



IOWA MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

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IMGA Youth Achievement Program

The Top Goat Promoter Program was redesigned in 2021 and will now be called the IMGA Youth Achievement Program. The intent of the program is to replace bonus points and double points shows from the Youth Points Chase (YPC) program and to continue to encourage the interest and participation of youth members with IMGA or JIMGA events, showing and other goat-related activities *outside* the show ring.

Program Participants & Divisions:

The IMGA Youth Achievement Program is for youth that qualify based on the participation requirements of the program. Points may be earned as program activities are completed from November 1st of the prior year to October 30th of the current year. The program consists of three age divisions:

- Senior (14 – 18 years of age)
- Intermediate (9 – 13 years of age)
- Junior (5 – 8 years of age)

Program Awards:

Activity points will be combined per age division and the top points earner per division will be rewarded at the IMGA Annual Banquet at the end of the year.

The IMGA may award additional placings at their discretion based on the level of program participation.

In the event of a tie, the participant with the most unique activities not generated from participating in a show will be rewarded. If there continues to be a tie, the program administrators will review participation involved and determine the participant to be rewarded.

Participation Requirements:

- Youth members may earn points once they are an IMGA or JIMGA members. The membership must also remain in good standing. Membership can be in the form of a farm membership (with children names and ages listed) or as an individual junior membership.
- Youth members must be 5 to 18 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year.
- JIMGA Mentors (19-21 years of age) and the IMGA Ambassador are not eligible to compete in the Youth Achievement program.
- Youth members must be the one performing the activity in which points are being earned. If a complaint or question is made regarding performance, a committee will be appointed to



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investigate. If the committee finds the member not abiding by the rules, all acquired points may be forfeited.

- All youth members and their families are expected to conduct themselves appropriately. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all points.

Qualifying Program Activities:

- The program's activity options and associated points values are listed on the next page.
- The participant is not limited to the number of points that can be earned.
- Activities that may be performed and earned multiple times are indicated with a ^ on the activity list.
- For activities indicated with a ** on the activity list, participants will be required to submit an activity participation form, which can be found on the IMGA website.
- Participation in a goat-related activity not listed may still qualify. The intent of the program is to demonstrate participation in and promotion of the industry in a way that is above and beyond your regular routine. Performing responsibilities or participating in events that better your own goat herd would not qualify. For example, helping with your family farm's flush day would not qualify.
- Participants may be required to sign-in at qualifying events to verify participation.
- Participation in qualifying Youth Points Chase (YPC) events will be verified using the show results submitted to the Youth Points Chase program following the event.

Program Contacts:

- IMGA Youth Committee: Contact information can be found at – www.iowa-meat-goat.com
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| Activity List | Junior | Senior |
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| Pay dues to IMGGA before Nov 30 th of the prior year for the following year | 10 | 10 |
| Participate in or help with IMGGA Spring Sale | 10 | 10 |
| Participate in or help with Fire Up Camp | 10 | 10 |
| Participate in or help with IMGGA Fun Show | 10 | 10 |
| Participate in or help with IMGGA Fall Show | 10 | 10 |
| Show in a Youth Points Chase (YPC) show EVENT, other than IMGGA hosted ^ <i>(If there are multiple shows in one weekend, which defines a show EVENT, only 5 points will be earned for participating in the EVENT.)</i> | 5 | 5 |
| Donate a limit of 1 auction item per JIMGA fundraiser auctions when held ^ | 5 | 5 |
| Refer new member to IMGGA or JIMGA ^ | 5 | 5 |
| Show a goat at a non-YPC sanctioned show like county fair or an out of state show ^ ** | 5 | 5 |
| Participate in a goat-related learning contest, like Iowa State Fair skill-a-thon, fitting contests, JABGA regional contests ^ ** | | |
| Volunteer at a goat-related event other than IMGGA/JIMGA hosted ^ ** | 5 | 5 |
| Complete your goat project information in your 4-H record book ** | 5 | 5 |
| Complete your FFA Goat SAE records for the year ** | 5 | 5 |
| Coach another showman on goat selection, learning how to show, etc ^ ** | 5 | 5 |
| Attend a goat clinic, other than IMGGA/JIMGA hosted ^ ** | 5 | 5 |
| Goat video or presentation at 4-H, FFA, school or other group ^ ** | 5 | 5 |
| Write an article for the IMGGA newsletter ^ | 5 | 5 |
| Participate in a goat-related event or activity not listed ^ ** <i>(Activity information must be thoroughly explained in detail on the participation form. Points will be awarded by the Youth Committee based on the activity's significance.)</i> | To be determined | To be determined |