

**Santa Gertrudis Breeders International**  
**Rules & Regulations**  
**Approved Santa Gertrudis**  
**Open Shows**  
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1. All exhibits of Santa Gertrudis breeding cattle must be registered or recorded (50% - 75% with one parent a registered Santa Gertrudis), meeting the requirements for registration or recordation as outlined in the Santa Gertrudis Rules and Regulations for Registration, and shall be governed by the last revised version of the Rules and Regulations for Approved Santa Gertrudis Open and Junior Shows as approved by the Board of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International, PO Box 1257, Kingsville, TX 78364. A copy may be obtained by contacting the association or viewed at [www.santagertrudis.com](http://www.santagertrudis.com).

2. Each owner must be a member in good standing with SGBI. No outstanding balances on an active or junior member's account.

3. ALL animals accepted for exhibition in an SGBI sanctioned show are subject to inspection at each show between arrival on grounds and prior to entering the show ring. The inspection will be conducted by a committee comprised of two (2) members of the Shows and Exhibits Committee and one (1) from the Breed Standards Committee.

4. Heifers twenty-four (24) months of age or older must be safe in calf as verified by a graduate veterinarian or have produced a live, Santa Gertrudis sired calf with that calf at side meeting the Standard of Excellence and the calf must be registered by thirty (30) days of age. All bulls twenty-four (24) months of age or older must provide a passing BSE test per show season.

5. All bulls eleven (11) months of age and older must be exhibited with a permanent nose ring.

6. All animals must be registered or recorded and PERMANENTLY identified before the show with a brand ID or an ear tattoo.

**7. FITTING**

a. Purebred fitting - All purebred animals must be exhibited with the hair brushed down on the entire body, legs and tail with no foreign objects attached to the animal in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or changes its appearance. Hair may not be trained upwards or forwards and/or pulled upwards or forwards on any part of the animal's body. Exhibitors failing to abide by this rule will not be allowed to show.

Specifically, all hair must be brushed down slick; head clipped smooth; underline clipped blending sides; udder and teats clipped with no long hair to emphasize udder; ears clipped as to environmental and local standards; neck and brisket clipped; body clipped using common sense as to season; leg hair clipped and do not leave long from hock or knee to hoof; tail head clipped; pull switch or brush out (no ball, etc.) trim tail to personal preference.

b. Star Five Fitting - Star 5 exhibits are not subject to purebred clipping rules. Entries are to be fitted as blow and go. Hair may be brushed according to preference with no paint or adhesives on any part of the body.

8. Each animal exhibited must be exhibited with the correct age and shown in the class corresponding with their correct age. **NEW \*\* calves being show that are 1 to 120 days of age on the day of show MUST be a calf on side of a female that is entered in the show and being shown in its respective class.**
9. Entries in each class will be placed 1, 2, 3, etc. Animals are to be presented in descending order according to age.
10. Polled classes will be entered at the same time as class entries are required by each show. Animals will be lined up according to age for the judge. To be eligible to show in Best of Polled, animals must be slick polled with no scurs, no scars, no dehorning and with no evidence of horny tissue.
11. Classes with over thirty (30) entries will be divided into heats and heat winners returning for final placing.
12. The judge SHOULD be an SGBI approved judge.
13. Each animal, including calves at side, shall be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical, other appearance change, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Additionally, no pumping or filling of any animal with a liquid, air, or any other substance is allowed. ALL animals and exhibitors found to be in violation of this rule will be banned for life from showing at SGBI approved shows.
14. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted, agrees to submit any animal so entered by him/her to inspection and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the Shows and Exhibits Committee, or the authorized representative of the relevant show or fair, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the committee/representative as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age, shall be final, without recourse, against SGBI and designated personnel. Any false representation, interference or unprofessional conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be dealt with by the Shows and Exhibits Committee according to the equities in the case.
15. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any SGBI approved show, each exhibitor hereby releases SGBI, its officers, directors and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits and judgments, either past, present or future, arising from or connected with the administration of use of such test or examination and the resulting decision therefrom.
16. Any exhibitor desiring to dispute or challenge the results of any test, exam or show rule enforcement, as applied by his/her animals, shall do so in accordance with procedures established by the rules of the association. This refers to, but is not limited to, the procedures to file protest and appeals process.
17. PROCEDURES TO FILE PROTEST:
  1. File protest with show that infraction occurred. Follow their protest rules
  2. File the same protest with the Shows and Exhibits Committee. Contact the chairman.

3. Three (3) SGBI members in good standing must sign the protest.
4. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Shows and Exhibits Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the occasion for such protest.
5. Order of hearing a protest:
  - a. Chairman of Shows and Exhibits Committee
  - b. Action by Shows and Exhibits Committee
  - c. Final action by Board of Directors
  - d. Follow appeal procedure as outlined in Rules and Regulations.
6. All rules and regulations that have been properly protested to the Shows and Exhibits Committee shall be subject to the following penalties:
  - a. Loss of premium money.
  - b. Loss of awards.
  - c. Suspension from showing the subject animal as deemed necessary. Penalty may be for one (1) show, two (2) shows or three (3) Shows, or as long as deemed necessary for the offense.
  - d. Suspension of the exhibitor being the same as other SGBI Rules and penalties.
  - e. Any animal found in violation of a rule of the association will lose all points awarded for the show in which the violation occurred and all succeeding shows in which points are awarded until the violation is corrected.

#### 18. APPEALS:

- a. The Chairman of the Shows and Exhibits Committee and the Vice-President of Youth Activities in conjunction with the person(s) responsible for coordinating the individual show(s) will continue to be primarily vested with authority to determine whether animals entered in shows meet the standards formally approved by the Breed Standards Committee.
- b. In the event the Vice-President of Youth Activities or individual show coordinating official disqualifies an animal from participating in a show and the exhibitor wants to appeal the disqualification, the appeal process outlined below must be followed.
- c. In the event the Chairman of Shows and Exhibits or individual show coordinating official disqualifies an animal from participating in a sanctioned show, and the exhibitor wants to appeal the disqualification, the appeal process outlined below must be followed.
- d. Additionally, any exhibitor participating in an individual show or other SGBI sanctioned show that wants to appeal a breed standards disqualification decision by either the Vice-President for Youth Activities/youth show coordinating official, or the Chairman of Shows and Exhibits/show coordinating official must follow the appeals process outlined below.

#### Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee will be comprised by the following three (3) members – the Vice-President of Breed Improvement, the Vice-President of Marketing and Promotions and the Executive Director of SGBI. All three (3) members must be present to constitute a quorum. All decisions rendered by the Appeals Committee will be binding and final for all appeals submitted to the committee.

#### Appeals Procedure

- a. All qualification/disqualification appeals and appropriate supporting documentation submitted by exhibitors must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of SGBI. The written appeal must be accompanied by a \$200 process fee. No waivers will be granted to the requirements for written appeals and the up-front \$200 fee.
- b. Exhibitors must file written appeals postmarked or via e-mail with five (5) business days following the date of the show governing the qualification/disqualification decision by the primary officials (Vice-President of Youth Activities/show coordinating official or Chairman of Shows and Exhibits/event coordinating official).
- c. The Executive Director will be responsible for coordinating meetings of the Appeals Committee and forwarding copies of the appeal and supporting documentation to the other committee members.
- d. The Appeals Committee will render a final decision within five (5) business days following receipt of the written appeal, appropriate supporting documentation and the \$200 fee.
- e. In the event an exhibitor appeals a disqualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee approves the exhibitor's appeal, the animal covered by the appeal will be qualified to participate in all future SGBI sanctioned events.
- f. In the event an exhibitor appeals a disqualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee disapproves the exhibitor's appeal, the animal covered by the appeal will be disqualified from participating in future SGBI sanctioned events. Additionally, any points or awards previously given to the owner of the animal will be forfeited.
- g. In the event an exhibitor appeals a qualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee rules that the animal covered by the appeal does not meet breed standards, the covered animal will be disqualified from participating in future shows and the owner of the animal will forfeit any points and awards previously granted.

19. Failure to adhere to each show's specific rules shall also be subject to these penalties. Proper protest procedures must be adhered to according to that particular show's rules. SGBI will follow each show's rules, and any action taken by a show will be upheld by SGBI in relation to its bearing on our point show system.

#### 20. DISQUALIFICATIONS:

\* An exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation(s) will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but not limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting or deception.

\* Judging procedures will NOT be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal regarding a judge's decision or method of selection will be considered.

\* Show officials may excuse an exhibitor from the ring and exclude them from further competition if an

exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative interferes or shows disrespect to a judge or show official.

\* In the event that an exhibitor or animal is disqualified after they have been awarded premiums or awards, the exhibitor or animal placing immediately below them may be moved up to fill the vacated position at the discretion of the Shows and Exhibits Committee.

#### 21. RULES FOR HIGH POINT AWARDS:

a. For each point show, first place class winner will receive two (2) points; second place class winner receives one (1) point; Division Champion receives three (3) points; Reserve Division Champion receives two (2) points; Grand Champion receives five (5) points and Reserve Grand Champion receives four (4) points; Best of Polled receives one (1) point but does not count toward overall points. Star Five points will be calculated in the same manner as the purebred points minus the division points.

b. Get of Sire and Produce of Dam points go toward Breeder of the Year Award. Calculated based on one (1) herd number.

c. Points will stay with animal if sold.

d. The Sire and Dam of the Year should have points from at least two (2) different offspring.

e. All points earned at the National Open Show are to be doubled.

#### 22. DNA Testing

SGBI and its representatives have the authority to require such tests as they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the classification, pedigree of exhibited animals, and parentage verification of Star 5, including calves exhibited at the side of any female. "Said authority shall extend to and cover the enforcement of all show rules as adopted by SGBI."