

Junior Louisiana Goat Association: Bayou Certified Program

The JLGA Bayou Certified Program is open to any Louisiana Resident Exhibitor providing they are a paid current member and have met all requirements for the Bayou Certified Program.

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, their parents, and/or guardians to question the breeder and make sure the offspring are eligible for the JLGA Bayou Certified Program. The Breeder is defined as the owner of the dam (of the offspring a JLGA member is wishing to register as "Bayou Certified") at time of conception.

It is the responsibility of all JLGA parents and/or legal guardians to review the posted class sheets on show day and report any discrepancies in pre-registration— including missing Bayou Certification status— to JLGA personnel at the time of check in at the "Paper" check table. They must also ensure that any corrections are noted on their check in sheets.

The same requirement applies to day of show entries. **Once the show has started, no Bayou Certification status may be added to the show books for the remainder of that day.**

The JLGA "Bayou Certification Program" also known as "Bred and Born in the Bayou State" Program, is solely owned and operated by the JLGA and any part or in whole cannot be used by another association, organization, or non-sponsored JLGA show, without written permission from the Junior Louisiana Goat Association (JLGA).

PROGRAM RULES: In order for a goat to be classed as "Bayou Certified" and compete for awards as such at JLGA sponsored shows, they must meet all the following requirements. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

- 1. Person submitting goats for Bayou Certification must be a current paid JLGA member in good standings and must reside in the State of Louisiana.
- 2. Dams of the offspring being Bayou Certified, must have been bred in the State of Louisiana. Conception may be by natural or artificial means, but must have taken place in Louisiana. If by artificial means, the breeder (upon request) must be able to verify that the procedure took place within the State of Louisiana. Offspring from does that were taken out of state to be bred either naturally or by artificial means (A.I.) or as a result of a Flush procedure done out of state are ineligible to be Bayou Certified.
- 3. Goat being submitted for Bayou Certification must have been born and raised in the State of Louisiana.

PROGRAM PRIVILEGES

- 1. Bayou Certified goats compete for extra awards at all JLGA show and also for "End of Year Awards.
- 2. Youth JLGA Breeder members will be eligible to count points for "End of Year" JLGA Bayou Certified Youth Breeder.

HOW TO BAYOU CERTIFY ELIGIBLE GOATS

If a current JLGA member wishes to Bayou Certify eligible goats, then they must do so prior to the start of the first show they wish to show the goats as Bayou Certified. All Bayou Certification fees are to be paid at time of check-in. Once classes have started on day of show, Bayou Certification will be closed till the completion of that day's show.

THE BAYOU CERTIFIED PROGRAM DOES NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF AN EAR TAG FOR BAYOU CERTIFICATION IDENTIFICATION.

Therefore, at this time, the JLGA does not ear tag ANY goats for the Bayou Certified Program. Eligible goats are Bayou Certified by JLGA members only at JLGA shows & the shows records acts a record of all Bayou Certified goats.

BAYOU CERTIFICATION FEES: \$20.00 INITIAL CERTIFICATION BAYOU CERTIFICATION ANNUAL RENEWAL \$10.00

All Bayou Certification fees go right back to the youth. These funds are set aside to help with the cost of "Bayou Certified" awards and premiums given at JLGA sponsored shows to "Bayou Certified" goats.

PURCHASED GOATS THAT MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN BAYOU CERTIFIED: If

you have purchased a goat (especially an older goat or one that has been shown before on the JLGA circuit) and are unsure if it has been previously Bayou Certified, please check with the JLGA Adult Secretary to inquire on that's goats Bayou Certified status.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: If, at any time, a goat that has been Bayou Certified is determined not to be eligible, Bayou Certification for that goat will no longer be valid. All Bayou Certified points previously earned will be pulled and goat will no longer be eligible to count Bayou Certified points. Bayou Certification fees paid for that goat are non-refundable. These goat(s) may continue to compete as Overall entries. The JLGA is not responsible for breeder's misinterpretation of the JLGA Bayou Certified Program or misrepresentation of a breeder's goat(s) Bayou Certification eligibility.

PROGRAM VIOLATIONS: On a case by case bases, if the situation arises that a goat was misrepresented as being eligible to be "Bayou Certified," the person submitting the Bayou Certification for that goat may bear full responsibility including but not limited to reimbursement to JLGA for any awards, premiums, ribbons, etc. that were awarded to that non-qualifying goat.

Disciplinary actions may be carried out, including but not limited to, fines, temporary or permanent suspension of Bayou Certification privileges.

Disciplinary action will be determined by majority vote of the JLGA Board of Directors.

If you have questions about the Bayou Certified Program or questions on eligibility of your goats, please contact JLGA Board Secretary