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The National Show Committee and the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association invite you to join them July 8-15 in Madison, Wisconsin! We are all working together to make this a memorable and exciting show for all!

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2017

ENTRY DEADLINE: Please note the early deadline for entries to be postmarked or faxed is June 5, 2017. Late entries will be accepted, postmarked or faxed by June 12, 2017 - entry fee is greater, see page one of rules. **Online entries can be completed up through June 18, 2017.**

ENTRY FORMS: If mailing entry forms to the ADGA office, please take the time and effort to make copies of your completed entry forms before you mail them. If entering online, print out your entry and bring it to the show with you. Look it over on the way to the show and bring it with you to check-in. This step helps all of us operate more accurately during the busy days leading up to the show. Remember to fill out a separate entry form for each member ID# and each breed. Please note that Premise ID numbers are required for all WI exhibitors (including youth) and also any other state that has a mandatory premise ID. Please check with your vet.

ONLINE ENTRY: Available again this year offering a \$1.00 per animal and 50 cents per group discount. We hope to have this available by late May this year.

FEES REQUIRED WITH ENTRY FORM: Fees must accompany the entry form unless there are adequate funds in the exhibitor's ADGA account. VISA, MasterCard, Discover and PayPal are also accepted.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Please note that substitutes will be allowed within the entry fee category. The more accurate you are with your early entries, the more efficient the National Show Office and check-in will be. You can go online and make your own substitutions up until the morning of check-in and this is highly encouraged to speed up the check-in process.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME: *Make sure all goats are healthy and free of contagious disease. If in doubt, keep them home. Check tattoos to be sure they are legible and match the papers. Be sure you have the ORIGINAL REGISTRATION/RECORDATION CERTIFICATE FOR ALL GOATS AND COMPLETE HEALTH PAPERS. REMEMBER YOU CANNOT SHOW DOES ON A SIGNED TRANSFER.*

We will not allow unreadable tattoos to show in the show. Animals with unreadable tattoos will be stalled but unable to show. They will then be charged a non-show fee which will cost an extra \$13.00 per animal. If in doubt, have someone read them early so you can re-tattoo, if necessary. (Make sure your papers are updated if you re-tattoo). Remember, there is no tattooing on National Show grounds!

QUARANTINE: Quarantine pens will only be available if your animal becomes ill at the show and needs to be moved. **If you have an animal on your trailer that has a contagious disease, your entire trailer will be sent back home.**

PENS: Pen dimensions are 6' x 6' and 5 X 8 and fees are \$20.00 per pen. Horse stalls are 10' x 10' and fees are \$40 per stall. We will try to accommodate requests, but pens will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis. The National Show Committee cannot guarantee a particular pen location and adjustments in your preferred location or amount of stalls ordered may be necessary. All final pen decisions are the responsibility of the National Show Committee.

NO ANIMALS CAN BE HOUSED IN TRAILERS OR ANY PORTABLE PENS ON THE GROUNDS FOR ANY REASON!!!

NON-SHOW DOES will be stalled with the herd entering them on the entry form, as Non-Show pens will not be available at the Alliant Energy Center. All non-show does traveling to the National Show must pass through Vet Check and must be entered at time of entry and listed (with complete entry info) as NON-SHOW. They will be charged \$26 per animal. Those does will only be allowed to leave during the week if they are accompanied by a signed, official release form from the National Show Chair. A record will be maintained in the NS office with the animal's name, date of release and who the animal was released to as a veterinary precaution. **NO BUCKS may be penned at the National Show in 2017.**

ARRIVAL TIMES: Arrival times will be 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, July 8. If you arrive earlier than 7:00 a.m. Saturday, you will not be permitted to unload on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be told about unloading as they enter the grounds (You must Vet check the animals before you unload). All animals must be on the grounds and checked in by 10:00 p.m. Saturday, July 8. Please note that all youth participants and their animals must be on site and checked in by 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 8.

VET CHECK PROCEDURE: Before you leave home, make sure all tattoos are correct on the health charts and in the animal's ears/tails. Make sure your vet has checked with the state of Wisconsin and has the proper health documents. You will be greeted by the Vet Check Committees. All animals must be vet checked before they are off-loaded into the barn area. **Please remember that any animal found to have a contagious disease, as determined by the State Veterinarians, will not be permitted on the grounds and all animals in the trailer will be asked to leave. Please make sure your animals are healthy before they are put on the trailer.**

WELCOME COMMITTEE: Once you have cleared vet check you will be greeted by a National Show welcome committee. They will help you find the best location for you to unload (closest to your pens), will answer any questions you may have, help you locate first bedding and get you headed for check in. They will also have a facility map to help you locate restrooms, showers and camping.

FACILITIES: The show facilities are not climate controlled. There is a state of the art ventilation system in place which will keep air flow moving but please keep in mind that daytime average summer temps in Madison are around 82 degrees. The sheep pens are vertical slat and small kids may be able to squeeze through. Horse stalls do have an opening in the back of the pens so **PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY**. Sheep pens will be stalled back to back but horse stalls will be stalled side by side. You may indicate on the entry form whether you prefer sheep pens or horse stalls. We will do our best to accommodate those preferences, but this will be on a first-come, first-served basis and we may need to adjust your location. The website nationalshow.org will have the most up-to-date information. If we run short, we reserve the option to reduce **your pen space, but fees will be refunded in those cases.**

PRIVACY PANELS: AEC is making a limited number of privacy panels available to our show. These can be used to close up the backs of the horse pens to prevent contact with other herds. There are only 200 panels available. They will be rented for \$15.00 per panel on a first come-first served basis after you arrive at the show and will include zip ties to install them. They must be removed and returned to the national show committee before you leave. Any charges incurred by ADGA for damage or non-removal of the panels will be charged to the exhibitor's ADGA account.

NO NON-ESSENTIAL ELECTRIC ITEMS PERMITTED IN THE BARN: Nobody wants to be responsible for a barn fire. Non-essential electrical items **WILL NOT** be permitted in the facilities. This includes but is not limited to: radios, refrigerators, plug-in coolers, televisions, microwaves, crock pots, waffle irons, griddles, coffee pots, popcorn poppers, blenders, grills, electric decorations toasters and toaster ovens. Likewise, non-flame retardant tarps and covers will not be allowed in the barns. If you plan to bring and use such items, please be sure they meet the standard of non-flammability. Laptops and phone chargers will be allowed, but should be monitored carefully. All pasteurizers, clippers, milking machines, fans, and bucket heaters will be allowed.

EXHIBITOR ETHICS: Due to past complaints, the National Show Committee would like to reiterate that each exhibitor should review and follow the National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Improper behavior such as striking animals, rudeness toward fellow exhibitors, blatant disposal of awards, intimidating actions toward judges and other displays of unsportsmanlike conduct will be addressed directly and could result in removal.

DRESS CODE: The American Dairy Goat Association and the National Dairy Goat Show committee invite and encourage you to "Put your best foot forward" at the most prestigious, competitive dairy goat show in the United States. We want you to "Strut Your Stuff!!!" by looking as clean and "professional" as the animals you are handling. Please see #11 under Rules. Please remember only a herd logo and name may be on your show shirts.

BEST UDDER MILKOUT: Make sure to bring necessary items to milk your doe out in the event you are selected first or second udder in your class. A separate area will be designated close to the ring for Best Udder Milkout. Please bring all necessary equipment to this area before Best Udder classes.

RECORDED GRADE GROUP CLASSES: Recorded grade Junior and Senior Get of Sire have been added back into the show for 2017. All members of the Rec. Grade group classes must be shown in the Recorded Grade show.

YOUTH EMBEDDED SHOW: New this year! There will be a youth embedded show included during the open class show. Youth animals will be recognized in each class and there will be a Youth Premier Junior Doe and a Youth Premier Senior Doe chosen in each breed. Please be sure to read all Embedded Show rules. **NOTE: A separate entry form for the youth embedded show is required this year.** Please contact Paul Plummer at 515-433-0252 with questions.

YOUTH PACKET: For any additional information, please contact Paul Plummer at 515-433-0252.

HERDSMANSHIP/OUTSTANDING EXHIBITORS: Please consider doing a herd display this year and “strut your stuff” at this year’s show. There will also be a new “Outstanding Exhibitor” award (one for each breed) this year based on sportsmanship, support of the National Show, volunteerism and support of youth. These will all be chosen by YOU, the exhibitor!!! More info is available on the National Show website at www.nationalshow.org/info.htm

NEWCOMER’S HANDOUT: A handout is available for those first-timers who would like more information. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope or your email address and request the National Show Newcomer’s Handout. This includes an article about traveling with dairy goats, what to bring, and what to expect.

CAMPING: See Rule #16 for more information. Remember you must be an **exhibitor** in order to camp on AEC grounds. Visitors and those coming to the show as spectators must find camping at an alternate location.

NO ANIMALS MAY BE HOUSED IN TRAILERS DURING THE SHOW! Also remember, only animals entered are allowed in the show barn pens, and no buck kids will be allowed on the grounds in 2017. Only animals entered as non show does will be allowed to leave early and must have an official permit from the National Show office. **Please take the time to read all show rules thoroughly before coming to the show.**

See you in Madison!

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