

2023 FLOYD YOUTH GOAT SHOW RULES

EVENT: Floyd Livestock and Agriculture Show

DATE/TIME: 9am, September 9, 2023

LOCATION: Floyd Family Campground (previously Chantilly Farms, 2697 Franklin Pike, Floyd, VA

SHOW COMMITTEE: Stephanie Trout (Chair)

JUDGES: TBD

SHOW SECRETARY: TBD

SHOW CHAIR: Stephanie Trout (shepherdhillfarm@verizon.net), 1278 Dobbins Hollow Rd., Riner, VA 24149

SHOW VETERINARIAN: Dr. Jake Bruton

ANNOUNCER: TBD

RING STEWARD: Angie and Mike Smith

ENTRY FORM: Entry form included-due by August 26th. Fee per youth \$5.

YOUTH SHOW:

- The Youth Show is open to all youth age 19 or under on the day of the show.
- Only does or wethers will be accepted for entry.
- No bucks are allowed.
- Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed and must be owned by the exhibitor's immediate family.
- Goats do not have to be registered, tattooed, or microchipped (unless required for health certificates for out-of-state entries).
- Horned goats are not acceptable for the dairy goat show. There may be a meat goat competition held after the Sheep Show, and the meat goats may be horned.

YOUTH SHOW DIVISIONS: The Youth Show will have two divisions—Showmanship and Open Doe Show. Each youngster is invited to participate in any or all. *There may be a costume contest in conjunction with the sheep show.

- For Showmanship, the youth participants will be divided into classes based on age and experience. Showmanship judging is based on the skills of the handler as well as the

presentation of the goat (handles well, is clean and trimmed). The class with the youngest and least experienced handlers will be expected to lead goats around the ring and will be given instructions on how best to present their goat to the judge. They will then practice the lesson and may also be asked to identify “easier-to-remember” goat parts. Older and more experienced participants should watch the first class and come into the ring knowing more and handling better. They will also receive instructions and be expected to incorporate their new-found knowledge as the class progresses. The oldest and most experienced participants are expected to be skilled and knowledgeable when they enter the ring and will be judged accordingly. (Both wethers and does may be used in showmanship classes.)

- For the Open Doe Show, only does may be entered. Judging is based strictly on the conformation of the animal and not the handler. Any youth may show a doe in either or both classes to be offered:
 - Junior Doe Class—does under two years of age that have never kidded
 - Senior Doe Class—does that have kidded (including yearlings).
- *Costume Contest—to be held in conjunction with the sheep show. Check schedule for timing of contest. There is no pre-registration so those wishing to participate may sign up at the Show Ring. Participants should bring a written story to share, identifying the names of the child and goat, and a description of “who they are” in their costumes.

YOUTH SHOW LEADING & COLLARS: Goats must be led around the ring to be presented to the judge, so goats should be fitted with collars or halters and should be trained to lead.

YOUTH AND MDGA SHOW CLIPPING: Since the Floyd County location may have frosts in September, full body clipping is NOT recommended, so this will be a “fuzzy show”; exhibitors are encouraged to clip udders and any long hair on the topline, head, legs, feet, etc.

YOUTH and MDGA SHOW HEALTH CERTIFICATE: Required for out-of-state animals, issued within 30 days of the show; no health certificates are required for VA goats, but no animals should be showing signs of illness, parasitism, etc.

YOUTH AND MDGA PENS: There may be some pens available, formed from livestock gates. If there is enough room in trucks and trailers to hold the goats comfortably, these vehicles can be backed up near the show ring. Exhibitors may want to set up their own portable pens or keep goats in carriers. Goats may also be tied out by the show ring.

MDGA Sanction show: MDGA rules shall govern the sanction show.