



IOWA MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

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IMGA Youth Achievement Program

The intent of the program is to encourage the interest and year-round participation of youth members with IMGA or JIMGA events, showing and other goat-related promotional or learning activities *outside* the show ring that are above and beyond and not for personal herd or farm benefit.

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 31st of the current year. The program consists of three age divisions, with ages evaluated as of January 1st of the current year:

- 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 awarded 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 awarded. If there continues to be a tie, the program administrators will review participation involved and determine the participant to be awarded.

Qualifying Program Activities:

- Example program activity options and associated points values are listed at the end of this document as are a few example activities that do not qualify.
- 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 verification form, which can be found on the IMGA website or directly online at



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<https://form.jotform.com/240343859950160>. Once the activity has been verified by the IMGGA, an email confirmation will be sent to the email address on record with the submission.

- 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.
- Participants may be required to sign-in at IMGGA qualifying events to verify participation.
- Participation in IMGGA Youth Points Chase (YPC) sanctioned shows do not need to be submitted and will be verified using the show results submitted to the Youth Points Chase program following the event.

Participation Requirements & Rules:

- Youth members may earn points once they are an IMGGA or JIMGGA members between the ages of 5 and 18 years as of January 1 of the current year. The membership must also remain in good standing. Membership can be in the form of a farm membership (with youth names and ages listed) or as an individual junior membership.
- After activities have been verified by the IMGGA, points standings will be updated and posted on <https://www.iowa-meat-goat.com/youth-achievement.html>.
- Youth will have the lesser of 30 days after their activity submission or by October 31st to contact the IMGGA with any concerns. After the lesser of those dates, points cannot be contested.
- Youth members must be the one performing the activity in which points are being earned. All youth members and their families are expected to conduct themselves appropriately.
- If a complaint or question is made regarding performance, conduct, or qualification of a submitted activity, the IMGGA Board will appoint a committee to investigate. If the committee finds the member not abiding by the rules, all acquired points may be forfeited. The committee decision will be final.
- The IMGGA reserves the right to accept, reject or partially accept any activities and may change the program at any time.

Program Contacts:

- IMGGA Youth Committee: Contact information can be found at – www.iowa-meat-goat.com
- IMGGA E-mail: iowameatgoat@gmail.com



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Example of Qualifying Activities	
Pay dues to IMGA before Nov 30 th of the prior year for the following year	10
Participate in or help with IMGA Spring Sale	10
Participate in or help with Fire Up Camp	10
Participate in or help with IMGA Fun Show	10
Participate in or help with IMGA Fall Show	10
Show in a Youth Points Chase (YPC) show EVENT, other than IMGA 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
Donate a limit of 1 auction item per JIMGA fundraiser auctions when held ^	5
Refer new member to IMGA or JIMGA ^	5
Show a goat at a non-YPC sanctioned show like county fair or an out of state show ^ **	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 IMGA/JIMGA hosted ^ **	5
Complete your goat project information in your 4-H record book **	5
Complete your FFA Goat SAE records for the year **	5
Coach another showman on goat selection, learning how to show, etc. The same student may only be counted once. ^ **	5
Attend a goat clinic, other than IMGA/JIMGA hosted ^ **	5
Goat video or presentation at 4-H, FFA, school or other group ^ **	5
Write an article for the IMGA newsletter ^	5
Participate in a goat-related event or activity not listed ^ ** <i>(Activity information must be thoroughly explained in detail on the activity verification form, which can be found on the IMGA website or directly at: https://form.jotform.com/240343859950160. Points will be awarded by the Youth Committee based on the activity's significance.)</i>	To be determined

Example of NON-Qualifying Activities

- Activities that do not include the learning or promotion of meat goats.
- Goat activities that benefit your own farm – like selling, buying, breeding, flushing, ultrasounding, vet assistance, helping siblings prepare, etc.
- Promotion of your own farm - writing an article, creating a logo, signage, etc.
- Required 4-H, club or FFA activities – goat weigh-in, YQCA training, prepping grounds for county fair, etc
- Any show wins – those are automatically included in Youth Point Chase where qualified
- Any professional services – like fitting, clipping, design, photography