



Judging Scorecard for Pygmy Goat Wethers

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.

Below is a summary of the Scorecard for Wethers and judging reasons. For a complete scorecard and faulting sheet click on the link below.

[WETHER SCORECARD AND FAULTING SHEET](#)

Category	Scorecard Points
	Wethers
General Appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BALANCED & well-blended ▪ PROPORTIONS typically cobby (compact) ▪ BREED SPECIFIC MARKINGS distinct ▪ COAT dense, hair straight, medium long ▪ EXPRESSION alert, animated; Ears erect ▪ HEAD typey, symmetrical; profile dished 	25
Structure (Conformation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BODY PARTS functional & balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ribcage, chest, barrel broad, deep -back strong, level -rump medium long, medium slope -fore- & hindquarters well angulated, well aligned, strong, well muscled -gait smooth & effortless 	25
Health & Condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FREE OF DISEASE; displaying vigor ▪ FREE OF PARASITES; skin & coat clean ▪ IN GOOD FLESH & MUSCLE 	25
Tractable/Showability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BEHAVIOR tractable, alert, responsive, trusting, confident & cooperative 	25
Total Points	100

NPGA WETHER ORAL REASONS

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

- More balance, smoothly blended, well balanced
- More correct proportions, cobby compact
- More correct breed-specific markings
- More correct coat, less masculine coat, having a straighter coat, more correct coat length
- Displaying a more pleasing expression, more alert, more animation
- More alert upright head carriage
- More correct head, medium short head, more dish in the profile, more pleasing pygmy type head, shorter broader muzzle, more muscling/width in the jaw, more width between the eyes
- More correct set to the ears

STRUCTURE

(All reasons that are not gender specific and currently used for bucks and/or does are also applicable to wethers.)

- More functional or balanced body parts
- Showing more width in the chest, barrel broad, barrel deep, greater spring of rib, back strong, level topline, rump medium long, rump medium slope, fore and hindquarters well angulated, well aligned set to the legs, strong legs, straighter legs, well muscled throughout
- Gait smooth and effortless

HEALTH and CONDITION

- Free of disease, displaying vigor
- Free of parasites, having clean skin and coat
- Displaying good flesh and muscle
- More correct show conditioning, being over conditioned or under conditioned

BEHAVIOR

- More friendly, alert, responsible, trusting, confident, cooperative
- More desirable behavior
- More tractability, showability

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