

## US-SABGBA GENERAL INFORMATION AND INTERNAL RULES

### Regulations and Conditions of Membership:

1. Application for membership should be made in writing/e-mail to the office, and a US-SABGBA and an SA Studbook membership application form will be forwarded to you.
2. All members should be loyal to the breeders' association.
3. Any members who are dissatisfied should put this in writing and send the complaint to the office.
4. This will then be tabled at the following Board or Annual meeting.
5. Members who bring the breeders Association into disrepute may be expelled.
6. To qualify as a stud breeder, you must have 10 approved ewes and an approved ram. *(As a start off this will not be applicable to our US Breeders – Conrad Herbst)*
7. You can arrange for an Inspection annually or twice a year, but as a stud breeder you are obliged to have at least one inspection in two years.
8. Goats must be 10 months old and weigh a minimum of 40kg to be inspected.
9. "Base animals are no longer allowed from 2023 on shows and auctions. In 2023, A, B or SP animals will be able to participate in fairs or be offered at auctions. In 2024, B and SP animals will be allowed and from 2025 only SP animals." *(Likewise, this ruling will not be applicable at this time to the US-SABGBA)*
10. Animals for national shows, as well as national auctions, as well as for the export market, are subject to the following timeline:
  - 2023: the minimum requirement is a status A animal.
  - 2024: the minimum requirement is a status B animal.
  - 2025: full registered or SP animal is offered. This also applies to the export market. From 2025, no animal that is not registered as SP can get a stud plate. *(Likewise, this ruling is for shows and will not be applicable at this time to the US-SABGBA)*
11. Not even at a farm inspection can an A/B or base animal get a stud plate. At any inspection, the report of animals will have to be drawn from Stud book. All Goats that are offered at auctions or shown from 2023 must therefore be inspected by an inspector from the association and registered with SA Stud book.
12. A base animal is a Boer goat whose mother and father are unknown (not registered at Stud book), but the animal itself has been inspected and registered with SA Stud Book.
13. As the animals are further bred, they are recorded at Stud book in A, B or SP divisions.
14. A base animal's offspring can be bred to an A status animal if it is crossed with an A, B or SP animal.
15. To breed the A animal to a B animal, the A animal must be crossed with another A animal or a B or an SP animal.
16. A B animal's offspring can be bred to a SP animal if it is crossed with another B animal or an SP animal.
17. All those who want to be Boer goat stud breeders must therefore get their Stud book registrations in place as soon as possible.
18. Animals must be inspected, and the information must be passed on to SA Stud book.

19. The US-SABGBA annual Fee of \$150 include both the Membership to US-SABGBA as well as SA Studbook.
20. Whereas, \$75 will go to the US-SABGBA upkeep in the USA and \$75 will be transferred to South Africa.

### **Inspection Procedure:**

1. Only breeders that are members at both **US-SABGBA** and **SA Studbook** may receive inspections on their animals.
2. Before arranging an inspection, an animal must already have an ID.
3. IDs work as follow:
  - a. **Stud number - Year of birth - Serial number.** Thus, the animal must have a normal ear tag with the year in which he / she was born as well as a serial number.
4. The breeder should produce the previous inspection form with each subsequent inspection.
5. Inspection days are compulsory for all inspectors, and this therefore includes all judges as well.
6. If an inspector misses 2 such days without apology, or three with apology, he will be removed from the list of inspectors.
7. Each breeder must be inspected every alternate year.
8. If these inspections have not taken place, the breeder may not participate in any national- or regional auction or exhibit at any national- or regional show.
9. The management retains the right to remove either inspectors or judges from the respective lists.
10. **PLEASE NOTE;** the **US-SABGBA** and **SA Studbook** are two separate institutions.
11. **US-SABGBA** is a full subscribed and paid-up Member of **SA Studbook**, and therefor by definition, the **ONLY** legal representative of the SA Boergoat in the USA.
12. To join SA Studbook, you must apply for the application form the US-SABGBA office.
13. Inspection fee: **\$(TBD)** day fee, **\$(TBD)** / mile travel cost payable to the Inspector, **\$(TBD)** / animal inspected. *(As a start off this will not be applicable to our US Breeders. We will revise this at the right time – Conrad Herbst)*

### **Auctions:**

1. **Official auctions:**
  - a. These are auctions which take place under the protection of the Breeders Alliance for all members, and for which the venues are stipulated by the management at the beginning of the year.
  - b. Only paid-up stud breeders may put goats up for sale at these auctions.
  - c. All goats will be put through inspection by the inspectors who will be appointed by the management.
  - d. The Association will carry the travelling, accommodation, and inspection costs for such an auction, and a commission of 1% will be levied by US-SABGBA on all goats sold.
  - e. The auctioneers will their levy and additional commission, which will need to be approved by management.

- f. Application forms for official auctions (under the auspices of the US-SABGBA) will be sent to all members, and at the close of the auction the auctioneers will send a copy of the purchase list to the office.
- g. You have 14 days after the auction to notify the office in writing of any discrepancies or unhappiness regarding the purchase of an animal at an auction under the protection/auspices of the SABGBA.

**2. Private Auctions and Show auctions:**

- a) Such auctions can be held privately, but with the protection of the Breeders Association.
- b) Application for permission to hold such an auction must be made to the office before the July Board meeting.
- c) During which the application will be considered by the management.
- d) The same regulation is applicable as for an official auction, with the exception of the commission of 1% to be levied for the association.
- e) The seller also carries all the costs with regard to staging the auction, including inspection, advertising etc.
- f) Such private auctions may not take place 1 week prior to, or after, an official US-SABGBA auction if the venue of such an auction is within the same State or closer than 200 miles from the official auction.
- g) Management will make the necessary decisions in this regard.
- h) An inspection by two inspectors must take place within 2 to 14 days days prior to such an auction. At such a pre-auction inspection, the inspectors will classify the animals on the day, at foot condition/profile status (stud or flock) for that specific auction, immaterial of the animals SA Studbook status.
- i) If on the day, the animal has clearly developed any defect over time, as per the sole judgement of the inspector, the animal will be scrapped from the auction.
- j) No extra animals (spares) may be taken to national and club auctions.
- k) No condemned animals may be sold on the auction grounds before or after the auction.
- l) A seller who does not comply with this may be debarred as a member.
- m) On the day before the auction begins, inspectors may inspect goats' mouths to make sure no manipulation took place before the inspection.
- n) You have 14 days after the auction to notify the office in writing of any discrepancies or unhappiness regarding the purchase of an animal at an auction under the protection of the US-SABGBA.

**3. Shows:**

- a) A World Show is held every second year preferably in ?, which will be administrated by the US-SABGBA Office.
- b) The alternative year a National Show will be held, that will be put out on Tender.
- c) Regional championships will be held in the different regions.
- d) Regional championships are open to all members.
- e) Advertisements for World Championships appear in agriculture magazines.

- f) The same point of manipulating for faults at auctions apply to any show, e.g. pressure on the mouths, colouring pigment, pulling out red hair, injecting tranquillisers or cutting off teats.
- g) Any member guilty of such malpractice may be debarred as a member.
- h) No animals or entries will be accepted after the closing date as determined by the Show Society.
- i) No animals that had not been through the show ring may be sold at the Show Auction.