

American Boer Goat Association Traditional and Non-Traditional Ennoblement

Ennoblement Rules and Regulations

(Sections in bold italics are new additions to the rules.)

1. Animal Eligibility

- 1.1. The ABGA ennoblement program is open to the following categories of registration:
ABGA registered fullblood doe (FL – 100%) ABGA registered purebred doe ($^{15}/_{16}$ – 94%)
ABGA registered fullblood buck (FL – 100%) ABGA registered purebred buck ($^{31}/_{32}$ – 98%)
1.1(a): Effective January 1, 2008, an animal must be registered with ABGA for progeny points to be counted toward the Ennoblement Award. Points must be confirmed as earned subsequent to registration.
1.1(b): Effective January 1, 2008, an animal must be owned by an ABGA member in good standing as defined under Rule M 1(f) to be eligible for the Ennoblement Award.
- 1.2. ABGA sanction show exhibitors are to present a valid ABGA registration paper at show entry for tracking of placing.
- 1.3. Animals are required to meet inspection and point requirements as listed in the Ennoblement Rules and Regulations to receive ennoblement status.
- 1.4. Non-inspected animals can achieve ennobled status through their progeny. This requirement includes but is not limited to deceased ABGA registered full blood & purebred bucks and does. Minimums of three (3) progeny (sons and/or daughters) are required to pass visual inspection within the same ennoblement category to contribute points to the parent.
- 1.5. The progeny, registered fullblood / purebred (sons and daughters) as defined in 1.1 may begin earning points for their sire and/or dam as well as themselves either through ABGA sanction shows or performance testing prior to visual inspection.
- 1.6. The progeny must pass visual inspection before their earned points become official and are applied toward the ennoblement of their sire and/or dam as well as their own ennoblement within their inspection classification.
- 1.7. Progeny is defined as the direct offspring of a buck or doe, i.e., sons and daughters (not grandsons and granddaughters).
- 1.8. The progeny may come from live coverage, artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

2. Point Awards

2.1. Points at ABGA Sanction Shows

- 2.1.a. Points awarded based on ABGA judges placing of animals at an ABGA Sanctioned show.
- 2.1.b. Animals entered into an ABGA sanction show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
- 2.1.c. ABGA can not change placing without written authorization from the ABGA Judge(s) and one show official as listed by ABGA Sanctioned show application as file by the show.
- 2.1.d. A formal show report (submitted by show officials) containing the animals' names, ABGA registration numbers, tattoos, and the total number of animals in the show and classes shall be completed by show secretary and signed by the judge and submitted to the ABGA Office within 30 days of the show.
- 2.1.e. The overall Grand and Reserve Champions of ABGA sanctioned show will receive additional points correlating with the total number of fullblood or purebred in their gender division of the show.
- 2.1.f. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004 will not be awarded points.
- 2.1.g. Points for ABGA Sanctioned Show will be awarded based on the following schedules:

Table 1. Placing point's awards for shows sanctioned before January 1, 2008

# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class						Overall Champion Points		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	# Exhibited FB/PB in Gender Division	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Champion
10-less	5						10-less	5	
11-25	10	5					11-25	10	5
26-50	15	10	5				26-50	15	10
51-100	20	15	10	5			51-100	20	15
101-175	25	20	15	10	5		101-175	25	20
176-up	30	25	20	15	10	5	176-up	30	25

Table 2. Placing point's awards for shows sanctioned after January 1, 2008

# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class					
	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5 th	6th
1-3	1					
4-5	2					
6-7	3					
8-9	4					
10	5					
11-25	10	5				
26-50	15	10	5			
51-100	20	15	10	5		
101-175	25	20	15	10	5	
176-up	30	25	20	15	10	5

Division Champion Points		
# Exhibited FB/PB in Gender Division	Division Grand Champion	Division Reserve Champion
1-25	3	1
26-50	5	2
Over 51	10	5

Overall Champion Points		
# Exhibited FB/PB in Gender Division	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Champion
10-less	5	2
11-25	10	5
26-50	15	10
51-100	20	15
101-175	25	20
176-up	30	25

2.2. Points at ABGA National Show

- 2.2.a. Points awarded by ABGA at the ABGA National show will be subject to the requirements posted in the ABGA National show rules.
- 2.2.b. Animals entered into an ABGA National show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
- 2.2.c. Junior Grand Champion & Senior Grand Champion and Junior Reserve Champions & Senior Reserve Champion of the ABGA National Show will receive class points and Champion points according to published scale for number of animals in their gender division of the show.
- 2.2.d. National Grand and National Reserve Champion of the ABGA National show will receive fifty (50) and thirty (30) points respectively.
- 2.2.e. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004 will not be awarded points.
- 2.2.f. Points for ABGA National Shows will be awarded based on the following schedule:

Table 3. Placing points awards for ABGA National Show

# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class						Champion Points				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5 th	6th	# Exhibited in FB/PB Gender divisions	Junior & Senior Grand Champion	Junior & Senior Reserve Champion	National Grand Champion	National Reserve Champion
10-less	5						10-less	5		50	30
11-25	10	5					11-25	10	5		
26-50	15	10	5				26-50	15	10		
51-100	20	15	10	5			51-100	20	15		
101-175	25	20	15	10	5		101-175	25	20		
176-up	30	25	20	15	10	5	176-up	30	25		

2.3. Performance Testing Points

- 2.3.a. Animals entered into an Approved Performance Gain Test are required to be ABGA registered as fullblood or purebred.
- 2.3.b. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to three-tenths (.3) pounds per day to in order for points to be awarded.
- 2.3.c. Ten (10) points will be awarded a Boer buck who shows an average daily weight gain (ADG) in the top five percent (5%) of the animals on test.
- 2.3.d. Five (5) points will be awarded a Boer buck who shows an average daily weight gain (ADG) in the next fifteen percent (15%) of the animals on test.
- 2.3.e. See rules governing the ABGA performance testing program.

3. Inspection

3.1. Inspection Requirements for Ennoblement

- 3.1.a. An animal seeking ennoblement is required to meet the inspections rules of ABGA. (see ABGA Inspection Rules and Regulations)

4. Ennoblement Awards

4.1. Traditional Ennoblement and Non-Traditional Ennoblement

4.1.a. Traditional Ennoblement Award

4.1.a.i. Traditional Inspected Animal seeking Traditional Ennoblement

A combined total of eighty (80) points from parent and offspring. At least thirty (30) of the eighty (80) points must be earned by combining three (3) or more Traditional inspected offspring with each offspring contributing at least 5 points.

4.1.a.ii. Non-Traditional Inspected Animal seeking Traditional Ennoblement

A total of one hundred (100) points from the progeny. One hundred (100) points must be earned by combining three (3) or more Traditional offspring with each offspring contributing at least 5 points.

4.1.a.iii. Non-Inspected Animal seeking Traditional Ennoblement

A total of one hundred (100) points from the progeny. One hundred (100) points must be earned by combining three (3) or more Traditional offspring with each offspring contributing at least 5 points.

4.1.b. Non-Traditional Ennoblement Award

4.1.b.i. Non-Traditional Inspected Animal seeking Non-Traditional Ennoblement

A combined total of eighty (80) points from parent and offspring. At least thirty (30) of the eighty (80) points must be earned by combining three (3) or more Non -Traditional inspected offspring with each offspring contributing at least 5 points.

Traditional Inspected Animal seeking Non-Traditional Ennoblement

A total of one hundred (100) points from the progeny. One hundred (100) points must be earned by combining three (3) or more Non-Traditional offspring with each offspring contributing at least 5 points.

4.1.b.ii. Non-Inspected Animal seeking Non-Traditional Ennoblement

A total of one hundred (100) points from the progeny. One hundred (100) points must be earned by combining three (3) or more Non-Traditional offspring with each offspring contributing at least 5 points.

4.2.a. Animal seeking Dual Ennoblement

- 4.2.a.i. Animals can achieve dual ennoblement status under the requirements listed in section 4.1.a and 4.1b.

Appendix A

Table 4. Standard Ennoblement

		Inspection Status of Parent			
		Traditional	Non-Traditional	Non-Inspected	Failed
Parent					
	Passed visual inspection	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Maximum ABGA points animal can contribute to total	50	50	0	0
Progeny					
	Minimum number of progeny required to passed visual inspection	3	3	3	3
	Minimum ABGA points by individual visual inspected progeny	5	5	5	5
	Minimum Points from the total of 3 or more visual inspected progeny	30	30	100	100
Totals					
	Total points from Parent and Progeny	80	80	100	100
	Minimum animals passing visual inspection	4	4	3	3

Table 5. Methods to qualify for Dual Ennoblement

Traditional Visual Inspected Parent		Number Required	Inspection Type	ABGA points
Dual Ennobled	Animal for Ennoblement	1	Traditional	Not Required
	Traditional Progeny	3 or more	Traditional	Min. of 30
	Total Traditional points			80
	Animal for Ennoblement	1	Traditional	0
	Non-Traditional Progeny	3 or more	Non-Traditional	100
	Total Non-Traditional points			100
OR				
Non-Traditional Visual Inspected Parent		Number Required	Inspection Type	ABGA points
Dual Ennobled	Animal for Ennoblement	1	Non-Traditional	0
	Traditional Progeny	3 or more	Traditional	100
	Total Traditional points			100
	Animal for Ennoblement	1	Non-Traditional	Not Required
	Non-Traditional Progeny	3 or more	Non-Traditional	Min. of 30
	Total Non-Traditional points			80
OR				
Non Visual Inspected Parent		Number Required	Inspection Type	ABGA points
Dual Ennobled	Animal for Ennoblement	1	Not Inspected	0
	Traditional Progeny	3 or more	Traditional	100
	Total Traditional points			100
	Animal for Ennoblement	1	Not Inspected	0
	Non-Traditional Progeny	3 or more	Non-Traditional	100
	Total Non-Traditional points			100