

### **Rules of Registration for Standard and Mini-Myotonic**

The following Rules of Registration are designed to make certain all animals are registered in accordance with the guidelines as set forth by the International Fainting Goat Association (IFGA).

**1. Herd Prefix - Goats born on your property** must be registered with the herd prefix. The owner completes and signs the Registration Application and sends the appropriate photos and fees.

**2. Herd Prefix – Registered Purchased Goat** - The Seller should furnish a signed Transfer Application and the original Registration Certificate when you purchase a registered goat. The herd prefix or the animals registered name cannot be changed.

**2a** File the Transfer Application with GLM Registry to have ownership recorded in your name. Send the original certificate along with the Transfer Application and appropriate fees.

**3a** Breeding Memo is to be completed when the goat transferred has been bred.

i) The fee schedule is on the [www.faintinggoat.com](http://www.faintinggoat.com) website under Printable Forms.

**3. Categories of Registration** – Animals may be registered in one of the following categories based upon the requirements listed.

**3.a Certified Premium** - This category is for goats that readily faint and fall-down in a Myotonic state. The sire and dam must be registered with the IFGA or another registry. Photographs are required of right and left side and with the goat in the down position.

**3.b Premium** – This category is for goats that readily faint and fall-down in a Myotonic state, however, the owner is unable to get the down photo. The sire and dam must be registered with the IFGA.

i) The goat may be upgraded to Certified Premium when the owner is able to furnish a photo of the fainting goat in the down position.

ii) We do not accept pedigree information from other registries for this category because a down photo is not required.

**3.c Regular** – This category is for any doe (female) that does not readily faint but is wooden-legged. This means the animals back legs stiffen but they do not fall-down in a Myotonic state. A photograph is required of the doe in a stiff-legged position as well as the left and ride side for full identification.

- i) Bucks cannot be registered in this category.
- ii) Once you get a “down” photo, the goat may be upgraded to the Certified Premium category provided the lineage requirements are met.

**3.d Heritage Category** – Found Goats - Does and bucks presented for registration whose sire and dam are not registered will be considered for category. Photographs are required.

- i) Offspring of Heritage registered bucks and dams will be eligible for registration in the Certified Premium, Premium or Regular category if the lineage requirements are met.

**4. Breed Standard (Conformation)** Goats presented for registration must meet the breed standards as described elsewhere on the web site.

**4.a** Bucks who display more than two symmetrical and nonfunctional teats are not eligible for registration.

**4.b** Does who display more than two teats or teat scurs are eligible for registration, although, this is considered a fault in most show rings and is something you may not wish to propagate.

**4.c** It is recommended that any animal possessing the following genetic faults not be registered or used for breeding: cryptorchidism (undescended testicle), hernias (both scrotal and umbilical), undershot jaws, overshot jaws, hermaphrodites (male and female reproductive organs) or split scrotum in bucks.

**5. Photographs** are required to register goats in all categories as outlined below:

**5.a** Certified Premium - 3 photos. 1 down position, 1 left side and 1 right side.

**5.b** Premium - 2 photos. 1 left side, 1 photo right side.

**5.c** Regular - 3 photos. 1 stiff-legged position, 1 left side and 1 right side.

**5.d** Heritage - 3 photos. 1 down position, left side and 1 photo right side.

**6. Taking clear photographs** – Send digital photos (using your phone or camera) to [IFGA@glmregistry.com](mailto:IFGA@glmregistry.com). **Do not reduce the image size (pixel size) or add text.** If you are unable to send a digital photo, you may send printed photos to GLM Registry. The Registry will do the editing and cropping for both digital and printed photos.

## **Picture Requirements for Registration**

1. **Two full-side pictures are required. (Note: Photos must be in landscape format and at least 800px wide with plenty of space around the animal for cropping purposes.)** One full side picture must be exceptional and taken from as low an angle as possible. The shot must be on a level surface (not on a ramp or any incline). Exceptional would be described as clear with no blurring. This picture will be used on the registration papers. The 2nd photo must be of the opposite side and on a level surface and from the side as much as possible. Slightly downward angled shots will be accepted. No downward shots will be accepted.
2. **Use a background that does not conflict with the colors of the goat.** Preferably a grass setting or plain building wall. Do not have other goats, people or objects in the picture. If necessary, a relaxed tie-down may be used that does not tense the goat.
3. **Submit one clear “faint” picture.** This “down” (fainted) photo may be taken at any angle and of either side.

## 7. General Rules –

- 7.a Do not register known cross breeds. It is the goal of the IFGA to promote and preserve this rare breed of animal and this cannot be accomplished by allowing the registration of known crosses.
  - 7.b Goats registered from another registry will be recognized by IFGA in the appropriate category. Use the Transfer Application. Send the original certificate which will include all know lineage, photographs and applicable fees.
8. **Mini Certification.** Mini certification is open to myotonic bucks and does who meet all requirements of registration after the goat is three years of age.
- 8.a Height requirements for mini certification:
    - i) Bucks - less than 23 inches **at the withers**
    - ii) Does - less than 22 inches **at the withers**
  - 8.b If you are registering your mini myotonic for the first time and it has not reached three years of age you may complete the Registration Application and submit it to the Registrar with the necessary pictures and the applicable registration fee.
  - 8.c When your animal attains three years of age and the height requirements are met you may file for mini certification. Complete the Mini-Myotonic Certification Form and submit it to the Registrar with a height measurement, original registration certificate, and the applicable registration fee for changing the certificate.

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