Miniature Silky Fainting
Goat Association

Rules and Regulations for Sanctioned MSFGA Shows

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1. Sanctioned Shows

1.1. **Show Defined** - A sanctioned show is a show at which at least two farms are exhibiting, master championship legs may be awarded (refer to Section 7.1) and which has been sanctioned by The Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association (MSFGA). An MSFGA sanctioned show is one judge evaluating a complete set of sanctioned show classes.

1.2. **Divisions** - All MSFGA sanctioned shows shall have the following four divisions:

1.2.1. Junior Does – age 0 to 24 months;

1.2.2. Senior Does – age over 24 months;

1.2.3. Junior Bucks – age 0-24 months;

1.2.4. Senior Bucks – age over 24 months.

1.3. **Division Winners** - referred to as Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions shall be selected in each of the four divisions.

1.4. **Best in Show** - class shall include MSFGA Master Champions and the Grand Champion from each of the four divisions.

1.5. **Best Wether in Show** – There shall be an award for the Best Wether in Show. The Wether classes shall be held after the Best in Show and the winner of the Best Wether in Show will not be eligible to compete in the Best in Show class. The Show Superintendent may divide this category into as many classes as they see fit, but a list of these classes shall be submitted to the MSFGA office for approval prior to sending out information to potential exhibitors.

1.6. **Classes** - The Show Superintendent may divide each division into as many classes as they see fit, but a list of these classes shall be submitted to the MSFGA office for approval prior to sending out information to potential exhibitors.

1.7. **Optional Classes** - The Show Superintendent can offer any optional or fun classes they wish in addition to the MSFGA sanctioned division classes. All goats entered in these classes shall be MSFGA registered.

2. Show Superintendent

2.1. **Superintendent** - Any person may make application to the MSFGA for approval to act as Show Superintendent of a sanctioned show but must agree to abide by the ***Rules and Regulations for Sanctioned MSFGA Shows***.

2.2. Pre-Show Requirements

2.2.1. **Application** – The Show Superintendent shall submit an ***Application for MSFGA Show Sanctioning*** for each planned show

to the MSFGA office postmarked at least 60 days prior to the proposed show date(s). Application shall include a copy of the scheduled sanctioned division classes for each show.

2.2.2. **Number of Shows** - A Show Superintendent may apply for sanctioning of a single show or of multiple shows to be held in the same location at the same time, referred to as cluster shows.

2.2.2.1. These cluster shows may be held consecutively. This would be one complete show following another, as in a show Saturday morning followed by a show Saturday afternoon. The time period may span consecutive days.

2.2.2.2. These cluster shows may be held concurrently, with no more than two shows to be held at the same time. This would be two judges evaluating the same goats, independently, at the same time in a single ring.

2.2.3. **Approval** - Each show requires a separate application and sanctioning fee. MSFGA will approve the application(s), taking into account any conflict of dates or proximity with other sanctioning applications or approved shows.

2.2.4. **Sanction Fee** - A non-refundable show sanctioning fee of $25.00 shall accompany the application for each show.

2.2.5. **Judge Approval** - A judge must be approved by the MSFGA prior to the show. The judge's contact information shall be supplied to the MSFGA office at least 60 prior to the date of the show so that we can provide the judge with a visual standard, written standard, score sheet and ring procedures, along with a ***Judge's Agreement Contract***, which shall be signed, dated and returned to the MSFGA office at least 30 days prior to the show. The judge's contract is good for the day of the show only. A judge may judge only one show within a cluster show at one location as defined above.

2.2.6. **Entry Verification** - All goats entered in the show shall be registered with the MSFGA and a copy of the MSFGA registration certificate shall accompany the entry form. The Show Superintendent shall verify that the entry form information is consistent with the information on the MSFGA registration certificate, such as the registration number, name of goat, date of birth, owner, etc. The Show Superintendent shall check the age of the goat to ensure that it has been entered in the proper class and in the proper division.

2.3. Show Requirements

2.3.1. **Height Requirements** - No goat competing in the show may exceed the maximum allowed height at the withers for Bucks (25") or

Does (23.5”) as stated in the MSFGA standard. Show Superintendent shall have an accurate measuring device at the show to verify height requirements and all goats shall be measured in before classes begin.

2.3.2. **Disqualifications** - Any goat excused or disqualified for any reason will not be counted in the total number of goats shown.

2.3.3. **Late Class Additions** - No animal shall be added to a class once the judging of that class has begun, unless approved by Show Superintendent.

2.3.4. **Exhibition Numbers** – The Show Superintendent shall assign a unique number to each animal being exhibited. No two animals shall have the same exhibition number.

2.3.5. **Placement Cards** - MSFGA will supply Class Placement Cards to be used by the judge for each class, including the Grand Champion Class and Best in Show Class, which shall be marked with the exhibition number (refer to Section 2.3.4) of each placement, and number of entries in the class. Each card shall be dated and signed by the judge at the end of each class. Show Superintendent is responsible to ensure that the card has been properly filled out and signed at the end of each class.

2.3.6. **Required at the Show** - The Show Superintendent shall have a copy of these rules and regulations available at the show to be referred to as needed and adhered to at the show.

2.3.7. **Required Forms** - The Show Superintendent shall have blank copies of the “Best in Show Class Transfer Form” available, supplied by the MSFGA.

2.4. Post-Show Requirements

2.4.1. **Show Result Documentation** - All of the following show documents shall be submitted to the MSFGA office within 14 days after the sanctioned show has occurred. Failure to send in this documentation within 14 days of the show may result in losing the sanctioned status of the show. This documentation will include:

2.4.1.1. The signed placement cards for each sanctioned division class, including the Grand Champion and Best in Show classes.

2.4.1.2. A marked catalog/show program or clerk’s book. This marked catalog/show program or clerk’s book must show all of the classes, to include optional/fun classes, and all the goats entered in each class and record any absentees in each class.

2.4.1.3. The ***Sanctioned Show Report*** filled out and signed by the Show Superintendent to include a list of each goat entered in the show, including optional/fun classes, giving: Goat Name, MSFGA

Registration Number, Goat Owner and Exhibition Number (refer to Section 2.3.4). The report must be accompanied by a copy of the MSFGA registration certificate for each goat entered in the show. If a goat is entered in the show without a copy of its MSFGA registration certificate, that goat will be disqualified and will forfeit all of its wins in the show, including Grand Champion and Best in Show, and will not be counted in the total number of goats shown.

3. Judges

3.1. **Approval** -The judge must be approved by the MSFGA prior to the show. Refer to Section 2.2.5

3.2. **Judge Conflict of Interest** - No animal owned, co-owned or leased by the judge or the immediate family of the judge may be exhibited in the show.

3.3. **Judging Criteria** - The judge agrees to judge according to the MSFGA standard, score sheet and the rules and regulations for ring procedures.

4. Exhibitors

4.1. **Exhibitor Defined** - The exhibitor, the registered owner of the animal, shall have a registered herd name with the MSFGA.

4.2. **Handler Defined** – The handler is the person who takes the goat in the ring for the class(es) that it's entered in. The handler need not be the exhibitor.

4.3. **Entry Requirements** - All show entry forms for MSFGA sanctioned shows shall be accompanied by a copy of the MSFGA registration certificate for each animal entered in the show. It's the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the registration certificate is current and correct and the exhibitor's animals are shown in the correct class and division.

4.4. **Ownership** - Proof of ownership shall be the owner's name on the MSFGA registration certificate.

4.5. **Ownership Transfer** - If a goat has changed ownership prior to the date of an MSFGA sanctioned show, but a new registration certificate has not yet been issued to the new owner by the time of close of entries, the animal shall be listed in the show in the previous owner's name. If the new owner submits the registration certificate for transfer of ownership to be postmarked no later than seven (7) days after the show, the MSFGA will update show records to reflect the new owner.

4.6. **Exhibitor Conflict of Interest** - An exhibitor shall not enter any animal in the show that was purchased from the judge within six months of the show.

5. Animals

5.1. **Age Requirements** - Goats of any age may compete in MSFGA sanctioned shows.
5.2. **Height Requirement** - No goat competing in the show may exceed the maximum allowed height as specified in Section 2.3.1.
5.3. **Registered** - All goats entered in the show shall be registered with the MSFGA, including all optional/fun classes, such as wether classes, production classes, costume classes, etc.
5.4. **Proof of Ownership** - Proof of ownership shall be the owner's name on the MSFGA registration certificate.
5.5. **Ownership Transfer** – Refer to Section 4.5.

6. Ring Procedures

6.1. **Exhibitor Responsibilities** - It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure the correct animal with its corresponding exhibition number (refer to Section 2.3.4) is at the ring when its class is called.
6.2. **Animals Excused or Disqualified** – Animals that are disruptive in the ring or exhibit lameness may be excused by the judge. Refer to Section 2.3.2.
6.3. **Withholding Ribbons** - Goats should be judged on their merits and awarded accordingly. If there is no first place awarded in the class, no animal from this class shall compete for Grand Champion in the division.
6.4. **Late Class Additions** – Refer to Section 2.3.3
6.5. **Class Placements** - Each class in the four divisions shall be placed to at least 4th place where the entry allows. Show Superintendents may determine to how many places in the class they award ribbons.
6.6. **Advanced Competition Levels** – An animal shall continue to compete at each consecutive level until it has been defeated. An animal that fails to compete at the next level will forfeit all previous wins and awards (Refer to Section 2.3.2). If the first place animal in a class cannot compete for any reason in the Grand Champion class, the second place animal will move up to first place and the third place animal will move up to second place for Grand Champion competition. If a division Grand Champion cannot compete for any reason in the Best in Show class, the Reserve Grand Champion will move up to Grand Champion in that division and compete in its place in the Best in Show competition.
6.7. **Selecting Grand and Reserve Grand Champions** – Grand Champion competition shall be held immediately following the last class it that division. The Grand Champion in each division will be selected from the first place winners of each class in that division. The Reserve Grand Champion in each division will be selected from the remaining first place winners in each class

of the division and the animal standing second in the class from which the Grand Champion was selected in that division.

6.8. **Selecting Best in Show** – Best in Show competition shall be held immediately following the last sanctioned Grand Champion division competition and prior to any optional/fun classes. Best in Show shall be selected from the Grand Champions from each of the four divisions and all MSFGA Master Champions entered in the show.

6.9. **Filling Out Class Placement Cards** - Class Placement Cards provided by the MSFGA must be completed fully by the judge prior to the completion of each class. The card shall include the number of exhibitors in the class, the exhibition number (refer to Section 2.3.4) of each placement, the date and judge's signature. Upon the judge's signature, all results are final.

7. Master Champion Program

7.1. **Master Champion Program Defined** - An MSFGA sanctioned show where there are a minimum of two farms exhibiting will be a qualifying Championship show. Each Grand Champion win, where at least 5 goats were entered in the division, qualifies as a leg toward a Master Champion. The Best in Show win, where at least 5 goats were entered in the show, qualifies as a leg toward a Master Champion only if the winning goat is a division Grand Champion and did not qualify out of its own division. A goat can only earn one Master Champion leg per show.

7.2. **Master Champion Defined** - A Master Champion is a goat that has been awarded a Championship leg in each of three MSFGA sanctioned qualifying Championship shows under at least two different judges. At least one leg must be earned after the goat is 18 months of age.

7.3. **Master Champion Competition** - Master Champions may not enter regular division classes, but may enter and compete in the Best in Show class against the four winning Grand Champions from the divisions. A goat that has, according to its owner's records, received three Championship legs but has not yet received the official confirmation from MSFGA may transfer from division class to Best in Show class by filling out and signing the ***Best in Show Class Transfer Form*** available from the Show Superintendent, which will be supplied by the MSFGA. However, if the owner is mistaken and the goat has not received three qualifying Championship Legs before being transferred to the Best In Show Class, and the goat should win Best In Show, that win will not qualify as a Championship Leg toward that goat's Master Championship. Championship Legs can only be earned by goats coming out of the division classes (refer to Section 7.1).

8. Annual Awards

8.1. **Mini Silky of the Year** – Starting in 2009 the MSFGA will recognize the Mini Silky who has amassed the most points during a calendar year. Points will be awarded at each MSFGA sanctioned show for the Best in Show winner equal to the number of goats exhibited in the regular classes of that show to include Master Champions entered in the Best in Show class. At the end of the year the winning Mini Silky will receive an award from the MSFGA to commemorate the achievement. The winning Mini Silky will be inducted into the MSFGA Hall of Fame and will be listed on the MSFGA Hall of Fame webpage forever as Mini Silky of that particular year.

8.2. **Mini Silky Wether of the Year** – Starting in 2009 the MSFGA will recognize the Mini Silky Wether who has amassed the most points during a calendar year. Points will be awarded at each MSFGA sanctioned show for the Best Wether in Show, equal to the number of wethers exhibited in that show. At the end of the year the winning wether will receive an award from the MSFGA to commemorate the achievement. The winning wether will be inducted into the MSFGA Hall of Fame and will be listed on the MSFGA Hall of Fame page forever as Mini Silky Wether of that particular year.

9. Hall of Fame

9.1. Starting in 2009 the MSFGA will maintain a Hall of Fame to include a complete chronological listing of Master Champions and yearly award winners from 2009 forward.

10. Complaints

10.1. Complaints concerning MSFGA sanctioned shows shall be made in writing and submitted to the MSFGA office within 7 days of the show.