



# SHOW RULES for Sanctioned Shows

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## SECTION A - PRE-SHOW IDENTIFICATION

1. The original registration paper as issued by the CMGA is required for all animals. No photocopies will be accepted. Animals less than 8 months of age whose papers have been applied and paid for but not yet received by the owner from the CMGA may be shown. In the event that one of these animals wins a Grand or Reserve Grand Championship, the date of receipt of the application at the registration office will be verified as having been prior to the show date in order for a permanent championship leg to be official.
2. Any foreign resident animal shown must have the original registration paper as issued by the recognized breed association in the country of residence. No photocopies or stamped duplicates will be accepted.
3. The registration paper of each animal may be requested for presentation to the Show Secretary prior to the start of the show.
4. Proof of ownership will be the name on the registration paper.
5. Prior to the show, all animals must pass the mandatory health check as outlined on the Official Health Check Form for CMGA Sanctioned Shows. Animals not passing the health check or arriving too late for an inspection before the show may not be shown.
  - a) It shall be the decision of the individual show committee whether the services of a licensed veterinarian or a committee of 3 CMGA members in good standing shall be used to perform the health check.
  - b) If a committee is used, all 3 persons must sign the Official Health Check Form for CMGA Sanctioned Shows and print their name clearly beside their signature.
  - c) The Veterinarian or Health Check Committee has the authority to turn away any animals from the facility and, if deemed necessary, any animal hauled with the disqualified animals. The Committee is directed to follow the protocol as established by their host fair board.

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- d) Disinfectant hand wash, wipes or disposable gloves must be used after each herd group is checked. Disinfectant hand wash, wipes or disposable gloves should be made available to the Judge during the show for use between his or her examination of each animal. Committees should clarify with the Judge beforehand on his/her preference.
  6. In order to gain official recognition of Legs towards Permanent Championship, the animal must be owned by a CMGA member in good standing.
  7. After an animal has entered the venue of a show, it may no longer be tattooed. All tattoos must be dry and legible.

## SECTION B - SHOW SANCTIONING

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1. The classes, rules and restrictions published for any show shall be an exact duplicate in their entirety of those sanctioned by the CMGA and shall state "CMGA rules shall govern".
2. The official CMGA Sanctioning Application Form and a copy of the schedule of classes must be sent to the CMGA Office for approval at least 30 days prior to the date of the show. Confirmation of this application from the CMGA Office should be received by the show committee within 2 weeks. If this confirmation is not received, it is the show committee's responsibility to contact the CMGA Office to confirm approval of sanctioning.
3. The age of animals will be determined by the year of birth.

## SECTION C - RULES GOVERNING SHOW OFFICIALS, JUDGES AND EXHIBITORS

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1. It is the responsibility of the Show Secretary to have a copy of these rules available at all times in case any question arises during the course of the show.
2. It is the responsibility of the Show Secretary to send the Report of Awards, the show program with the results of all classes marked, and the Health Check Form to the CMGA Office within 60 days of the conclusion of the show.
3. The Individual Show Committee is responsible for enforcing these rules and certifying that the standards set in these rules have been met.
4. All shows officially sanctioned by the CMGA must be judged by a currently licensed CMGA judge or a currently licensed judge of an officially recognized association (eg. AGBA). Contact the CMGA office for a list of CMGA licensed judges or refer to the CMGA website.

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5. The designation "Official CMGA Show" shall be posted conspicuously at the show.
  6. No person shall judge an animal in which he/she has a financial interest or which is owned by members of his/her immediate family. Financial interest shall be defined only as ownership or part ownership of an animal.
  7. Exhibitors are required to wear black trousers and white shirts, or official CMGA white shirts, in the show ring. Any other clothing bearing other association, business or farm names or logos is not allowed.

## SECTION D - ARRANGEMENT OF CLASSES AND MAKING OF AWARDS

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1. Official CMGA shows may sanction classes for the following divisions:  
A) Purebred Does, B) Percentage Does and, C) Bucks.
2. An animal may compete only once in the age classes of an individual show.
3. Mandatory classes to be held are specified in the Official List of Classes for Sanctioned Shows.
4. All group classes of a division must be made up only of those animals that have been shown in the individual (age) classes of that division of that particular show.
5. An official CMGA rosette or certificate must be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion of each division sanctioned.
6. Entries may not be added or withdrawn from classes without permission from the officials in charge after the class is in the ring and the judging has begun. In classes where there is no competition (only 1 entry), awards shall be made by the Judge according to the merit of the animal.
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  - a) All classes sanctioned must be held if any of the division are present and no 2 divisions may be combined. Classes within a division may be combined.
  - b) Full Canadian animals (15/16) and Purebreds must be shown in the same classes.
  - c) Only registered 1/2, 3/4 or 7/8 Does may be shown in the Percentage division.
  - d) At shows designated as National Shows by the Board of Directors, there shall be no less than 2 Senior age classes offered in each division.
  - e) At shows designated as National Shows by the Board of Directors there shall be no Best in Show class.

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## SECTION E - JUNIOR SHOWS, DIVISIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. The Junior section of a show, or a Junior show, will be made up of the age classes including the kid and dry yearling classes.
2. Junior Champion shall be selected from the first place winners of all the classes in this section. In a separately sanctioned Junior show, this will be the Grand Champion.
3. Reserve Junior Champion shall be selected after the Junior Champion has been chosen, and shall be selected from those remaining in the Championship class plus the animal that stood second to the Junior Champion in its individual class. In a separately sanctioned Junior Show, this will be the Reserve Grand Champion.

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## SECTION F - SENIOR SHOWS, DIVISIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. The Senior section of a show or a Senior show shall be made up of age classes including the 2 year old classes and any older, as well as yearling does that have kidded. Any doe entered in the Senior section must have kidded within the last 12 months to be eligible to show, effective in 2010.
2. There shall be at least 2 age classes in any Senior section or separately sanctioned Senior show. (Note: at CMGA National Shows, there will be no less than 2 Senior classes per division offered.)
3. Senior Champion shall be selected from the first place winners of the classes in this section. In a separately sanctioned Senior show, this will be the Grand Champion.
4. Reserve Senior Champion shall be selected after the Senior Champion has been chosen and shall be selected from those remaining in the Championship class plus the animal that stood second to the Champion in its individual age class. In a separately sanctioned Senior show this shall be the Reserve Grand Champion.
5. In shows where the Junior and Senior sections are not separately sanctioned (which is generally the case), the Junior and Senior Champion animals will compete for the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the remaining Champions and the animal that stood Reserve Champion winner in its section.

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## SECTION G - WINNING A LEG TOWARD A PERMANENT CHAMPIONSHIP

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1. To receive credit for a Leg towards a Permanent Championship, an animal must have legible tattoos before it enters the show ring. The tattoos must match those recorded on the registration certificate. Lack of tattoo, illegibility or the tattoo not matching the certificate shall prevent the animal from receiving official recognition for the Championship or the CMGA rosette.
2. Only one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion per division shall be awarded at each separately sanctioned show.
3. An animal winning 3 Legs under the conditions set forth in this section shall become a Permanent Champion and shall be entitled the official designation PCH.
4. Only 1 Leg towards a PCH may be won by an animal at a single show. At least 2 of the legs must be won under different Judges.
5. Any disqualified animal must not be included in the total numbers shown in the Report of Awards for a show.
6. The primary condition for all Legs in Doe classes is that there must be at least 10 animals entered in the division and those animals must be owned by at least 2 different owners. In the Buck division, there must be at least 8 animals in the division, also owned by at least 2 different owners.
7. Does: At least 2 Legs of a Doe's PCH must be "Full" Legs and as such be earned under one of the following conditions:
  - a) The Grand Champion at a sanctioned show where at least 8 Senior Does of her division are competing in at least 2 age classes;  
OR
  - b) The Reserve Grand Champion to a Doe who was already PCH as shown by CMGA record prior to entering the show ring and with at least 15 Senior Does in her division, competing in at least 2 age classes.
8. Only one Leg of a Doe's PCH may be a "restricted" Leg and be earned under one of the following conditions.
  - a) The Grand Champion at a sanctioned show where there is less than 8 Senior Does and at least 10 animals in the division;  
OR
  - b) The Reserve Grand Champion to a division PCH that was already a PCH prior to that show, with less than 15 Senior Does shown and at least 10 animals in the division;

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OR

c) the Grand Champion at a separately sanctioned Junior Doe show;

OR

d) The Grand Champion Project at a 4-H show if a total of 10 animals are shown by at least 2 owners.

Note: In both Purebred and Percentage divisions, if the Grand Champion is a Junior Doe only a restricted Leg is awarded regardless of whether the requirements of a Full Leg are met.

9. Bucks: Only Purebred and Full Canadian (31/32 or more) Bucks may be shown. At least 2 Legs of a Buck's PCH must be "Full" Legs and as such be earned under the following condition:
  - a) The Grand Champion at a show with at least 8 Bucks being shown of which 4 are in the Senior division (in the 2 year old class or older).
  
10. Only 1 Leg of a Buck's PCH may be a restricted Leg and as such earned under the following conditions:
  - a) The Grand Champion at a show where less than 6 Bucks in total were shown;  
OR
  - b) The Reserve Grand Champion to a Grand Champion that was already a PCH prior to this show.

## SECTION H - REPORT OF AWARDS

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1. Prior to the date of the show, the individual Show Secretary shall obtain from the CMGA Office the official Report of Awards form.
2. The Report of Awards shall be completed in its entirety, except for the signatures, by the individual Show Secretary only. The information for a division judged should be filled in before judging the next division.
3. The Show Secretary shall record all tattoo information from the Judge as he/she reads it from the animal. The Judge is the only authority when reading tattoos on the animal. The actual tattoos as read by the Judge must be shown on the report form. However, if the tattoo is faded, backwards or otherwise not matching the registration papers, a note to that effect should also be written on the report form by the Secretary and initialed by the Judge. Do not attempt to make the show report agree with the registration papers if they do not match as this would be falsification of the report. The exhibitor should be encouraged to contact the CMGA office ASAP for instructions to remedy the problem as owners may not re-tattoo their animals without permission.
4. The owner of the animal (or agent) is responsible for certifying that all information pertaining to his/her animal and to the win has been recorded correctly on the Report of Awards, by signing where indicated.

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5. If the owner detects any inaccuracy in the information recorded on the Report of Awards, any correction must be verified and initialed by the Judge.
  6. The Show Chairman and Secretary are responsible for certifying that every detail on the Report of Awards is correct to the best of their knowledge.
  7. The Judge shall certify that all tattoos on the winning animals are recorded on the Report of Awards exactly as they are on the animals and that all the Best in Show class entries were present during the judging of that class (if it was held). All tattoo spaces shall be filled in; if there is no tattoo, write "none".
  8. The Judge, Show Secretary, Show Chairman and the winning exhibitors shall sign the copies of the Report of Awards. The Secretary shall send the official copy of the Report of Awards, the show program with the results of all classes marked (including number of entries and number of animals disqualified), along with the Health Check form, to the CMGA Office within 60 days of the day of judging. The Judge and the Show Secretary shall each retain a copy of the Report of Awards.
  9. If the official Report of Awards is not forwarded by the show secretary within 60 days of the conclusion of the show to the CMGA Office, the show's CMGA sanctioning will be revoked. This will result in any championships won at that show not being considered towards Permanent Champion status or Canadian Show Champion points. Furthermore, any apprentice judging done at that show will not be recognized.
  10. No animal will receive credit for a win unless the information is correctly recorded on the Report of Awards that is received by the CMGA Office directly from the Show Secretary.
  11. After the Report of Awards have been completed and signed at the completion of the show, they shall not be added to, or altered in any way by anyone.

## SECTION I - COMPLAINTS AND PENALTIES

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1. All complaints pertaining to the ethics of Judges are to be referred to the CMGA Board of Directors in writing along with supporting documentation.
2. All complaints pertaining to the competency of a Judge in the ring are to be referred to the CMGA Board of Directors in writing, with details of the complaint.
3. All complaints pertaining to the management of the show or to the interpretation of the show rules are to be referred to the CMGA Board of Directors in writing citing CMGA rule infringements.

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4. If a Show Committee is found by the CMGA Board of Directors to be guilty of conducting a sanctioned show in willful violation of the CMGA rules, it will recommend action as follows:
    - a) That the individual Show Chairman and/or Show Secretary not officiate in any official capacity in any official CMGA Show for a period of one year.
    - b) The invalidation of wins at the show in question as far as official CMGA records are concerned.
    - c) Any other action as deemed necessary and appropriate.

## SECTION J - NATIONAL SHOWS

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1. There may be a maximum of 2 National shows per year, one in the east (Ontario and east), and one in the west (Manitoba and west).
2. Any show applying for sanctioning may also apply to be the National Show for the current year providing the following condition is met:
  - a) Minimum of 60 animals total to be entered in the show, all divisions (Purebred Does, Percentage Does and Purebred Bucks) represented and indicated by current entries or previous year's entries.
3. Unless specifically announced prior by the CMGA Board of Directors as to a preferred format, a National show may either be designated entirely as the National show and the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions are the National and Reserve National Champions.  
OR  
Special National classes may be held at the National show with entries limited to animals who have won Champion or Reserve Champion (Junior, Senior or Grand) at any sanctioned shows held since the last National Show.

## SECTION K - SUGGESTED CODE OF ETHICS FOR SHOWS

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1. Transportation should be furnished for the Judge. The Judge may be transported by a member of the show committee or sponsoring organization who will NOT be showing their animals at that show. Otherwise, funds for taxi or car rental should be provided.
2. Accommodation, if required, for the Judge should be arranged in either a local motel or at the home of someone not exhibiting (if that is acceptable with the Judge).
3. The Judge should not be entertained within 48 hours prior to the show by anyone who intends to exhibit his/her animals at the show.
4. DO NOT request from the Judge a private opinion on any animal prior to the completion of the show.

5. Anyone who has purchased animal(s) directly from a Judge should not show that animal(s) under that Judge within six months of the transfer of ownership.
6. Anyone who owns an animal in which the Judge has a financial interest MAY NOT show that animal under that Judge.
7. Do not offer comments or information to the Judge in the show ring unless this is specifically requested by the Judge.
8. After the completion of the show, the Judge would welcome and encourage friendship and constructive questions.
9. All complaints should be handled as described in Section I of the Show Rules and not done publicly to or by any parties.
10. Apprentice Judges are subject to the same governing rules as official Judges.
11. Apprentice Judges may not interfere with the official Judge or his/her final decision.
12. An official Judge may expel an Apprentice Judge from the show ring if he/she feels it is necessary.