

AMERICAN WORKING AND SPORTING GOAT ASSOCIATION

# SUMMER DIGITAL SHOW HANDBOOK



2025



## **Event Schedule:**

### **June 1-14: Puissance**

A demonstration of power, agility, and endurance. in high-jumping.  
Open to yearling goats, and older. Entry format: Video and measurement.

### **July 1-14: Trick Performance**

Goats perform their best trick, such as fetching an object, twirling around, "shaking hands," Open to goats of all ages and breeds. Entry format: Video

### **August 1-14: Turnout**

The presentation of a cohesive turnout, including the goat's grooming, tack, accessories, other equipment, and handler's attire. Open to all breeds of goats, age 2 and up. Entry format: Photos or Video

### **September 1-14: Skills In-Hand**

An in-hand class, where goats demonstrate walking, trotting, stopping, standing, backing, and stepping over a low obstacle, in a set pattern. Open to goats of all ages and breeds. Entry format: Video

### **October 1-14: Working Ranch Goat**

Goats will safely demonstrate the performance of a utilitarian draft activity, that could contribute to the operation of a working farm, small-scale logging operation, or homestead. Open to all breeds of trained harness or packing goats, age 2 and up.  
Entry format: Photos or Video



# How to Enter an Event:

- Read through the event schedule, and prepare your entry, following the event guidelines.
- Have a friend take photos or a video of your goat/s in action.
- Once the facebook event is open, share your photos or video in a post on the event page. You can upload them directly to the page, or, if they are on a different website (like youtube or flickr) you can share a link instead.
- Be sure to include the name, age, and breed of your goat/s in your post. You can also add a brief description, with any other information you would like to include.

## Sample Entry Post



## Event Rules:

- Photos and videos must be submitted by the goat's owner or handler, or by a parent or guardian of the owner/handler.
- One handler may enter and exhibit multiple goats.
- In Turnout, and Working Ranch Goat events, a goat may be entered more than once, wearing different tack, or doing different activities. Photo editing should not be used to conceal or alter the appearance of goat conformation, markings, or equipment.
- By submitting a photo or video, the exhibitor agrees to have the photo or video displayed, with credit, on American Working and Sporting Goat Association media platforms.
- Safety First. Goats are strong and unpredictable by nature. By joining in an American Working and Sporting Goat Association on-line event, all participants agree to claim full responsibility for their personal safety, and for the safety and wellbeing of their own goats.

## Judging and Awards:

- A volunteer judge will use a points system to assign a score to each entry. When there are multiple judges, their scores will be combined to determine the winning placements.
- Scores will be calculated before the end of each month. Places 1-6 will be announced on the AWSGA Shows facebook page, and in the AWSGA facebook group.
- Placing entries will receive ribbon awards through USPS 1st class mail. All mailing address information will remain confidential, and only be used for sending AWSGA show awards.
- **The 2025 AWSGA Puissance Record:** The goat who sets the 2025 record in Puissance, will be awarded a special rosette ribbon.
- **Trick Performance Crowd-Pleaser Award:** The Trick Performance entry, receiving the most viewer votes, will be awarded a special rosette ribbon.
- **Championships:** In the autumn, champion and reserve champion rosette ribbons will be awarded to the two highest scoring entries of the Turnout, Skills In-hand, and Working Ranch Goat events.

# Event Descriptions:

**June 1-14**

## **Puissance**

**Entry format:** Video and measurement.

**Open to:** Yearling goats, and older.

**Description:** A demonstration of power, agility, and endurance. in high-jumping.

**Setting up the jump:** Set up a pole jump, or rail jump, on soft grass, sand, stall bedding, or soft dirt that is free of stones. The pole/rail jump can be made from any materials (broom handles and milk crates, 2x2 lumber and cinder blocks, dog agility jumps etc). The only requirements are: the height of the jump must be adjustable, and the jump pole, or jump rail, must be easily knocked down when bumped.

**Jumping:** Lead the goat over the jump. If the goat successfully clears the jump, raise the pole/rail, and lead the goat over the jump again. Continue raising the pole/rail, and jumping the jump, until one of the following three things occurs:

- 1) The goat knocks down the jump pole/rail two times in a row.
- 2) The goat refuses the jump two times in a row.
- 3) The handler decides not to raise the pole/rail any further.

Once one of these things has happened, carefully measure from the ground to the top of the jump pole/rail, for the goat's highest successful jump. Include this measurement, along with video footage of the goat's highest successful jump, in the event entry.

**Safety Tips:**

- **Warm up with some light exercise beforehand.**
- **Don't be afraid to call it quits early:** If a goat is starting to look tired, or seems to be struggling with higher jumps, it may be best to call the goat's record, and stop before any knockdowns or refusals occur. Safety first.
- **End on a strong note:** we recommend winding down, right after this challenge, with a couple of low jumps, which the goat can tackle with ease.

**Turnout:** Goats should wear a well fitting halter or collar, and lead. Goat leg protection, such as boots or wraps, is permitted. Handlers may carry a light whip, or a small treat, in their hand, but either should only be used minimally, for directing the goat between jumps. Handler attire should be neat, and appropriate for a show-ring (eg: button up shirt and jeans, or business casual).

**Scoring:** Entries will be ranked by the measurement of each goat's highest successful jump.

**July 1-14**

## **Trick Performance**

**Entry format:** Video

**Open to:** Goats of all ages and breeds

**Description:** Goats perform their best trick, such as fetching an object, twirling around, "shaking hands," etc. A single entry may include more than one goat, if the trick being performed involves collaboration between multiple goats.

**Scoring:** AWSGA members, and the public, can vote for their favorite trick performance. The number of votes (likes) will be used to determine the final placement of each entry.



## August 1-14

### Turnout

**Entry format:** Photos or Video

**Open to:** Trained harness or packing goats age 2 and up, all breeds.

**Description:** The presentation of a cohesive turnout, including the goat's grooming, tack, accessories, other equipment, and handler attire.

**Turnout for Harness Goats:** Harness goats should wear a properly fitted halter or bridle, and harness, hitched to a vehicle or a skidding log. Harness embellishments and Reflective gear are permitted, but must not interfere with the function of the harness or vehicle. Leg protection is also permitted. Handler attire should be neat, and compliment the goat's turnout and vehicle. Eg: Jeans and a button up for a more utilitarian vehicle, and a casual suit, or historic costume for a carriage.

**Turnout for Pack Goats:** Packing goats should wear a properly fitted pack saddle, and a collar, or halter. Saddle embellishments and reflective gear are permitted, but must not interfere with the function of the saddle. Leg protection is also permitted. Handler attire should be neat, and either suitable for a goat show-ring (eg: button up shirt and jeans, or business casual) or athletic wear suitable for a day on a hiking trail.

**Scoring:** Goats will be judged on conditioning (the appearance of fitness), grooming, the safety, fit, and placement of their tack, a willing and workmanlike demeanor or expression, and the overall appearance of the goat, handler, and equipment together.

- Conditioning (20 points)
- Demeanor or expression (20 points)
- Grooming (20 points)
- Fit of tack and equipment (20 points)
- General appearance (20 points)

**Total : 100 points**

## September 1-14

### Skills In-Hand

**Entry format:** Video

**Open to:** Goats of all ages and breeds

**Description:** An in-hand class, where goats demonstrate walking, trotting, stopping, standing, backing, and stepping over a low obstacle, in a set pattern.

**Turnout:** Goats should wear a well fitting halter or show collar, and lead. Handlers may carry a light whip, or a small treat, in their hand, but either should only be used minimally, for directing the goat. Handler attire should be neat, and appropriate for a show-ring (eg: button up shirt and jeans, or business casual).

**Scoring:** Goats will be judged on obedience, smoothness of motion, ease of handling, and a willing and workmanlike demeanor.

Walking (10 points)

Trotting (10 points)

Stopping (10 points)

Standing (10 points)

Backing (10 points)

Obstacle (10 points)

Motion (20 points)

Manners and demeanor (20 points)

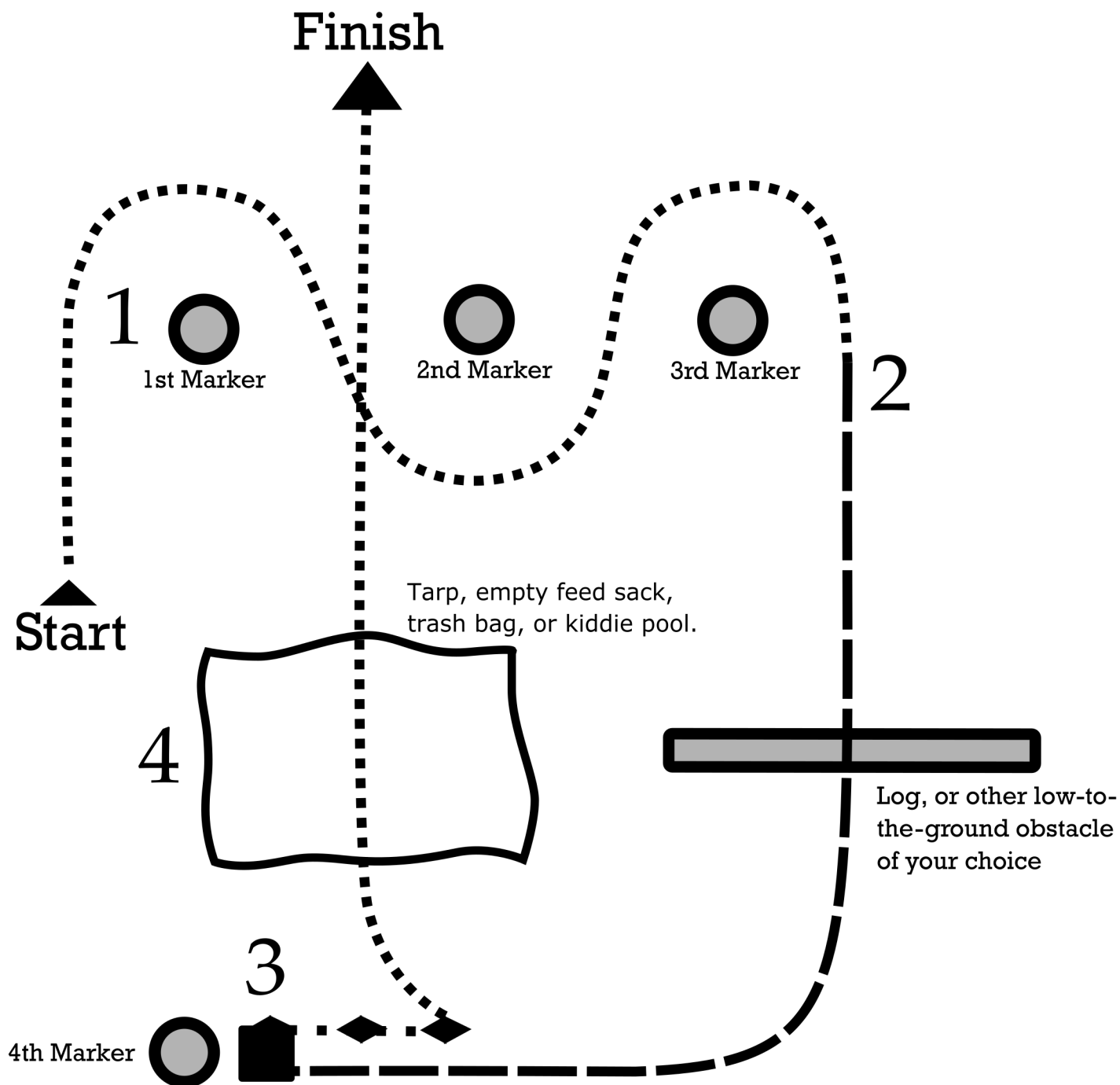
**Total : 100 points**

# In-Hand Course

1. Walk in and out of the markers.
2. Trot over the pole obstacle.
3. Halt at the 4th marker, and back up three steps.
4. Turn and walk forwards, over the tarp obstacle. Exit the course, at a walk, through the 1st and 2nd markers.

## Building the Course:

Arrange four markers (use traffic cones, buckets, flowerpots, or anything else you have on hand) on even ground, following the pattern below. Place a log, pole, wooden plank, foam pool noodle, or any other low obstacle, about 5 paces from the 3rd marker. Place a tarp, empty feed sack, plastic trash bag, or kiddie pool next to the pole obstacle, as shown.



## October 1-14

### Working Ranch Goat

**Entry format:** Photos or Video

**Open to:** Trained harness or packing goats age 2 and up, all breeds.

**Description:** Goats will safely demonstrate the performance of a utilitarian draft activity, that could contribute to the operation of a working farm, small-scale logging operation, or homestead.

**Turnout:** Harness goats should wear a properly fitted halter or bridle, and harness. Pack goats should wear a properly fitted pack saddle, and a collar, or halter. Handler attire should be practical, and suitable for the task at hand.

**Scoring:** Goats will be judged on conditioning (the appearance of fitness), effort, enthusiasm, a willing and workmanlike demeanor or expression, the safety, fit, and placement of their tack, and the suitability of the tack and equipment to the work.

- Conditioning (20 points)
- Demeanor or expression (20 points)
- Fit of tack and equipment (20 points)
- Suitability of equipment to the task (20 points)
- Overall performance (20 points)

**Total : 100 points**