



MDGA FAULT MATRIX

Slight to Serious Faults, General

Body

- Too short
- Too narrow throughout the body
- Too fine-boned
- Sway-backed
- Large horn scurs
- Heavy shoulders
- Narrow chest floor
- Pinched in the heart girth
- Steep rump
- Broken or wry tail

Legs

- Bowed front legs
- Rear legs set too closely
- Hocky- (turned in at the hocks)
- Toes or feet pointing out
- Mild, temporary lameness
- Pasterns too long or too short
- Enlarged knees
- Buck knees

Udder

- Weak attachments
- Pocket in fore udder
- Meaty udder lacking soft texture,
- Scar tissue

Teats

- Set too far in or out on the udder floor
- Bulbous shape or small shape
- Pointed forward or sideways
- Supernumerary

Serious Faults, General

Body

- Crooked face (on does)
- Undershot or overshot jaw
- Loose or winged shoulders
- Malformed or crooked hooves
- American minis over height

Udder

- Udder overfull to the point that texture cannot be felt
- Swollen or hard udder (except in does that are just fresh.)

- Uneven udder to the point that one side is less than half the size of the other side
- Udder lacking in size or of insufficient capacity in relation to body size considering the point at which the doe is in her lactation
- Leaking orifice

Teats

- Double orifice in teat.
- Extra teat on doe, even if it has been removed.



Disqualifications, General

- Minis: mature "purebred does over Breed height requirement; purebred bucks over Breed height requirement
- Nigerian Dwarf: mature does over 22 ½" tall and mature bucks over 23 ½" tall.
- Serious emaciation
- Permanent lameness
- Evidence of myotonia
- Permanent physical defect, such as hernia
- Total blindness
- Crooked face on buck
- Horns
- Evidence of hermaphroditism
- Extra teat that interferes with milking
- Anything other than two normal fully descended testicles in bucks
- Extra teats on buck
- Double orifice on buck
- Suspicious lumps, sore mouth, evidence of Cocci or any other obvious contagious health issue

Breed Specific:

Please note: Not making breed character will not affect your ability to register animals within the "Experimental" registry.

If they do not have the correct breed character by the 3rd generation, or if a higher generation does not conform, they can still be registered as an experimental with an * after their registration number showing that they did not conform to breed standard.

It is not uncommon for the first couple of generations to not conform to breed standards, especially in color (Mini Oberhasli, Mini Saanen, and Mini Toggenburg) or in ear set (Mini LaMancha and Mini Nubian).

Mini Alpine

Serious faults:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only
- Animals with Toggenburg color and markings
- Animals that are all white
- Roman nose
- American Over height

Disqualification:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:
- Pendulous ears
- LaMancha-type ears
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 29 inches, Bucks: 31 inches



Mini Guernsey

Serious faults:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only
- Swiss facial stripes and/or rump marking (as on Toggenburg or Oberhasli breeds)
- Roman nose (depending upon degree)
- Black hairs in the coat
- Dominantly white coat on mature does.
- American Over height

Disqualification:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:
- No gold tone to skin on muzzle, ears, eyes, mammary, scrotum, or under tail.
- Black markings or spots in the hair over 1 ½" (3.8 cm) in any direction
- Pendulous ears
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 27 inches, Bucks: 29 inches

Mini LaMancha

Serious Faults:

- American: Over height

Disqualification:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:
- Anything but gopher ears on bucks
- Ears other than true LaMancha-type on does
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 27 inches, Bucks: 29 inches

Mini Nubian

Serious faults, Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:

- Straight face
- Upright ears
- American: Over height

Disqualification:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:
- Ears other than true pendulous
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 29 inches, Bucks: 31 inches

Mini Oberhasli

Serious Faults, Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:

- Small white spots in hair of does
- American: over height

Disqualification:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:
- Large white spot (1" in any direction) on does; few small white spots in hair of bucks
- Light belly on does
- Pendulous or LaMancha-type ears
- Black bucks
- Any color but red bay in bucks
- Any color but red bay or black in does
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 27 inches, Bucks: 29 inches



Mini Toggenburg

Serious Faults, Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:

- Black does
- White stomach on does
- 1 Inch or larger white spot on does
- Few small white spots on bucks

Disqualification, Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:

- Tricolored or piebald
- Black bucks
- White stomach on bucks
- White spot 1 inch or larger on bucks
- Pendulous ears
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Doe: 25 inches, Bucks: 27 inches

Mini Saanen

Serious faults:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only
- Dark cream color
- Several small dark spots in hair
- Roman nose
- American: over height

Disqualification:

- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:
- Spots over 1" in any direction
- Pendulous or LaMancha-type ears
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 29 inches, Bucks: 31 inches

Mini Sable

Serious faults, Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:

- Pendulous or LaMancha-type ears
- Solid white or cream color
- Purebred: Over height
- Mini Toggenburg:
- Serious faults:
- Allowances given to "Experimentals" only
- Few white spots in hair of does
- Black color in does
- Few small, white spots in hair of bucks
- American: over height

Disqualification, Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:

- Pendulous or LaMancha type ears
- Black bucks
- Tricolor or piebald
- Large white spot (1" in any direction)
- White belly on buck
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 29 inches, Bucks: 31 inches

Nigerian Dwarf

Serious Faults:

- Roman nose
- Curly coat

Disqualification:

- Pendulous or LaMancha-type ears
- Does over 22.5" tall and bucks over 23.5" tall