



Myotonic Goat Registry Judges Certification Program, Youth Education & Audit

The Myotonic Goat Registry Judge's Certification Program will be a two-day event held in conjunction with the Myomania Show, in Lebanon, TN on Thursday & Friday, May 28 & 29, 2026. It will be a long few days, so we recommend you plan to arrive the evening before and stay the evening of the school. School will begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp.

We will begin with a one- or two-hour review of Myotonic goats & faults. You will be sent materials when you sign up for the school. This will include the Myotonic Goat Registry Breed Description, Official Sanctioned Show Rules, Judge's Rules and Conduct, Rules for Registration, etc. At the end of the review you will be given a written test covering the materials you have been sent along with a few questions which should be considered everyday knowledge. It will be a closed book test on the information that is sent to you.

The remainder of the class will be devoted to judging goats. We will focus on judging Myotonic goats as meat animals against the Myotonic Goat Registry Breed Description. You will judge as many classes as we have time and goats for. You will be expected to give reasons one-on-one to a trainer for three or four classes. You will receive a score for your placement of each class and for your reasons. If you achieve an average of 88% for the day you will become a Myotonic Goat Registry Judge with a permit for two years. At the end of each show season the MGR Judges Training Team will review your progress. Those who hold a permit will be given the opportunity for feedback & improvement during the two years. Candidates who fail to progress will not be issued a Myotonic Goat Registry Certification.

Given time and enough goats we may change up the format at the end of either day and judge a few classes in a group setting. The group will have ten minutes to place the class then someone will be volunteered to give their placement and reasons to the rest of the group. If another person has the class placed in a different order, they will be asked to give their placement and their reasons. This session will not be scored but it is a very good way to get some practice.

All applicants must be at least 18 years old & active breeders with the Myotonic Goat Registry. Applications must be received no later than March 31, 2026, and must include the \$375.00 judging school fee. Fees may be paid by personal check or money order. Applicants who are not selected to attend will have their fees returned to them. Applicants who are selected but are unable to attend will not be given a refund for any reason nor will these fees be allowed to carry forward to a future school.

Applicants who are less than 21 years old may apply to participate in the MGR Youth Educational Seminar. Those participating in the youth educational seminar will take a written test (25 questions) on the MGR scorecards. Students must pass the written test to begin working with MGR judges. A list of MGR judges who are approved to work with students will be provided to passing youth at the seminar. Passing students will be given the opportunity to work with training judges both ringside & for several classes during shows. Our goal is for students to have the opportunity to learn to evaluate Myotonic goats under several MGR judges. The fee for the youth education course is \$200.00. Those students who advance and wish to test to become an MGR judge will then pay the remaining \$175.00 at 21 years old.

MGR will allow MGR breeders to attend as an audit only course. These spots will be limited and filled after youth spots have been filled. These spots will not take the written test or give oral reasons. Those applying will need to contact MGR via e-mail for approval. The fee is \$175.00 and written materials will be mailed to applicants.

Previous student who did not pass may reapply one time for a fee of \$175.00. New materials will not be mailed.

Applicants will be reviewed by the MGR Judges Training Team for acceptance. Only candidates with the same vision for preserving the Myotonic Purebred Goat will be accepted. Preserving this unique piece of history is a treasure & must be taken seriously.

Training Location:

**James E Ward Agricultural Center
945 E Baddour Pkwy
Lebanon, TN 37087
(Livestock barn with cow statue in front)**

Hotel: Choice Hotel
[www.choicehotels.com/reservations/
groups/1162j5](http://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/1162j5)

Reservations must be made by 4/30/2026