

Old Business Item D

Clear up confusion over the Grand of the Show's participation in any Master Champion Challenge (Hoyt)

An agenda item at the June 2009 Board meeting sought to eliminate the Grand Champion(s) of the day from participation in the Master Champion Challenges. After discussion, the only Show Rule changes approved by the Board (Motion #2009-24) were:

I.1.a - The Master Champion Challenge class must be selected on the Sanction Application submitted to NPGA.

I.3 - The Master Champion Challenge class shall consist of at least three Permanent Grand Champion does or bucks.

I.5.a - An animal receiving their final win towards PGCH status is not eligible to compete or earn a Master Champion Challenge win during that sanctioned show.

As can be seen, Show Rule I.3.a was left intact which states: "Regardless of who records the win, the Grand Champion/Senior Grand Champion of the show will compete in the Master Champion Challenge class. The class will be held immediately following selection of the Grand/Reserve Grand Champion and prior to checking microchip/tattoo and documentation of wins. The Reserve Grand Champion will stand by in the ring."

Since the rules, as currently written, are apparently not clear on who will or won't participate in any Master Champion Challenge class, a review of the rules and elimination of any existing confusion must occur. The opening proposal will be to amend I.3.a to bolster the current rule on the Grand of the show competing in any Master Champion Challenge held, unless that animal has just received the final win towards PGCH status, in which case the animal will not be eligible to compete *during that show*.

Proposal (Amendment in italics)

I move that Rules for Official Shows, Paragraph I.3.a be amended as follows:

"Regardless of who records the win, the Grand Champion/Senior Grand Champion of the show will compete in the Master Champion Challenge class, *unless the provision of I.5.a applies. This requirement will be in addition to the minimum of three Permanent Grand Champion does or bucks as set forth in I.3 above.* The class will be held immediately following selection of the Grand/Reserve Champion and prior to checking microchip/tattoo and documentation of wins. The Reserve Grand Champion will stand by in the ring."

Reasons

It appears that some confusion exists in some parts of the country over whether or not the grand of the show must compete in the Master Champion Challenge. Rule I.3.a states that the Grand Champion/Senior Grand Champion of the show **will compete**, but to eliminate any ambiguity, this amendment is being offered.

Advantages

Eliminate any ambiguity in the rule over whether or not the Grand of the show must compete.

Disadvantages

None.

Financial Implications

None.

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