**BREEDING GOATS**

**Rule 1**: All breeding does must be validated with proof of ownership/or registration on or before the last day of the State/County validation date for the market wethers. Transfer of registration papers into the exhibitors name must be completed prior to this validation date. The registration papers must be in the exhibitor’s possession at validation. The original registration papers and a copy of the registration paper for the goat committee to keep must be brought to validation. Does that are not registered will be tagged at validation (there will be a small charge for the tag). All does must be the sole bonafide property of the exhibitor as of last day of the market wether validation period. Each exhibitor must personally feed and care for his or her animal as of that date forward. These animals must be fed and groomed by the exhibitor as a project under the supervision of a Vo‐Ag teacher or County Agent. Each exhibitor must be enrolled in his or her respective FFA Chapter or 4‐H Club by October 1st of the year preceding the show. The does will be permitted to leave the exhibitor’s possession for 45 days to be bred. The exhibitor will have to designate the 45 days period at validation. The Goat Committee reserved the right to make unannounced home visits anytime after the animal has been validated with the exclusion of the pre‐established 45 day breeding period. Any doe determined by the committee not to be in the exhibitor’s possession anytime after validation with the exclusion of the pre‐established 45 day breeding period will be ineligible to show. IN THE EVENT AN EXHIBITOR MOVES OR CHANGES THEIR PHONE NUMBER, IT IS THE EXHIBITOR’S RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE GOAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.

**Rule 2**: Exhibitors shall show does only, no bucks. Any breed doe may be shown. There must be 3 does in a breed to receive a trophy (meat goats, angora goats, dairy goats, etc.). The decision to setup different breed classes will be at the discretion of the Committee Members the day of the show.

**Rule 3:** The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited. Failure to abide by this rule will result in automatic disqualification of the animal entered.

**Rule 4:** Does may have horns. Any doe with horns will have to be stalled outside of the barn in the exhibitors’ trailer or truck and only brought to the show ring for the breeding doe classes or showmanship class.

**Rule 5:** Does must be taught to lead and must be shown with a collar. Any doe that is unruly in the show ring and cannot be controlled by the exhibitor will be asked to leave the ring.

**Rule 6:** The age of the animal will be computed at that age on the day of the show.

**Rule 7:** The entries will be divided into three (3) classes:unior Does: Class 1 0‐12 months of age ALL MILK TEETH MUST BE IN PLACE Class 2 13 months to under 24 months **Senior Does:** Class 3 2 year and over (Regardless of the age) Does will be checked in at the scale the day of the show to be toothed and placed into classes. The decision to split the doe classes will be at the discretion of the Committee members the day of the show.

**Rule 8.** First place in each group will compete for Breed Champion. Breed champion will compete for Grand Champion. Reserve Breed Champion from the class producing the Grand Champion will then compete with Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.

**Rule 9:** Showmanship will be judged after the Market Kid Division. Showmanship awards shall be presented in three (3) divisions. (Seniors Grades 9‐12) Intermediate (Grades 6‐8) and Juniors (Grade 3‐5) as of the first date of the show), to the exhibitors showing the greatest skill and knowledge in the handling and fitting of their animals for the show. The three (3) showmanship winners shall be chosen from among all goat division exhibitors (breeding and market kids). Exhibitors will only enter the showmanship competition with their own animals that was shown in the Market or Breeding classes. ALL EXHIBITORS FOR SHOWMANSHIP MUST USE THEIR OWN ANIMAL THAT WAS SHOWN IN THE MARKET OR BREEDING CLASSES.

**Rule 10:** Breeding Goats must have arrived and checked in NO LATER THAN then official published arrival schedule.

**Rule 11:** Only the Exhibitor, immediate family (mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, brother‐in‐law or sister‐in‐law), fellow 4‐H or FFA embers, Guadalupe County Agents, 4‐H Adult Leaders, or Ag. Teachers will be allowed to fit or groom goats for show. Failure to abide by this rule will result in automatic disqualifications of the animal entered.