

# 2017 Michigan Boer Goat Youth Challenge

Welcome to Michigan Boer Goat Association Youth Challenge. Our goal is to promote the Boer Goat industry in Michigan while instilling integrity, sportsmanship, leadership and dedication in Michigan's Youth. The MBGA Youth Challenge consists of shows throughout Michigan sanctioned by MBGA Inc. Youth interested in this challenge may fill out the youth MBGA membership, and must fill out Youth Challenge Entry Form, and submit forms and pay the appropriate fees. MBGA Inc. also has a non-membership option for youth who only want to compete in the 2017 Youth Challenge and will have no other opportunities with MBGA Inc (ie. youth rep, newsletter etc.). Once entered, the points will be calculated from that date of entry forward. At season end, **points will be calculated for the top 5 Shows in a market division and showmanship divisions.** Prizes be awarded to the top **Five** participants in the market animal (both Wethers and Does are considered a Market Animal) division of the Youth Challenge. Champion, Reserve Champion, Runner-up Showman, **Fourth, and Fifth Overall will be awarded in each age division.** Prizes may consist of equipment, chairs, show supplies, money, etc.

## Rules of Entry:

1. This Series is open to all Michigan youth who are 7 to 21 years old. Age will be considered as of January 1 of the show year.
2. Entrants maybe or become at time of entry a youth member of MBGA. If the family farm or ranch is a member their youth is considered a member. If entrant does not want to be a member of MBGA they can pay non-member fees and are **not** eligible for anything except participation in the Youth Challenge and awards celebration.
3. Entrants are not limited to showing 2 market goats per show; however the points will be accumulated from the 2 highest point accumulating market goats. **These goats may only be shown once per show and by only one member.**
4. All shows are governed by the rules of the MBGA and sanctioning committee. **For incidents not covered by show rules, the MBGA Show Committee's decision is final.**
5. Goats must be healthy and free of visible signs of contagious diseases. Animal's questionable health may be excused from receiving points for the specific show in question.
6. All goats must be tagged or have some type of permanent form of id. I.e. USDA scrapie tag, tattoo, and must be readable with corresponding paperwork.
7. Market Animals may be dehorned or horned.
8. Wethers must be castrated males. Market Animals must have all their milk teeth in place. **Market Animals with missing teeth or permanent adult teeth coming in will be disqualified from receiving points with that animal. (No Refunds)**
9. Exhibitors are responsible for safety and care of their goats. Exhibitors and their families release the MBGA and any committee members from any and all responsibility for loss and damages or accidents.
10. MBGA reserves the right to refuse any exhibitors entry whose behavior is deemed detrimental to the show or other exhibitors and will disqualified from the current year Youth Challenge.
11. Showmanship Divisions: Pee-Wee **up to 6 years**, Novice **7-10years**, Intermediate **11-14 years**, Junior **15-17 years**, Senior **18-21 years**

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12. Market Animals will be weighed day of show and divided into weight classes and posted by the governing show committee.
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## MBGA Point System for Series Exhibitors

1. Market Animal exhibitors receive points on their top 2 goats at each show to accumulate through the last show-based on a 10 point system for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> place, 10 for 1<sup>st</sup>,9 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc
2. Youth Challenge award participation of 3 points will be awarded for the completed entry for the 2016 Youth Challenge at the 2016 Youth Challenge awards celebration.
3. Entrants may accumulate 5 points for submitting Youth Challenge Entry form to appropriate MBGA Show Committee Member received by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the show year.
4. Grand Champion-**25 points**, Reserve Champion-**15 points**
5. The High Point Winner receives the highest valued prized deemed by the youth show committee.
6. The Runner-up Point Winner receives the second highest value award deemed by the youth show committee.
7. **3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>** place will be recognized with an award for their point placing in the challenge.

## MBGA Point System for Showmanship Exhibitors

1. **Top 10 Showmanship exhibitors** in each division receive points at each show to accumulate through the last show – based on a 10 point system for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> place, 10 for 1<sup>st</sup>,9 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc
2. Exhibitor ***must*** show at a minimum of two shows to receive an award.
3. High Point Winner from each division receives a Belt Buckle.
4. The **2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>** place will be recognized with awards also.
5. Peewee Showman will be recognized with a participation award.

**Participation points will be given for receiving paid entry in the 2017 Youth Challenge at the 2016 Awards celebration. Early Bird points will be awarded for submitted and paid entry into the Youth Challenge by MAY 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year.**