

NATIONAL SAANEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Star Spangled Saanen Award Program

I. Purpose: The purpose of the Star Spangled Saanen Award Program will be to acknowledge and honor beautiful Saanens across America who exhibit outstanding breed type and correctness in each of the specified gender and age groups, and deserve recognition even though they may not participate in shows. Classes shall be open to Purebred, American, Recorded Grade and Experimental. Recorded Grade and Experimental must be at least 50% Saanen, and must meet Saanen Breed Standard. First Place in each category will be declared Star Spangled, while Second Place will be Firecracker!

II. Categories:

Does:

1. Junior Kid (April 1 and later)
2. Intermediate Kid
3. Senior Kid (Jan - Feb)
4. Dry Yearling
5. Milking Yearling
6. Two Year Old
7. Three Year Old
8. Four Year Old
9. Five Years Old and Older

Bucks:

1. Under One Year
2. Yearling
3. Two Year Old
4. Three Years Old and Under Five
5. Five Years Old and Older

Each animal may be entered in only one age category at a time during a given year. Additionally, an animal may participate in either the Star Spangled Award or the All American Award, but may not participate in both during the same calendar year.

III. Qualifications: To qualify for nomination each animal must meet the following requirements:

- A. All Saanens (Purebred, American, Grade, Experimental) will be eligible for participation. There will be two divisions: One for Purebred and American, and the other for Recorded Grades and Experimentals. Recorded Grades and Experimentals must be at least 50% Saanen and must meet Saanen Breed Standard.

- B. Owned by a current member of the NSBA, with dues paid on or before September 1st of the previous year.

IV. Application Procedure:

- A. Submission of one completed Nomination Form for each individual animal being nominated.
- B. Submission should be made electronically (though traditional mail will be accepted).
- C. Go to the NSBA Website. Download and save the Star Spangled Saanen Nomination Form. Convert the PDF to a Word-compatible document. Fill in the appropriate information, then send the completed form to the Chair with two clear color photos attached in .jpg format.
- D. Required views are Standard Profile and Rear View (rump, udder, legs, feet).
- E. Clipping is not a requirement, but every effort should be made to present the animal groomed and positioned to its best advantage.
- F. Digital camera photos are acceptable; however, no digital alteration to the goat's image is permitted.
- G. No ribbons, trophies or extraneous people are allowed in the photo. The goat shall be the primary focus of the photo; the handler shall be cropped out above the shoulders.
- H. Photos must be taken during the age year for which the entry is made.
- I. Photos of the Star Spangled and the Firecracker winners will be retained by NSBA for use in news releases, the NSBA web page and digital photo album; as well as other relevant NSBA promotional material.
- J. If submitting by mail, download the Nomination Form and legibly print all required information. Include in your mailing envelope two clear color photos, as described above. If you have no access to a computer, contact the Chair for a hardcopy of the form to be sent by mail. (Leave plenty of time for snail mail)
- K. The completed Star Spangled Saanen Nomination Form must be postmarked, or electronically received by the SSS Chair, by June 1st of each year, regardless of the day of the week.
- L. This program is free, and exclusive, to current NSBA members.

V. Composition and Authority of the Star Spangled Saanen Selection Panel:

- A. **Tenure:** Three experienced NSBA Saanen breeders will be appointed each year by the NSBA Star Spangled Saanen Chair. Only one panel member per family or partnership may be chosen within the same year. Note: Employers and employees may serve concurrently.
- B. **Authority:** The three-member panel of judges will select the Star Spangled Saanen Award winners based on a numerical grading scale, where the animal

- with the highest collective number of points shall be the winner.
- C. At the discretion of the Judging Panel, in the event that no worthy animal is nominated for a particular age category, an award may not be offered. Or, if no more than one animal was nominated in its class, the panel may elect to award only the Firecracker Award if the sole entrant is not deemed worthy of Star Spangled designation.
 - D. The Chairperson shall make every effort to rotate judges so no individual shall serve as judge more than once in a three-year cycle, when at all possible.
 - E. In the unlikely event that for any reason the submission from an empanelled judge becomes unusable, it will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors to decide the best course of action to facilitate quick response and accurate results.

VI. Method of Selecting Star Spangled Saanen Winners:

- A. Administered decisions of the panel shall be final, excepting as specified in Section V; Clause E.
- B. Panel members shall not be penalized for conflict of interest situations, as entrants will be presented anonymously to the panel. Therefore, panel members may participate in all placings.
- C. The judges will make their placings based solely upon submitted photos.
- D. The panel will dispatch notification of their individual placement decision regarding each entrant to the NSBA Star Spangled Saanen Chair, who will then tabulate the results and forward these placings on to the current NSBA President to ensure accuracy in tabulation and recordation.
- E. Selection shall be based solely on breed type. Show wins, Linear Appraisal scores, and production scores shall not be considered.
- F. For each of the gender and age categories, in the separate divisions of Purebred and American, and Recorded Grade and Experimental, the panel shall select the Star Spangled Saanen and Firecracker; except as outlined in Section V; Clause C.
- G. The panel will be requested to submit their final decisions no later than June 24th
- H. Announcement of Winners of the Star Spangled Saanen Award shall occur on or before July 4th of each year.
- I. Submitted photos become the property of NSBA
- J. Commendation beyond routine publication notices shall be determined by the NSBA Board of Directors

Please send your Nomination Form to:

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