

JLGA BY-LAWS

Original JLGA By-Laws, JLGA General Rules & Regulations, JLGA Show Rules, JLGA Safety Disclaimer, JLGA "End of Year" Awards & Banquet Requirements, were first formed by the JLGA Governing Body Members & were approved & adopted for use by the JLGA only, by a majority of the Governing Body Members present at the December 2007 JLGA Governing Body meeting.

The above mentioned Rules & Guidelines with the addition of the Show Season Specific Rules **(ADDED 12/02/2009)** are listed under the "Rules/Regulations" tab & a hard copy is kept at all JLGA events at the registration table. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors and their parents to read & be familiar with all JLGA Rules & Guidelines concerning events they are participating in. Upon registering & payment of show fees, all exhibitors & their parents, & family are agreeing to abide by all JLGA Rules & Guidelines. **(Listed in Show Rules, Section 2 Entries & Registration, Rule 6 ADDED 11/14/2009)**

(ADDED NOVEMBER 2010) ALL JLGA rules, regulations, requirements, disclaimers, & verifications apply to ALL JLGA Open Youth Goat Shows & ALL JLGA related activities only.

BY-LAW #1 NAME - For the purpose of including all youth & all goats through out the state of Louisiana, our association shall be known as the JUNIOR LOUISIANA GOAT ASSOCIATION. Also known as the JLGA. **(ADDED 01/2014)**

BY-LAW #2 PURPOSE - This association was started to promote the youth goat project throughout the state of Louisiana. It shall exist for the mutual benefit of all its members & its primary purpose is the promotion of the youth goat project throughout the state of Louisiana.

This association shall have the following specific purposes:

- A. Promote the youth goat project throughout the state of Louisiana.
- B. Hold educational activities geared to youth of all ages throughout the state of Louisiana.
- C. Host open Youth Goat Shows throughout the state of Louisiana.

BY-LAW #3 GOVERNING BODY KNOWN AS THE JUNIOR LOUISIANA GOAT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - For a period of 1 year starting with General Membership meeting held in December 2007, an appointed Adult Advisory Committee acted as governing body. At the end of this 1 year, an Adult Board of Directors equally representing all LSU show districts within the state of Louisiana was elected & replaced the appointed Adult Advisory Committee as Governing Body.

Section 1 - Duties & Authority: It is the responsibility of ALL JLGA Board Members to read & be familiar with all JLGA rules & guidelines including the JLGA Bayou Certified Program, to uphold those rules, and vote according to those rules. **(ADDED JAN 2014)**

The JLGA Board of Directors shall act & make decisions in the best interest of the whole association & a majority shall reside over all Board, General Membership, & Special Meetings. Items to be added or deleted must be presented as a motion & approved or denied by a majority vote of current Board members (of current filled seat at time of meeting) **(ADDED JULY 2009)**. The JLGA Board of Directors reserves the right to make all final decisions (with a majority vote as outlined above) regarding but not limited to Association Rules, Show Rules, "End of Year" points eligibility, Bayou Certified Program, etc.

Once a Board Member has cast their vote, it is recorded by the Secretary or person acting as secretary and is considered a matter of record and cannot be changed without that issue or matter being brought up again at the next meeting when another vote shall be called. In the event this happens, the Board Member(s) changing their mind, will be expected to present reasoning for their actions. **(ADDED JAN 2014)**

The JLGA Board Members are not responsible for any consequences of any decisions or votes they cast as any JLGA meeting as long as they are going by JLGA rules. **(ADDED JAN 2014)**

Section 2 - JLGA Board Meetings: General Membership Fall & Spring Meeting will be held at the Fall & Spring Show. Other Board Meetings will take place throughout the year as the need arises. **(NOVEMBER 2012)** Quarterly JLGA Board of Directors Meetings may or may not be held if there is no business to attend to. **(ADDED JAN 2014)** Time & place to be determined by the JLGA Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called when in the Board of Director's opinion there is pressing business that needs attention before the next scheduled meeting, advance notice is not required for "Special" Board Meeting. The JLGA Board of Directors Meetings, with the exception of "Special" Meetings are open to the General Membership & discussion will be taken from the floor. Any current JLGA members are eligible to vote as any JLGA Meeting, unless otherwise started prior to the meeting. **(ADDED JAN 2014)**

Section 3 - Selecting JLGA Board of Directors: **(ADDED JULY 2008)**

Section 3A - Number & Types of Seats to be filled: There will be a 7 member Board of Directors. **(CHANGED JAN 2014)**

Section 3B - Term: At each fall meeting, current Board members will be asked if they wish to continue holding their seat for the upcoming year and if so, they will be placed on that day's ballot to be voted on by the JLGA Board of Directors & General Membership present either by closed or open ballot. **(AMENDED JAN 2014)**

Section 3C - Election Date, Time, & Place: Election is to be held annually in the Fall at the JLGA Fall General Membership Meeting. Exact time & place to be announced each year.

Section 3D - Candidate Qualifications for JLGA Board Seats:

- 1) Board Members can come from any JLGA Parent, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, or legal guardian, at least 21 years of age or older, of any current JLGA Youth Member in good standings, as long as that adult is helping those youth at the JLGA shows. **(ADDED BY 2014 JLGA BOARD MEMBERS CURRENT & PRESENT DURING THE JAN BOARD MEETING UNDER 2014 BUSINESS.)**

Board members can come from past JLGA Board Members that left in good standings, such as youth aging out or health issues, if it is the opinion of the current Board of Directors that it would be in the best interest of the JLGA & must be approved by a majority of the current Board Members. **(CHANGED FEB 2013)**

- 2) Persons living the same household may not serve on the JLGA Board of Directors at the same time. Also immediate family members may not serve on the JLGA Board of Directors at the same time.
- 3) Board Members who are parents of current JLGA members, their members must attend a minimum of 3 shows in a show season.

Section 3E - Becoming JLGA Board Seat Candidates: All candidates wishing to run for a Board seat must first meet all qualifications. They must make their wishes known at the Fall Meeting when Board Seat are up for discussion. Nominations will be taken from qualifying persons present at the Fall Meeting. **(CHANGED NOVEMBER 2010)**

Section 3F - Publication of Election Information: There will be no prior publications of candidates. After election at Fall Meeting, the next year's Board of Directors will be announced on the JLGA website on the Junior Louisiana Goat Association Facebook Page.

(CHANGED FEB 2013)

Section 3G - Voting: Each family with at least 1 current JLGA member has 1 vote. Adult JLGA Members who have no youth JLGA Members in their immediate family are not eligible to vote, unless they are a current JLGA Board Member as defined above.

(CHANGED FEB 2013)

Section 3H - Dismissal of Board Seat Member: A Board Member may be asked to resign by a majority vote from the remaining JLGA Board of Directors if it is found that the Board Member (s) in question has acted in a disruptive or inappropriate manner at any JLGA event or JLGA function at anytime while representing themselves as a JLGA Board Member(s), or they have acted in a manner deemed detrimental to the values & beliefs of the JLGA, or has acted against any JLGA Rules and/or Guidelines. ***(AMENDED JAN 2014)***

Any JLGA Board Member that was dismissed, resigned without fulfilling their term for reasons other than health issues or youth aging out, left the Board not in good standings, or failed to attend Board Meetings during their term without notice to the current Adult President or another current Board Member (unless it was an emergency situation), may not ever be allowed to serve as a JLGA Board Member or hold a JLGA Adult Officers positions in the future. ***(ADDED 2009)***

Section 3I - Filling Board Seat Upon Resignation: Remaining JLGA Board of Directors may appoint qualifying person(s) to vacated board seat(s) due to resignation, dismissal, or death. Appointed person are to fill their appointed seat to remainder of that seat's term. At which time if the person appointed to that seat wishes to continue as Board Member for that seat, they must run for that seat the upcoming Fall elections when the term is due to be up. Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of current Board Members, hold a seat upon until the next election. ***(ADDED JULY 2009)***

BY-LAW #4 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1 - Frequency: A Spring & Fall General Membership meeting will be held. No specific month or place is determined. At the discretion of the JLGA Board of Directors, other meetings may be held. Time & place to be determined by the JLGA Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called when in the opinion of the JLGA Board of Directors there is pressing business that needs attention before the next schedule meeting or when a written or verbal request is received from the majority of the current General Membership. ***(AMENDED FEB 2013)***

Section 2 - Notices: (NOVEMBER 2010) The membership shall be notified of all General Membership meetings at least 14 days prior to set date & location. Notification will be posted to the JLGA website & on the Junior Louisiana Goat Association Facebook Page. Current JLGA Members interested in attending & participating in these JLGA meetings, are responsible for checking the JLGA website & Facebook page for any & all meeting notifications. **(AMENDED JAN 2014)**

Section 3 - Meeting Content: Any business properly brought before the association general membership may be discussed & acted upon at the Fall & Spring General Membership meetings. At special meetings, only the business that has been announced by the agenda may be discussed & acted up.

Section 4 - Voting: Regarding any changes, additions, or deletions to any and/or all JLGA Rules & Guidelines including but not limited to Association Rules, Show Rules, Bayou Certified Program, etc. each family (family must include at least 1 current JLGA youth Member) will have 1 vote.

BY-LAW #5 OFFICERS

Section 1 - Selection of Adult Officers: (CHANGED JAN 2014) JLGA Adult Officers are to come from the current JLGA Board of Directors. This election is to immediately follow that year's election of Board Members & follow the election process of Board Seats.

There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, & **(ADDED JAN 2014)** Mediator.

Duties of Adult Officers:

President - shall preside over all JLGA Meetings

Vice-President - in the absence of the President, shall preside over all JLGA Meetings

Secretary/Treasurer - shall record & present meeting minutes at all meeting, & shall maintain association funds & report financial status to JLGA Board of Directors and at the Spring & Fall General Membership Meeting

Mediator - shall attempt to end any conflict or disruptive behavior as calmly as possible and/or to serve as a "go between" to attempt to present a resolution between person involved in any conflict at any JGLA shows, events, and/or meetings. Mediator is to seek counsel of the current JLGA Board of

Directors present at the time of the conflict & have said members present for all conflict resolutions.

Section 2 - Selection of Youth Officers: (ADDED 11/14/2009 AS FOLLOWS) There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, & Reporter. All youth wishing to run for officer's position, must have been an active member & been present & participated in a majority of the shows held the season prior they are running for youth officer's positions. They must also be a current JLGA member for the year they are wishing to run & be at least 12 years of age as of January 1 of that year. All youth officer's candidates must be willing to help out at shows & work as Ring Steward for at least 12 classes during the show season. This is equivalent to one show, but will be assigned & split over several shows throughout the season. Junior Officers will be elected each year at the first show of the season. A notice will be placed on the JLGA website & sent out in member emails. Nominations will be taken by email, or by Facebook private message, & also from the floor day of election. **(CHANGED FEB 2014)** Youth candidates must meet the qualifications as listed above. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Duties of Youth Officers:

All youth officers with the exception of the Youth Reporter will work with the guidance of their JLGA Adult Officers Counterparts.

Youth Reporter will be expected to write articles & take pictures that shall be sent to the JLGA Adult Secretary for approval & then will be posted to the JLGA Facebook page & to the JLGA Website.

Youth officers are elected by the Youth General Membership & each youth has 1 vote.

Youth elections are held yearly at the JLGA "End of Year" Awards Banquet. Qualifying Youth need not be present at the banquet in order to run for an office.

BY-LAW # 6 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Request for Membership: An online membership application must be filled out for each person who desires to be a member of the JLGA. Adult & Youth Interactive applications can be found under the "Members" tab.

Section 2 - Active Membership: Any youth who is 2-19 years of age as of January 1 of the year they are seeking membership may apply for membership. Any adult may become a

JLGA Sponsor Member. An Adult Sponsor Membership covers one family that wishes to come & support, help, and/or serve as mentors at any JLGA activity, but they do not wish to be a breeder member. **(ADDED JAN 2014)** Louisiana Adults meeting all qualifications may become JLGA Adult Breeder Members. All Adult Members who do not have a current JLGA youth member or are not a current JLGA Board Member, will not have a vote.

Section 3 - Cancellation or Refusal of Membership: When the welfare of the association justifies such action, the JLGA Board of Directors, by a majority vote, may cancel the membership of any member. If a membership is canceled, the person holding that membership may register a written appeal to the Adult present for a vote by the General Membership. The appeal must be received no later than 14 days after notice of cancellation. The appeal can ONLY be approved a by a majority vote of the active membership present at the general membership meeting the appeal is presented.

Section 4 - Dues: The JLGA Board of Directors shall set annual dues. All memberships are due each year before youth and/or adult members participate in any of that year's activities including but not limited to General Membership Meetings, Board Meetings, and JLGA Shows & Events, etc.

BY-LAW # 7 COMMITTEES - To address specific problems, coordinate specific events, or to investigate specific situations, the Adult President with the consultation of the JLGA Board of Directors may appoint committees to address these situations. The Adult President shall appoint 1 person as the chair, define the purpose, parameters, frequency of reports, & the span of such committees. ***NO COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE DECISIONS FINAL WITHOUT A MAJORITY NOTE BY THE CURRENT JLGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.***

BY-LAW #8 AMENDMENTS - (DECEMBER 2009) JLGA By-Laws, ALL Rules & Guidelines, & ALL JLGA Procedures may be amended, repealed, or changed at any meeting by a majority vote of the current JLGA Board Members present at the meeting. All amendments and/or changes to JLGA By-Laws, ALL Rules & Guidelines, & ALL JLGA Procedures will become effective immediately upon meeting the requirements of passage unless otherwise specified.

BY-LAW #9 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - The JLGA belongs to its members & as such any JLGA Member's Parent(s) or Adult JLGA Members can request to view or to have a copy of any information that is kept in the JLGA Adult Secretary's Book regarding any JLGA proceedings or past events or issues related to the JLGA. **(ADDED DECEMBER 2009)**

BY-LAW #10 NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION - Anytime disciplinary action is taken involving JLGA Members, their parent(s), and/or guardisna(s), other family members, or anyone

participating in JLGA Events or Shows, the person(s) involved are to be notified by the JLGA President of the situation, given the date of the "Special" Board Meeting that will be set to take care of this issue, and invited to attend to present their side of the matter. In the event the person(s) involved cannot or choose not to be present at the meeting, then a conference call (if possible) will be made to the person(s) involved from the meeting, informing them of the situation and any ruling handed down. The JLGA Board of Directors are not responsible for busy phones or down phone lines, or person(s) being unreachable. Within 14 days of the meeting, a certified letter will be mailed to the person(s) receiving the disciplinary actions along with copies of any evidence presented both for and against the issue at hand. **(ADDED DECEMBER 2009)**

BY-LAW #11 CONFRONTATIONAL SITUATIONS - (ADDED DECEMBER 2009) We are all human and sometimes our feelings & emotions (best and worst) get the best of us and things get out of control especially when our youth are involved. As a youth association, we hope everyone will strive to present themselves in an Adult and Professional manner at any and all JLGA Shows, meetings, events, etc. If you have an issue or a disagreement including but not limited to any JLGA Personnel, competition or events of the day, Judge's ruling, or other exhibitors or their parents, please find and address one of the JLGA Board of Director Members immediately before the situation escalates.

We understand where there is competition, disagreements are likely to happen. However, if a situation presents, the JLGA Mediator & Board Members present will try to diffuse the situation as quickly as possible. ALL Adult parties involved will be asked to immediately step outside the building with the JLGA Mediator & Board Members to try and resolve the matter. If the matter is resolved, then all parties may re-enter the building and continue to participate in the show and/or activities of the day. If one or more of the parties involved cannot or refuses to resolve the matter, or re-enters the building & then initiates conflict again, they will be asked by the JLGA Board of Directors to immediately leave the show or events for that day.

IF THE SITUATION CANNOT BE RESOLVED AND/OR IS ESCALATING OUT OF CONTROL, OR ANY PARTIES INVOLVED THAT WERE ASKED TO LEAVE AND REFUSE TO DO SO, THEN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE NOTIFIED AND ASKED TO ATTEND TO THE MATTER. Parties that have been escorted off the show ground premises or that have been asked to leave may not return to participate in that day's activities or events. They will be welcome to attend the next JLGA Show or Event providing they do not initiate any further conflict at any JLGA Show or event.

BY-LAW #12 JUNIOR LOUISIANA GOAT ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE - (ADDED JAN 2014)
The Junior Louisiana Facebook page was created after a majority vote from the General

Membership meeting in the fall of 2010 for the purpose of posting notices, updates, & a place for members to talk goat, get information, and post ONLY goat and/or livestock related ads.

The following is pinned as a description for the page:

This page is for the Junior Louisiana Goat Association. We welcome anyone that is interested in learning more about the youth goat project, youth & adults alike.

We are a youth goat association in Louisiana focusing on the youth, their goat projects, whatever breed they decide to go with, & to promote goats, bred, conceived, & born in the state of Louisiana through the JLGA Bayou Certified Program.

Please remember that there are a lot of youth on this page. So please make all posts youth friendly. You may post pictures as long as they are family friendly. Also you may post FOR SALE or WANTED ads as long as they pertain to goats, livestock, and/or showing.

Please know that all spam ads or ads for other items not specifically related to livestock will be removed. You will get one warning & on the second offense you will be banned. Thank you for your consideration & cooperation in this matter.

The following is also pinned as a rule statement:

If you post spam or things for sale not related to livestock or showing, there will be no more warnings. Your post will be deleted & you will be banned permanently. Please do not waste your time & ours if that is your purpose. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

The Junior Louisiana Goat Association Facebook page is for the purposes stated above ONLY and the following additional rules apply:

1. There are currently two administrators for the page, Cynthia Hailey & Laurie Paul. They may approve or disapprove any submitted JLGA Facebook page membership. Person(s) wishing to join this Facebook page do not have to be a current JLGA member. **(ADDED FEB 2013)**
2. JLGA Meeting Minutes are to be posted to the JLGA website ONLY, not on the Facebook page. A notification can be placed on the Facebook page regarding Meeting Minutes & where to find them on the JLGA website. **(ADDED FEB 2013)**
3. ANY negative posts are to be copied & removed immediately by either administrator as

stated above. If the problem persists from the same person or persons, then they will be banned from the page. **(ADDED FEB 2013)** IF the person in question is an active member of the JLGA, disciplinary actions may be taken at the discretion of the current JLGA Board of Directors. If problem persist, member may be permanently banned form the JLGA by a majority vote of the current JLGA Board of Directors.