



## MDGA FAULT MATRIX

### Slight to Serious Faults, General

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#### 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
- Over or under-conditioned

#### Legs

- Bowed front legs
- Rear legs set too closely
- Hocky- (turned in at the hocks)
- Toes or feet pointing in or out
- Splayed toes
- 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

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#### Body

- Crooked face (on does)
- Undershot or overshot jaw
- Loose or winged shoulders
- Malformed or crooked hooves
- American: 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.



### Maximum Heights for Does/Bucks (listed by breeds)

- Nigerian Dwarves—22.5 inches/23.5 inches
- Mini Toggenburgs—25 inches/27 inches
- Mini LaMancha, Mini Guernsey, Mini Oberhasli—27 inches/29 inches
- Mini Nubian, Mini Alpine, Mini Saanen, Mini Sable—29 inches/31 inches

## **Disqualifications, General**

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- Miniature Purebred Does or Bucks over height (see table above for maximum heights)
- Nigerian Dwarf Does or Bucks over height (see table above for maximum heights)
- Serious emaciation
- Permanent lameness
- Evidence of myotonia
- Permanent physical defects, 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**

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### **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

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### 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

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### Serious faults:

- Erect ears on Experimental doe
- Erect or elf ears on Experimental buck
- Roman nose
- American: Over height

### Disqualification:

Allowances given to "Experimentals" only:

- Erect or elf ears on American or Purebred buck
- Erect ears on American or Purebred doe
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 27 inches, Bucks: 29 inches

## Mini Nubian

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### 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 inch

## Mini Oberhasli

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### Serious faults:

Allowances given to "Experimentals" only

- Small white spots in hair of does
- Small white spots in hair of bucks (more serious in bucks than does)
- American: Over height

### Disqualification:

Allowances given to "Experimentals" only

- Large white spot (1" in any direction) on bucks or does
- Light belly on does
- Pendulous or LaMancha-type ears
- 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

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### 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
- American: Over height

### 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

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### 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

- Any color other than white or cream
- Pendulous or LaMancha-type ears
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 29 inches, Bucks: 31 inches

## Mini Sable

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### Serious faults

Allowances given to "Experimentals" only

- Solid white or cream color
- Roman nose
- American: Over height

### Disqualification

Allowances given to "Experimentals" only

- Pendulous or LaMancha type ears
- Purebred: Over height
- **Maximum height:** Does: 29 inches, Bucks: 31 inches

## Nigerian Dwarf

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### Serious faults:

- Curly coat

### Disqualification:

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