

## Goat Judge's Expectations

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**Confirmation Judging:** an exhibitor's animal be evaluated based on the scorecard that best matches the standards for that animal's breed and purpose.

For example:

Meat Goat-this exhibit will be judged upon length and width of loin, rump and brisket as well as the overall confirmation of the goat to its breed standard.

Dairy Goat –this exhibit will be judged upon breed specific standards according to American Dairy Goat Association, age of doe, stage of freshening, dairy character, and capacity. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to not over udder any Dairy exhibit. Please be mindful to express if udder is too tight.

Breeding Stock-this exhibit should show a defined difference or improvement from Sire/Dam to kid. Each will be judged within the breed standard (Meat, Dairy, Fiber, ect).

Fiber-this exhibit will show to its specific breed standards, best shown clean and brushed.

Mohair/Cashmere should be of quality grade which includes length, diameter, and crimping.

Utility- this exhibit will be judged on build of breed, strength, age-appropriate rigging, and ability to follow common commands. Exhibitors will be judged on knowledge of all utility purposes.

Pack-this exhibit will be judged on ability to follow through any terrain, age-appropriate pack and accessories, exhibitor's will be judged on Pack knowledge and pack area rules and regulations.

**Fitting and Showing:** both the exhibitor and their animal should be neat and clean in appearance, with a lot of attention to the nose, ears, hooves and under tail. An exhibitor should be able to handle their animal well and show that animal to its best advantage, and should be able to show another exhibitors animal to its best advantage. Each exhibitor should have a general knowledge base about goats, appropriate to their age, and time spent in either in 4-H and/or FFA. Each exhibitor should be able to recognize the faults and advantages of any goat presented to them. Exhibitors should be paying attention their goat and the judge. Exhibitors should be calm and relaxed smiling is nice too 😊.