

JUDGING SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

- ***Breeders Workshop***

A Breeders Workshop can be presented by one (1) Level 3 Judge, or two Level 2 Judges, or one South African Judge. It is further recommended that any Level 3 Judge who presents these Breeders Workshops, acts as a mentor for one or more Level 1 or Level 2 Judges and invites them to assist him/her with the presentation of these Breeders Workshops.

The Breeders Workshop is open for anybody with an interest in Goats.

Cost \$66.00 per person \$110.00 per couple. 1 day course

- ***Level 1***

A Level 1 Judging School can be presented by one Level 3 Judge or a South African Judge, and 1 level 2 for Schools with 5 or less students. Schools with more than 5 students will require two Level 3 Judges or one Level 3 or South African Judge plus one Level 2 Judge to conduct the School.

It is recommended that a Level 3 Judge take a less experienced Level 2 Judge with him/her as part of their ongoing training and experience in presentation. A South African Judge can replace one Australian Level 3 Judge to present a Level 1 School.

- Must be a financial member of BGBAA
- Must have completed a breeders workshop
- Must be a minimum age of 18 years
- COST **\$165** Inc GST (\$150 plus \$15 GST)

- ***Marking System***

- ***Level 1***

60 points	Placings for both Bucks & Does
70 points	Remarks for both Bucks & Does
50 points	Verbal Justification for both Bucks & Does
40 points	Theory (32 points are required for a pass)
400 points in Total	

Minimum required of 50% for Bucks & Does (90 points from a possible 180 points) with an average between Bucks & Does of 60% for a Pass at Level 1

Example of Calculations:-

Bucks 180	Does 180	Theory 40	Aggregate Points
Ave			
90 points	120 points	34 points	244 points of 400
61%			

Note: - When calculating the percentages for any of the sections in any of the Schools, the decimal point, if any, must be rounded down, not up.

- ***Level 2 Judge***

A Level 2 School can be presented by two Level 3 Judges or one Level 3 Judge plus one South African Judge. For Level 2 Schools with 4 or less students, one Level 3 Judge or South African Judge plus a current Level 2 Judge can present this Level 2 School.

It is recommended that at all level 2 Schools, a current Level 2 Judge assist the presenters to gain further experience.

- Must be a financial member of BGBAA
- Must have passed a Level 1 school at least 12 months prior
- Must keep record of training, stewarding and judging appointments
- COST **\$165** Inc (\$150 plus \$15 GST)

- ***Marking System***

- ***Level 2***

60 points placing for both Bucks & Does

60 points Remarks for both Bucks & Does

80 points Verbal Justification for both Bucks & Does

200 points total for each Bucks & Does – Grand Total 400 points

Minimum required of **50%** for each Bucks & Does with an average between Bucks & Does of **60%** for a Pass at Level 2

Note: - When calculating the percentages for any of the sections in any of the Schools, the decimal point, if any, must be rounded down, not up.

- ***Level 2 S.***

This Level 2 S Judging School will be conducted at on farm training school where there will be not less than 50 individual exhibits. Judges will be assessed on placing, verbal justification and ring craft. Judges must have sat and passed this course at least 3 months prior to be eligible to continue to Level 3 exam.

A Level 2 S School must be presented by at least two qualified Level 3 Judges.

Each student will be required to judge a minimum of four (4) individual classes. Each student will be required to comment on every animal in the class that they are judging.

The two qualified Level 3 supervisors/assessors will be required to give an over-all mark out of 100 for the performance of each participant. Each supervisor/assessor are required to individually mark each student with both scores from the assessors being combined then divided by 2 to give you the final score for each student. Should there be three assessors, the total score out of 300 will be divided by three to give a final score out of 100 for each student.

Minimum pass required for Level 2 S is 70 out of 100 (70%)

A maximum of four (4) students will be permitted to take part in this School.

- Must be a financial member of BGBAA
- Must have passed a Level 2 School
- Must have Judged at least 2 Shows since qualifying as a Level 2 Judge
- Provide evidence of on-going experience including ring craft since gaining level 2 before applying to sit a level 2s school
- Must present a record of Shows judged and Schools presented or assisted at with a Level 3 Judge
- COST **\$165** Inc (\$150 plus \$15 GST)

- ***Level 3 Judge***

The Level 3 will be an examination day only, conducted at a BGBAA approved Agricultural Show with minimum of 15 classes including championship classes. To be assessed on animal placing, verbal justification, ringcraft and presentation. Classes with less than two animals in a general class cannot be counted as assessment classes.

A Level 3 Examination can only be supervised & assessed by two approved Level 3 Judges. A Level 3 Examination must always have two supervisors. A less experienced Level 3 Judge should be invited to observe & assist where possible to further his/her skills as a presenter.

Supervisors will be required to fill in an individual record sheet with candidate's placing 1-5 and then give a score out of 10 for placing and score out of 10 for verbal justification on each class judged. A score of 7 out 10 is a base score. Combined total points score out of 20 points.

When assessors do not agree with placing of animals or justification in a class, minus points can be applied – 1 point deducted for each place. 3 classes with minus points = candidate unable to pass.

Championship class is a score out of 10 points for placing and a score out of 10 points for justification. Combined total point score out of 20.

An overall ringcraft point score out of 50 and a then a score for Judge's presentation out of 20 points.

70% base pass minimum required on animal placing. 75% overall required for a pass.

Minimum of 15 eligible classes which includes, but not limited to:

Junior classes: Does x2 Bucks x2 and champions x2

Senior classes: Doesx3, Bucks x2 and champions x2

Grand champion: Doe and buck

Supreme

M15/70 Motion: to approve the upcoming Judges schools and to amend the current level 3 judges process to include an additional class of animals to be included in the judge's exam. These animals will not have been used in show classes and will be judged after the completion of championship classes.

Moved: Vicki Mitchell

Seconded: Thomas Youlden

Approved

Motion from board meeting Thursday 24th September 2015.

An additional exam class of animals that have not been used in showing classes can be used when insufficient number of animals have entered at the approved show. As final exhibit numbers are not known when applicants apply and prepay for level 3 course exam.

The animals used in the class are not necessarily stud animals and can be any sex.

- Must be a financial member of BGBAA
- Must have passed a Level 2 S School at least three (3) months prior
- Must present their judges record book to the Board showing above criteria have been achieved and stating their desire to attend a L3.
- Must have judged at least 5 Shows.
- All overseas students wishing to sit a Level 3 Examination in Australia must first attend and pass a **Level 2 S** School before being allowed to sit a Level 3 Examination.
- COST **\$165** Inc (\$150 plus \$15 GST)

All Exam papers must be marked by the senior nominated presenter for all level schools.

- ***Ongoing judges training***

- All judges are responsible for attending ongoing judges training.
- Judges training will but not limited to include breed standard reviews and understanding of standards and assessors training.
- Show stewards – all judges should be available for stewarding to further increase their skills and ringcraft.
- All judges must keep records of judging appointments, workshop presenters and training in judge's record book.

- ***Notification of Results***

The Breed development Director is to file all relevant information and results securely on website. All relevant information and results gathered from all Trainees is to be kept confidential, it may not be used for any other purpose. Exam papers are to be retained for a period of 1 month after the results have been published.

Trainees will be notified of their individual % results and Pass or Fail result. Judges certificates are to be signed by the course presenter and breed development Director of the Board.

It is the Breed development Director's responsibility to maintain and ensure that relevant authorities have an up to date list and status of current Judges.

All trainees are prohibited from contacting the Presenters of the School that they attended in relation to getting results before the official results are announced by the Board.

- ***Selection of School Instructors***

All Judging Schools & Breeders Workshops should be conducted by Australian Judges, where possible. Should a visiting South African Judge be in Australia, they may be utilised to conduct Schools up to a Level 2, with the prior approval from the Board. Only Level 3 Judges will be permitted to conduct Level **2 S** Schools & all Level **3** Examinations.

South African Instructors are selected on the following:

- English is paramount
- Availability

Instructor Airfares, travel and accommodation are to be paid for by the BGBAA.

Level 2 and 3 Judging Schools must be conducted by two (2) qualified Level 3 Judges. Breeder Selection Workshops and Level 1 Judging Schools can be presented by any Level 2 or higher Judge that is approved by the Board.

- ***Selection of Venues***

Quality and Quantity of animals for judging schools must be the priority.

- ***Preferred Facilities***

Facilities for Venues must be in an accessible location, have a room with power for the theory exam and space for ample seating. Adequate shelter for the teaching pens which must be large enough to enable good vision for all trainees. Pens must be large enough for animals to move freely and for the trainees to move around animals and have enough pens to house all animals for the school.

A central ring for training is preferable and if ring area is small, have two areas where groups can be divided to avoid congestion.

Two separate pens one for bucks and one for does are required with an examination pen approximately 6m x 10m. Easy access to and from the pens is paramount.

Toilet facilities should be provided for the school as well as an area suitable for trainees and instructors to eat their meals.

Provision of facilities for Instructors to run their course may include overhead projector, microphone and adequate seating.

- ***Accommodation***

A reasonable standard of accommodation is to be provided for both trainees and instructors. It is to be within 30 minutes travel from where the school is being held and venue for a social final dinner should also be considered.

- ***Personnel required***

At least two people would be required to draft and clearly number selected animals according to the instructors' wishes and for the movement of animals into and out of training ring.

Handlers required to feed and water the animals before and after the day's proceedings and to prepare the pens and clean them out at the end of the school.

No trainee of the school is to be involved in the selection or movement of animals being used for the school.

Catering for the days should be handled by somebody independent of the running of the school to ensure that there are no delays.

- ***Animals***

Selection of animals for the schools is different in a level 1, level 2 and level 3 schools. Participants in judging schools cannot supply any animals used in the examination classes.

Level 1: requires approximately 40 to 50 animals of each sex and mixed ages. Most animals will be average although good animals are also required to demonstrate the range in quality.

There is a particular requirement to have a substantial number of animals with evident faults of varying kinds and degrees. It is imperative at level 1 for trainees to be able to identify general faults, such as poor horns, hocks, pasterns, weak heads and top lines.

Level 2: Requires approximately a 50 animals of each sex and mixed ages. These animals must be of good standard quality animals. Less evident faults also required where possible.

Level2s: Good quality show stock at least 50 animals of mixed sex and ages at show.

Level 3: Good quality show stock at least 50 animals, in total, of mixed sex and mixed ages at show. Group classes are not included. Additional exam class of 6 animals not necessarily stud stock. Can be either sex These animals are not part of show schedule classes.

- ***Applying to attend a school***

Registration forms for schools are available from the State Secretary, the National Secretary or the National website. All registrations must be prepaid and evidence that the Applicant meets the criteria for transition should be attached.

Judges nominating must show that they have been willing to accept Judging appointments at their existing level.

Judges nominating to attend a higher level judging school must not be under disciplinary action taken by the Board

- ***Judges Record Book***

A record of Judges Activities, for the purpose of monitoring a Judges activities and ensuring that they meet their criteria when wanting to transition from one level to the next.

Judges must enter all types of events when using their capacity as a Judge in the following:

- Judging Shows
- Breeders workshops
- Speaking appointments/Promotional acts
- Judging Schools
- Official meetings
- Accrediting animals/Selecting Show animals

Completion of event, Judge must have a Show committee member or organiser to sign Judge's record book.

- ***Complaints against a Judge***

Disciplinary action will follow the process as already laid down in our Association Rules and Regulations.