

PCLA BY-LAWS

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1. Membership is open to livestock exhibitors between the ages of 8-21. All directors must be Pennsylvania residents.
2. In order to receive points, an exhibitor must be an active member of PCLA prior to the start of a show.
3. Points will only be accumulated at PCLA Sanctioned Shows. All sanctioned shows must be held in Pennsylvania.
4. Members will compete and receive points in one of three age divisions:
 - a. Juniors – Eight to eleven years of age.
 - b. Intermediates – Twelve to fifteen years of age.
 - c. Seniors – Sixteen to twenty-one years of age.
 - d. Age is calculated as of age on January 1st of current show year.
5. Verification or proof of age of any member may be requested/required. If an exhibitor is unable to verify age, any animal entered in his/her name is ineligible for points on that day or until age is proven.
6. Members showing lambs, pigs or goats must attend a minimum of 3 of shows to qualify for year-end participation award. **Members showing steers or heifers must attend a minimum of 3 shows to qualify for year-end participation awards.**
7. 2010 awards will be based on the following number of shows for each species:
 - a. Lambs three out of five
 - b. Pigs three out of five
 - c. Goats three out of five
 - d. **Beef three out of five**
8. Awards:
 - a. Showmanship: based on total points by species earned by individuals in all three age groups at the end of the year. (Lamb, Pig, Goat, and Beef)
 1. An exhibitor may enter showmanship, if they are not exhibiting an animal in that particular species by paying an entry fee for that species.
 - b. Animal: based on the total points earned by an individual animal at the end of the year. (Lamb, Pig, and Goat)
 1. Beef will be calculated by the exhibitor's name.
 - c. Skill-a-thon: based on total points earned by an individual in all three-age divisions at the end of the year.
 - d. Overall Exhibitor: Accumulation of total points earned by an exhibitor in each species in type, showmanship and skill-a-thon classes.
 - e. There are no additional points awarded for champion or reserve champions in showmanship or skill-a-thon.
9. A member will accumulate points on the three highest point-receiving animals in each species at each show; however; this does not limit an exhibitor from

- exhibiting more animals in any given show. Animals must be entered and shown by PCLA member for points to be accumulated in his/her name.
10. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to use consistent animal identification throughout the show series.
 11. Animals must be entered and shown by the individual PCLA member for the points to be accumulated in their name, unless the member has two (2) or more animals in the same class, which in case the animals may be shown by another member.
 - a. If a show is holding a multiple ring format, another youth between the ages of 8-21 may show in the type classes for points to be accumulated.
 12. Points will be awarded on the following basis to qualified PCLA members.
 - a. Points will be awarded to each participant in each class, in descending order. For example: 1st = 15, 2nd = 14, 3rd = 13, 4th = 12, 5th = 11, 6th = 10, 7th = 9, 8th = 8, 9th = 7, 10th = 6, 11th = 5, 12th = 4, 13th = 3, 14th = 2, 15th and lower = 1.
 - b. Division Champion will receive 5 points
 - c. Division Reserves will receive an 3 points
 - d. Purebred classes will be considered the same a weight divisions
 - e. Overall Champions will receive 10 points
 - f. Reserve Overall Champions receive an additional 5 points
 - g. Points are recorded in each class for type, showmanship and skill-a-thon.
 13. Animals exhibited by PCLA members must be accompanied by a health chart and are free of infectious disease. Show officials have the right and responsibility to enforce all health regulations.
 - a. Fungus is defined as a lesion not showing active follicle growth.
 14. Members will abide by the points submitted by show officials. Show managers and/or directors have the right to settle any and all disputes of the organization should they arise.
 15. Ethics/Humane Treatment: Exhibitors must follow exhibition and animal care guidelines.
 16. All animals are subject to random testing. Testing will be determined by PCLA Directors.