

Recognised Shows

18. Goat shows or classes for goats open to general competition, which are held in accordance with the following conditions may, at the discretion of the Committee, be recognised, and subject to the conditions being complied with, the awards in such classes will be recognised. At the discretion of the Committee, Show Entries may be restricted to animals qualified in an approved manner.
- (1) The Show must be under the management of a committee, which shall submit to the Society for approval, not later than 1st December in the year prior to the Show, a completed BGS Application Form for Show Recognition. The BGS form must be submitted to the Society before the show schedule relating to the show is printed. The BGS form will require details to be submitted of:
 - (a) the name of the steward in charge of the goat section, who shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with BGS Regulations. The steward in charge of the goat section must either be a member of the BGS or a person who has been authorised for this purpose using criteria set by the BGS Committee;
 - (b) award category being applied for and proposed detailed classification (see Regulation 18 (10)(a));
 - (c) entry restrictions relating to goat health (see Regulation 18 (10)(b));
 - (d) accommodation for exhibits, including goat health provisions (see Regulation 18 (10)(b)).The fee for BGS recognition must be enclosed with the completed form before the Committee can consider the application..
 - (2) The following announcement must be published in both schedule and catalogue: "The Goat Classes are held under the Rules, Regulations and Recognition of the British Goat Society. All exhibits must be registered with the British Goat Society as in the ownership and in the name of the exhibitor, the registered name, number and identification mark being quoted on the entry form plus the kidding date for goats in milk. No entries will be accepted unless CAE blood test results are on BGS submission forms or Premium Sheep and Goat Health Scheme forms. This is to enable quick and accurate confirmation of the status of the goats attending a show. Entries for all kids must be accompanied by the necessary valid certificate for their dams." The name of the steward in charge of the goat section shall also be published.
 - (3) The name and address of the Exhibitor and the registered name and number of each exhibit must be published in the catalogue. If either, but not both, the name or number of the exhibit is omitted from or is incorrectly stated in the catalogue, any award made to such exhibit may be recognised, provided all other conditions are complied with. The date of birth and the date of last kidding (if any) must be recorded in the judging book.
 - (4) The Judge must be one whose name appears on the Society's list of Judges for the year and his or her name must be published in the schedule and catalogue.
 - (5) Female goats in milk must be stripped dry under the supervision of a Steward or other properly appointed person on the evening prior to the date on which any judging or competition take place, except at certain one-day shows at which competitions are not held. The BGS recognises the use of Stripping Certificates unless the entry schedule (as approved by the BGS) specifically precludes them.
 - (6) A catalogue with the awards officially marked therein must be supplied to the Secretary within seven days of the close of the Show.
 - (7) No person being a member of the family of the officiating Judge, an employee of that family or any persons associated therewith, shall be entitled to exhibit, and any awards made to exhibits owned by such person shall not be recognised.
 - (8) No person suspended under Rule 8 shall be entitled to exhibit, act as Judge or take any part in the management of a Recognised Show during the period of suspension.
 - (9) A goat exhibited must comply with the following conditions:
 - (a) At the time of entry it must be registered with the Society in the ownership of the exhibitor, and on the day of the Show must not be less than two calendar months old. Any goat brought forward for competition must have an identification mark which is legible and corresponds to that on the entry form. Failure may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Judge or Chief Steward.
 - (b) The breed of a goat shall be determined by the Section or Register of the Herd Book in which it is entered, all goats in the British Section of the Herd Book, the Foundation Book, Supplementary Register and/or Identification Register shall be regarded as British. The goat must be entered in the appropriate class for the breed to which it belongs.
 - (c) Female goats over two years of age must be exhibited in milk. No goat or goatling that has not kidded or aborted (aborting means bringing forth a dead foetus after three calendar months from the last service of the goat) shall be eligible to compete in any class for goats in milk irrespective of whether the animal shall be yielding milk or not. Any goat under two years of age which has borne a kid shall be ineligible to compete as a goatling or kid but may compete in any class of goats in milk provided the schedule contains no Regulation to the contrary. A goatling is a female goat over one but not exceeding two years, which has not borne a kid. A buckling is a male goat over one but not exceeding two years. A kid is a goat of either sex not exceeding one year. All ages must be reckoned to the date specified in the schedule.
 - (d) In any class or competition restricted to goats not having won certain specified awards, the number of such awards won shall be calculated to the day before the last day of entry or such day as may be named in the schedule.
 - (e) No goats or goatlings shall be fed with milk or any recognised milk product or milk substitute and no goats in milk shall receive while on the showground any stimulant, medicine, drench or hypodermic injection except with the permission and under the supervision of the Steward in charge or Veterinary Surgeon. Any goat receiving any such injection prior to the termination of any milking competition may be ineligible to compete in such competition at that show.
 - (f) The use of artificial colouring or the plugging or sealing of teats shall disqualify the animal.
 - (g) Goats in milk must have kidded or aborted (see Regulation 18(9c)) a minimum of thirty days previous to the day of the show.

- (h) No pregnant goat may be admitted to the Show ground. In the event of an unforeseen kidding or abortion, the goat must be immediately isolated from other goats. Full details of the goat, exhibitor and action taken must be reported in writing by the Chief Steward, to the BGS Secretary, immediately after the show.
- (10) BGS recognised shows will have classifications approved by the Committee on the basis of the completed BGS Application Form for Show Recognition (see Regulation 18(1)). No recognition will be granted unless this form is complete. The classification will be published in the BGS Journal and will indicate by letters (a) the BGS Awards available for competition and (b) the goat health classification of the show.

(a) Awards available for competition

Female goats

M The recognised 24 hour Milking Competition will be held under BGS Regulations, enabling goats to qualify for a "*" or "Q*"

M/D The recognised milking competition will be held as in M, but a BGS Diploma will be awarded to the best exhibit in the unrecognised inspection classes (see Regulation 18(11)).

C The milking and inspection classes will be recognised, but the show will be a specialist breed show. A Rosette will be awarded to the best exhibit in inspection classes and the relevant Breed Challenge Certificates, with a Certificate of Merit for British milkers (see Regulations 22 and 22(a) for limitations).

A The milking and inspection classes will be recognised and classes will not be restricted as in C shows.

A Rosette will be awarded to the best exhibit on inspection. A Challenge Certificate, and an Inspection and Production Challenge Certificate will each be available for competition amongst the milkers.

Breed Challenge Certificates will be available for the best Anglo Nubian, British Alpine, British Guernsey, British Saanen, British Toggenburg, Golden Guernsey, Saanen and Toggenburg milkers with a Certificate of Merit for a British milker (see Regulations 20, 22 and 22(a) for limitations).

Male Goats

C This category of recognition will be reserved for breed shows.

A Rosette will be awarded to the best male exhibit together with the relevant Breed Challenge Certificate for the best male over one year of age, with a Certificate of Merit for the best British male over one year of age (see Regulations 22 and 22(a) for limitations).

A The classes for males will not be restricted as in C male shows.

A Rosette will be awarded to the best male exhibit and a Challenge Certificate for males over one year of age.

Breed Challenge Certificates will be available for the best Anglo Nubian, British Alpine, British Guernsey, British Saanen, British Toggenburg, Golden Guernsey, Saanen and Toggenburg males over one year of age, with a Certificate of Merit for the best British male over one year of age (see Regulations 22 and 22(a) for limitations).

(b) Goat Health Classification

W - Entries will be restricted to goats from herds that are whole herd negative CAE tested within the twelve months prior to the show. Whole herd negative CAE tested means an entire herd in which all animals over one year old hold a current negative CAE test certificate, and all kids should have a current negative CAE test certificate for their dams.

A - Herds that are registered as CAE Accredited under the Premium Sheep and Goat Health Scheme (PSGHS) operated by SRUC (Scotland's Rural College, previously SAC). The scheme, aimed at disease eradication, is supported by the BGS, but special provisions need to be made at shows for goats within the scheme. It is the responsibility of those with CAE Accredited herds to ascertain that shows which they wish to enter have the necessary facilities, and they must also ensure that they comply with the Scheme's rules and conditions whilst on the showground.

From January 1st 2021 no show will be recognised by the BGS Committee unless it has an associated Goat Health Classification.

Whilst Northern Ireland remains as a designated CAE free province it is exempt from this Regulation, however, any goats travelling from Northern Ireland to a show in England, Scotland or Wales must have a current whole herd negative CAE test certificate.

If any herds have had a positive CAE result, they must provide two clear whole herd tests, completed since the reactor has been culled. The tests must not be more than 12 months apart and not less than 6 months apart.

From January 1st 2000 no show will be recognised by the BGS Committee unless it has an associated Goat Health Classification (ie will apply to applications made by October 1st 1999).

From January 1st 2005 the BGS will grant recognition only to those shows in the B and W categories of Goat Health Classification (ie will apply to applications made by October 1st 2004). Whilst Northern Ireland remains as a designated CAE free province it is exempt from this Regulation.

(11) British Goat Society Diploma

A Show, at which the only BGS Award is a Diploma, awarded to the best exhibit in the show is called a Diploma Show. A Diploma Show need not be held under BGS Regulations and the award is applied for by the completion of a BGS Diploma Application Form. The show and its results are not recognised by the BGS.

If a Diploma Show is held in conjunction with a recognised show (such as an M show for females or any male show), the completion of a BGS Show Recognition Application Form is required and the criteria in Regulation 18(1)(c) and (d) must be applied to all exhibits, in the Diploma section as well as the recognised section.