



# IOWA MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

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## IMGA Youth Points Chase Program

*Passion, hard work and dedication are just a few skills that IMGA junior members learn through their experiences showing. The IMGA Youth Points Chase (YPC) is an opportunity for additional recognition and awards exclusively for junior members of the IMGA.*

The YPC program will include points from events listed on the Event Schedule, which can be found at [www.iowa-meat-goat.com/events](http://www.iowa-meat-goat.com/events). Shows indicated with an \* on the website are sanctioned in the program. The schedule may have additions, changes or removals throughout the season.

The IMGA Youth Points Chase program will have the following divisions:

1. Market Goat Division
  - a. Consisting of market wether and market doe classes
2. Commercial Breeding Goat Division
  - a. Consisting of commercial doe or wether dam and commercial or percentage buck classes
3. Registered Breeding Goat Division
  - a. Consisting of national association registered does and buck classes, except for percentage bucks that owners may choose to nationally register.
4. Showmanship Division\*
  - a. Senior (14-18 years of age)
  - b. Intermediate (9-13 years of age)
  - c. Junior (0-8 years of age)

\*Note: Ages are evaluated based on the member's age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Mentors (19-21 years of age) may compete in the market, commercial breeding and registered breeding goat divisions but are not eligible to compete in the showmanship division.

Points will be counted and awarded in each division. The following awards will be presented at the IMGA Annual Banquet:

- Top 10 individuals in the Market Goat Division
- Top 10 individuals in the Commercial Goat Division
- Top 10 individuals in the Registered Breeding Goat Division
- Top 2 individuals in EACH Showmanship Division
- Overall High Point and Reserve Overall High Point Individual

All YPC points standings will be posted on <https://www.iowa-meat-goat.com/youth-points-chase.html>. Youth will have the lesser of Oct 31<sup>st</sup> or 30 days after points have been posted on the website to contact the IMGA with any concerns. Points cannot be contested after this time period.



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## ***Points are earned on the following basis:***

### *Market, Commercial Breeding and Registered Breeding:*

- Market Division will accumulate points from the market doe and market wether classes.
- Commercial Breeding Division will accumulate points from commercial doe, wether dam and commercial or percentage buck classes.
- Registered Breeding Division will accumulate points from a national association registered doe and buck classes, except for percentage bucks that owners may or may not choose to nationally register.
- Youth members will receive points based on the placing of their goat in the class, even if other exhibitors in the class are not participating in YPC. Points are awarded as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> in Class	10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> in Class	9 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> in Class	8 points
4 <sup>th</sup> in Class	7 points
5 <sup>th</sup> in Class	6 points
6 <sup>th</sup> or Beyond in Class	3 points
Grand Champion	10 points additional
Reserve Champion	5 points additional

- No points will be received for divisions champions.
- Points will be accumulated from the top ten placings per division. Only the two highest placing goats from each division for any one show may qualify for the top ten season placings.
- In the event of a tie after considering the exhibitors top 10 placings, the next top placings (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, etc) will be considered until there is no longer a tie.

### *Showmanship:*

- Participants will not be limited to how many points can be earned during the season. Showmanship points will be earned as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> in Class	2 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> in Class	1 point

- In the event of a tie, the youth with the most 1st place winnings will be the champion. If there continues to be a tie, the program administrators will review showmanship placing from the season to determine the champion.



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## ***Participating Show Requirements***

- Complete the application process at <https://form.jotform.com/240464864377163> at least 30 days prior to your event. If the event is new to the YPC program, a timing exception may be considered.
- To qualify as a sanctioned show, the show must:
  - Offer market or breeding meat goat classes
  - Offer independently judged showmanship at least once during the show “event,” which is a combination of multiple shows in the span of a few days, like a weekend. The show must also communicate to IMGA the showmanship age divisions it will follow.
  - Be open to all IMGA or JIMGA youth members aged 0 – 21. Age specific shows, like 4H and FFA, are not eligible.
- Each show will set its own rules for the class size, weight, or goat age breaks for the market and commercial breeding classes. Registered breeding shows must follow the age breaks as identified by the National association. IMGA recommends the show take into consideration that all meat goat breeds are able to participate in the YPC. Additional considerations may be necessary for minority breeds in the commercial breeding classes.
- If the show chooses to follow age divisions that do not match IMGA age divisions, the showmanship results will not qualify for YPC and the showmanship class will not be indicated with a \* on the Event Schedule on [www.iowa-meat-goat.com](http://www.iowa-meat-goat.com). If the show does choose to follow IMGA age divisions, which is recommended, the showmanship results will qualify as long as all other criteria is met. A champion and reserve champion showman must be named in each division, where the ages are evaluated as of January 1st of the current year:
  - Senior (14-18 years of age)
  - Intermediate (9-13 years of age)
  - Junior (0-8 years of age)
- Prizes are at the show’s discretion.
- A copy of the show results must be emailed to [iowameatgoat@gmail.com](mailto:iowameatgoat@gmail.com), preferably within 14 days of the conclusion of the show.
- If a show does not comply with the above rules, the show and the youth points associated may be disqualified.



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## ***Participating IMGA Youth Member Requirements***

- IMGA youth participants must be current members of the IMGA with a farm membership (junior youth listed with ages) or with a junior membership in good standing. If the member joins mid program, points will start accumulating the date payment is received for membership dues.
- Youth must be 21 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year. There is no age minimum, but youth must be able to safely handle their goat. Small children may have a heeler that is a youth member.
- Youth members or their immediate family must own the goat being shown.
- A goat may not be shown by more than one youth member for purposes of accumulating YPC points during show season. If show results reveal that a goat has been entered (and considered shown) by multiple exhibitors, the family exhibitor that received points with the goat *first* in the season will accumulate points for the season.
- Youth members must physically show the goat. No substitute show person will be allowed unless approved by the IMGA Board of Directors before the show. If a youth member has two goats in one class, they may find another youth member to show the second goat.
- All youth members and their families must conduct themselves appropriately. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all points.
- If a complaint or question is made regarding any of the above criteria, the IMGA 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's decision will be final.

The IMGA reserves the right to apply and accept, partially accept or reject any show results and points. The IMGA also reserve the right to change this program at any point in time.

**Youth Points Chase Contact:** [iowameatgoat@gmail.com](mailto:iowameatgoat@gmail.com) (preferred) or 515-971-5458 (show day)



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## ***Change Control Documentation:***

**2/17/24** – Board approved by majority vote to improve the show submission and sanctioning approval process to online JotForm instead of open ended e-mail. New program file dated 2/17/24 v1.

*Prior program text:* Email the IMGGA at [iowameatgoat@gmail.com](mailto:iowameatgoat@gmail.com) to request participation in the YPC and be listed on the show schedule at [www.iowa-meat-goat.com](http://www.iowa-meat-goat.com).

*Current program text:* Complete the application process at <https://form.jotform.com/240464864377163>

**3/6/24** – Board approved by majority vote an advance notice requirement for events to be sanctioned. New program file dated 3/6/24 v2.

*Prior program text:* Complete the application process at <https://form.jotform.com/240464864377163>.

*Current program text:* Complete the application process at <https://form.jotform.com/240464864377163> at least 30 days prior to your event. If the event is new to the YPC program, a timing exception may be considered.