office will negate all results from that JLF.

Procedure to obtain a full CMGA judging license:

1. Attend and successfully pass, with a minimum score of 80% for both the written and oral exams, a CMGA-sanctioned Judges Licensing Forum and receive an official CMGA “Apprentice” certificate.
 - a. In order to pass a CMGA Judges Licensing Forum and receive an apprentice certificate, an individual must be a minimum of 21 years of age.
2. Apprentice at a minimum of three (3) CMGA-sanctioned shows under three (3) different judges within three (3) years of passing the Judges Licensing Forum, with the following criteria:
 - a. The apprentice must follow the same code of ethics that the official judge adheres to.
 - b. The apprentice must give oral reasons in at least three (3) classes at each show.
 - c. The apprentice may submit more than three applications but the applications considered will be the three most recent.
 - d. Only one apprenticeship under a non-CMGA licensed judge will be considered. The other two apprenticeships must be under CMGA licensed judges.
 - e. In order to apprentice at a specific show, apprentices must apply to the CMGA office no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled show. In addition, apprentices are responsible for contacting the show committee and the judge they wish to apprentice under to receive permission no less than 30 days prior to the date of the show. Failure to follow this procedure may negate the results of the apprenticeship.
 - f. The apprentice is responsible for bringing a current copy of the Apprentice Judge Assessment form to the show venue and ensuring that the licensed judge completes the form and forwards it to the CMGA office.
 - g. Scores on the Apprentice Judge Assessments must show overall improvement. To be considered towards the judge’s license, scores must be a minimum of 8 out of 10 in all sections of the assessment.
 - h. The CMGA Board of Directors will make the final decision for the issuance of a Judge’s license.
3. Once the CMGA Board of Directors has approved the license, an official CMGA Judge’s certificate will be issued from the CMGA office.

Procedure to maintain a full CMGA judging license:

1. Judge at least one (1) CMGA-sanctioned show every two (2) years.
2. Must audit, assist or preside over a CMGA Judges Licensing Forum every three (3) years if they do not judge in one (1) CMGA-sanctioned show every two (2) years. If there is no JLF in Canada in that year, an extension of the license will be granted until the next available JLF in Canada.
3. Maintain a yearly membership (either Active or Associate) in the Canadian Meat Goat Association.
4. Judges are responsible for submitting a Report of Activity form outlining the previous year’s activity (available on the CMGA website) to the CMGA office by March 31st of each year.

Judges Licensing Forum Format

DAY 1

Theory Review of Judges Guidebook

- CMGA Judges Licensing Rules
- Ethics for CMGA Judges
- CMGA Show Rules
- CMGA List of Classes
- General Guidelines for Judging
- Ring Procedures
- Specialty Classes
- Parts of the Goat
- Conformation and Teat Structure
- Judging Terminology
- History of the Boer Goat
- CMGA Scorecards:
 - Purebred and Percentage Animals
 - Market Kid
 - Showmanship
- CMGA Boer Breed Standards
- Judges Report of Activities Form

Practical

- Discussion of cull faults and undesirable characteristics with live examples
- Discussion of show ring skills, placings and oral reasons
- Practice classes
 - Participants practice evaluations of groups. Instructor may wish to use one of the groups to visually demonstrate proper teeth and teat structure.
 - Instruction on how to sort through classes

DAY 2

Written exam prepared by the CMGA Show Committee (*minimum of 80% required to pass*)

- Participants who do not receive a minimum of 80% on the written exam will not pass the course, but are still eligible to participate in the oral presentations for practice if they wish.

Practical exam (*minimum of 80% required to pass*)

- Participants will be evaluated according to presentation and accuracy of oral reasons, as well as adherence to current CMGA scorecard and show rules.

Animals that will be required for the JLF

This is a listing of the minimum number of goats required. The instructor may request additional numbers. The instructor may also choose the goats he/she wishes to use out of those that are available.

Pens should be set up according to the instructor's directions. Ideally one large pen should be designated the 'Show Ring', with four smaller pens for the goats in each group (with room for participants to view the goats from around the outside of the pens.)

A. PRACTICE CLASSES

- Should include animals with obvious faults
- The instructor may wish to use one of the groups to visually demonstrate proper teeth and teat structures. Participants are not required to evaluate teeth and teats in the practice classes, in order to reduce handling and stress on the goats being evaluated.

Group 1: 4 bucks (same age)

Group 2: 4 yearling does or 4 kid does

Group 3: 4 mature does

Group 4: 4 kids to be judged as market kids

B. EXAM CLASSES

- Should include animals with good form and no obvious faults. May include animals from the practice groups, at the instructor's discretion.
- For the final exam, note that the participants should assume that all teeth and teats are acceptable, which will reduce handling and stress on the goats in each group.

Group 1: 4 bucks (same age)

Group 2: 4 yearling does or 4 kid does

Group 3: 4 mature does

Group 4: 4 kids to be judged as market kids

C. SUGGESTED PEN SETUP

- Holding pens can be any size as long as six goats can fit easily inside
- The working pen must be large enough that all participants are able to stand around it easily.