

2008 AGS Judges Training Conference

June 17th, 18th & 19th, 2008

Held in conjunction with the 2008 AGS National Show and Convention
Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA

REGISTRATION:

Registration fees are \$100 for candidates, \$50 for auditors, and \$35 for classroom audits.
To qualify for these rates, your registration must be postmarked on or before May 15th, 2008.

Late registrations will be accepted, but will require an additional charge.

Registrations postmarked after May 15th but before June 3rd, will require a \$10 late fee.

Registrations occurring after June 3rd will require a \$20 late fee.

Registration fees must accompany your registration application.

All registration fees are non-refundable.

Classroom auditors will participate in the classroom and practice portions of day one, and may take the written exam on day two, but will not participate in the placement classes.

Auditors participate in all parts on the training conference, but are not eligible for a license.

Please note: Auditors may "upgrade" their participation level prior to, and during day two, however, once the written exam begins on day three, no more upgrades will be allowed. If you choose to audit, you will not be eligible for a license even if you pass the written exam.

PREREQUISITES FOR LICENSING:

You must be 18 or older by the training conference date.

You must have an individual AGS membership with your dues paid current.

You must pay the \$25.00 license initiation fee to AGS

(auditors do not have to meet these requirements)

HOST HOTEL:

Goodnite Inn

5040 Redwood Drive

Rohnert Park, Ca 94928

707-584-8180

gnirohrnertpark@good-nite.com

Mention that you are attending the AGS National Show in order to receive the group rate.

CONTACTS:

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AGS Office, 830-535-4AGS (4247) agsoffice@earthlink.net

The three day training seminar (including the Pre-Training conference classroom portion) will encompass:

Classroom instruction:

1. show rules
2. major faults and disqualifications
3. AGS breed standards
4. AGS Unified Score Card
5. ethical behavior of judges
6. dairy goat anatomy
7. comparative terms for reasons
8. importance of accurate reasons
9. giving accurate reasons
10. dairy goat structure and conformation
11. the Report of Award
12. practice placing and reasons classes ("hands on" work with goats in the barn)

Written examination (requires a passing grade of at least 75% on each of five sections):

1. labeling a dairy goat picture with names of body parts
2. identifying the seriousness of faults
3. true/false and fill in the blank questions on the conformation of animals according to the AGS breed standards, reasons, rules, etiquette, ethics, show rules, and special aspects of judging
4. breed standards & score card
5. the Report of Award

Oral Examination:

1. placing at least eight classes, preferably representing all breeds, at least four of which will be in milk, with at least 75% accuracy .
2. giving accurate, appropriate reasons, and presentation on at least two of the classes, with scores of at least 75% on accuracy and presentation

To prepare for the JTS, you will need to purchase a copy of the 2006 Judges Manual from the AGS Office. The cost of the manual is \$20.

You can request a registration application (MSWORD format), by emailing gkh123@embarqmail.com or contacting the AGS Office. The application is available on the National Show website: <http://www.agsnationals.com>

Thank you for your interest in AGS Judges Training, and we look forward to seeing you in Santa Rosa, California this summer.

Keith Harrell
Chaiman, AGS Judges Committee

JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

AGS ID Number (individual membership): _____

Please check how you wish to enroll:

Candidate _____ \$100

Auditor _____ \$50

Classroom audit: _____ \$35

Additional fee for Pre-Training classroom day: _____ \$50

Late fees: May 22nd - June 10th _____ \$10 / after June 10th _____ \$20

(All registration fees are non-refundable)

Signature: _____

Make your check payable to: the AMERICAN GOAT SOCIETY

Mail to: American Goat Society
735 Oakridge Lane
Pipe Creek, TX 78063