

### Judging Scorecard for Pygmy Goats (Doe & Buck)

There are three judging scorecards, one for [does](#), one for [bucks](#), and one for [wethers](#). Breed Standard traits are categorized with points assigned to each category. The points are assigned based on the relative importance of the traits in that category to the ideal pygmy goat. All three scorecards total 100 points; however, individual categories and points vary for does, for bucks, and for wethers.

Category	Scorecard Points	
	Doe	Buck
<b>General Appearance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BODY MEASUREMENTS meet specifications for age group</li> <li>• Genetically HORNED (disbudding permitted)</li> <li>• BALANCED &amp; well blended; showing style</li> <li>• PROPORTIONS typically cobby; wide in relation to length &amp; height</li> <li>• CONDITION optimal for age &amp; frame of animal; HEALTH PERFECT</li> </ul>	14	14
<b>Head &amp; Expression</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HEAD typey; medium-short; profile dished</li> <li>• JAWS broad, strong, well muscled, symmetrically aligned</li> <li>• BITE even; neither over nor undershot</li> <li>• EYES bright, set well apart, prominent but not protruding</li> <li>• EARS firm, medium sized, alertly erect</li> <li>• MUZZLE broad, full, rounded; nose short, wide, flat</li> <li>• EXPRESSION alert, animated</li> </ul>	10	12
<b>Coat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COAT dense, hair straight; medium long; abundant in bucks</li> </ul>	4	6

<p>Breed Markings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BREED SPECIFIC MARKINGS distinct; light accents on muzzle, forehead, ears, around eyes &amp; tail; contrasting darker crown, dorsal stripe, cannons, hocks, hoofs</li> <li>• OPTIONAL MARKINGS: light girth areas are acceptable</li> </ul>	8	12
<p>Neck</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NECK strong, full throated, muscular, round, blending well into withers</li> </ul>	3	5
<p>Shoulders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHOULDERS well laid back &amp; angulated; blades firmly attached</li> <li>• WITHERS nearly level with spine</li> </ul>	5	5
<p>Chest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHEST floor wide; forchest prominent</li> <li>• HEART GIRTH large, full at the elbows</li> <li>• RIBS long, well sprung, wide apart</li> </ul>	10	10
<p>Barrel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BARREL symmetrical, broad, deep, widening toward low-set flanks.</li> </ul>	8	8
<p>Back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BACK strong, broad, straight, level along chine and loin</li> </ul>	8	8
<p>Rump</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RUMP medium long, medium wide, neither level nor steep</li> <li>• HIPS wide, nearly level with back</li> </ul>	0	0

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THURLS high &amp; wide apart</li> <li>• PINBONES well apart, prominent</li> <li>• TAIL symmetrical, set &amp; carried high</li> </ul>		
<p>Legs &amp; Feet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEGS strong, well-muscled, wide apart, squarely set</li> <li>• FORELEGS straight</li> <li>• CANNON BONE short</li> <li>• ELBOWS close to ribs</li> <li>• HINDLEGS well-angulated, short-hocked, parallel &amp; aligned with hips; femur and tibia long, well-muscled; stifle joint pronounced</li> <li>• PASTERNS short, strong, resilient</li> <li>• FEET well shaped, symmetrical; heels deep, soles level</li> <li>• GAIT smooth, balanced, ground covering &amp; effortless</li> </ul>	10	12
<p>Mammary System (Does)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEATS: Cylindrical, symmetrically shaped and placed, milkable, functional. Free from deformities &amp; obstructions. Devoid of multiple orifices</li> <li>• UDDER functional, balanced, firm, elastic, rounded, small to medium sized, well-attached; high in rear, well forward in front</li> </ul>	12	
<p>Reproductive System (Bucks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TESTICLES normal, equal in size; both fully descended</li> </ul>		
<p>Mammary System (Bucks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEATS: two single, normal, non-functional. Devoid of multiple orifices. Free from deformities.</li> </ul>		
	100	100

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