GOAT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE

GBAZ Auction Rules

Rules for national auctions, show auctions, production and private auctions, club auctions and online auctions held under the protection of the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe



Boer Goat buck. Photograph: Boer Goat Breeders' Society gallery.

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Preamble and scope

These rules govern every auction advertised as held under the protection of the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe. They protect buyers, who can rely on the identity, inspection status and health of what they buy, and sellers, who sell into a market that trusts the GBAZ name.

Auctions covered

Type	Description	Organised by
National auction	The association's annual sale of registered goats, held at a venue and on a date set by the council	GBAZ council through the office
Show auction	An auction held with the GBAZ Annual Goat Indaba or with an agricultural show at which GBAZ classes are judged	GBAZ with the show society
Production and private auction	A sale presented by one member or a group of members of their own animals, approved in advance by the council	The member or members
Club auction	A sale presented by a GBAZ regional club or cluster for its members	The club under its own rules
Online auction	A sale conducted wholly or partly by electronic or messaging platform, approved in advance by the council	A member, club or the office

Definitions

COUNCIL	The council of GBAZ elected under its constitution, or a committee to which the council delegates auction matters.
OFFICE	The GBAZ secretariat, reached on the contacts at the end of these rules.
MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING	A GBAZ member whose joining fee and current annual subscription are paid and who is not under suspension.
REGISTERED ANIMAL	A goat entered in the register of the Zimbabwe Herd Book, the statutory registrar, with a registration certificate in the seller's name.
INSPECTED ANIMAL	A goat that has passed inspection against the GBAZ breed standard by a GBAZ-authorised inspector and holds a current inspection record.
HERD ANIMAL	A goat of breed type that has been inspected and recorded but does not meet the stud standard.
INSPECTOR	A person authorised by GBAZ or by a GBAZ breed society to inspect goats against the breed standard.
AUCTIONEER	The licensed auctioneer or auction house appointed for the auction.
LOT	An animal, or a group of animals sold together, as numbered in the catalogue.

MOVEMENT PERMIT	The permit for the movement of livestock issued by the Department of Veterinary Services under the animal health laws of Zimbabwe.

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PART A

Part A: General rules for all GBAZ auctions

1. Admission of sellers

1. Only GBAZ members in good standing may present animals at an auction held under the protection of GBAZ, except where these rules allow guest sellers (rule B3.4 and B4.2).
2. At national and show auctions, every animal offered must be a registered animal or, where the council so determines for a breed or class, an inspected animal recorded in the GBAZ register.
3. At production, private and club auctions, registered, inspected and herd animals may be offered, provided each animal is identified and catalogued as such.
4. A member whose herd is in-activated with the registrar, or whose levies or subscriptions are in arrears, may not sell until the arrears are settled.
5. Cull animals, animals rejected at inspection and slaughter animals may not be offered at any GBAZ auction, not even after the sale or as a separate pen.

2. Application and catalogue deadlines

1. Applications to sell are made on the prescribed form to the office by the closing date set by the council for that auction. The council sets the closing date at least 60 days before a national or show auction.
2. Catalogue entries, with the animals' full identification, registration numbers, parentage, dates of birth and pregnancy or fertility details, close 30 days before a national or show auction, or on the date the council sets. Entries received after the closing date are not catalogued.
3. Members and clubs intending to hold a production, private, club or online auction in the following calendar year apply to the office by 30 June. The council considers the applications at its next meeting and publishes the approved auction calendar.
4. Late applications are considered only for a complete dispersal sale, on merit.
5. The council avoids approving two GBAZ auctions in the same region within seven days of each other and resolves clashes by negotiation with the applicants.

3. Eligibility of animals

Age and size

- Bucks must be at least ten months old, or weigh at least 50 kg, on the day of inspection for the auction. Does must be at least ten months old, or weigh at least 35 kg. The council may set different minimums for a breed, for example for the indigenous Matebele and Mashona breeds, and publishes them in the auction conditions.
- Kids under the minimum age may be offered only at production, private and club auctions, as a pen lot with the dam or as a described group, and only if they are identified and birth-notified.

Identification

- Every animal carries its three-part identification number (herd designation letters or stud number, year, serial) by tattoo and tag, as set out in the GBAZ Stud Registration Guide. An animal whose

identification cannot be read against its papers is withdrawn.

- Registration certificates, inspection records and birth notifications for every lot are lodged with the office or the auctioneer before the animals are penned.

Inspection

- Every animal offered is inspected by a GBAZ-authorised inspector against the breed standard before it is sold: at the venue on the day before a national or show auction, or within 14 days before a production, private, club or online auction.
- The inspector's decision on whether an animal may be offered, and whether it is catalogued as stud or herd, is binding on the seller. A dispute about an inspection is decided by the council's executive with the inspector, and that decision is final.
- Inspectors may re-check the mouths of animals on the morning of the sale to confirm that they have not been altered since inspection.
- An animal previously declared stud and tagged as such is inspected again for the auction and may be reclassified for that sale if the inspector so finds; it keeps its earlier tag.

Health certificates and movement permits

- Every animal arrives with the movement permit required by the Department of Veterinary Services for movement from the farm of origin to the auction venue, and with any dipping, vaccination or testing record the Department requires for the area. Animals from an area under quarantine or movement restriction (for example during a foot-and-mouth disease control period) may not be presented unless the Department has issued the permit.
- A veterinary health declaration for each consignment, signed within seven days before the auction, is lodged with the auctioneer. The council may appoint a veterinarian to examine animals at the venue, at the cost of the sellers pro rata.
- Animals showing signs of infectious or contagious disease, external parasites, lameness or injury are removed from the venue on the veterinarian's or inspector's instruction.
- Abscesses: an animal with an open, draining or large abscess is not offered. A small, healed abscess covered with hair may be accepted at the inspector's discretion and is declared from the rostrum.

Fertility

- National and show auctions: bucks are fertility tested at the venue by the veterinarian appointed by the office before the sale. A buck that tests infertile is not offered and may not be sold at the venue afterwards. Only the certificate of the appointed veterinarian is accepted.
- Production, private, club and online auctions: fertility testing of bucks is strongly recommended. If a buyer has a buck tested by a veterinarian within 14 days of purchase and it is found infertile, the seller replaces the buck with one acceptable to the buyer or refunds the purchase price.
- Does with six teeth or older that are not suckling kids must be visibly pregnant, scanned pregnant at the venue, or accompanied by a pregnancy certificate issued within one month before the sale, unless the inspector accepts clear evidence that the doe has kidded and reared kids. Does with teats that the inspector considers functional may be offered; the catalogue states the teat description.

- Libido or fertility complaints about a buck are reported to the office and recorded against the seller. Three recorded complaints entitle the council to investigate the seller's animals.

4. Presentation and penning

- Animals arrive at the venue by the time stated in the auction conditions, normally the afternoon before a national or show auction, so that inspection and veterinary checks are completed before the sale.
- Pens are allocated by the office or auctioneer in lot order. Each pen is marked with the lot number and the seller's prefix. Sellers provide their own feed and bedding unless the conditions say otherwise; water is provided by the organiser.
- Animals are presented clean, in good working condition and not over-fat. Trimming of hooves and hair is permitted; colouring, dyeing or any treatment that conceals pigmentation, colour pattern or a defect is not, and leads to withdrawal of the lot and may lead to suspension.
- Lots are shown in the ring, or on a platform, by the seller or a handler in clean attire. The auctioneer may require a lot to be shown walking.
- No spare animals are brought to a national or show auction beyond the allowance in the auction conditions, and no animal not catalogued may be sold at the venue.

5. Catalogue and lot order

- The catalogue, printed or electronic, is published at least seven days before a national or show auction and states for each lot: lot number; identification number and registration number; breed; sex; date of birth; sire and dam; breeder and seller; inspection status (stud or herd); pregnancy, service or fertility details; and any declared condition.
- Lot order at a national auction is determined by the average price of each seller's three highest-priced bucks (and separately does) at the preceding national auction, divided by three even where fewer than three were sold. Sellers presenting for the first time follow in alphabetical order.
- At a show auction, champions and placed animals from the show are catalogued first in the order of their placings, followed by the remaining lots in the national-auction order.
- At production, private and club auctions the seller decides the lot order and may group lots by breed, sex and age.
- Corrections to the catalogue are announced from the rostrum before the lot is offered and bind the buyer; a buyer may not rely on a catalogue entry that was corrected before the sale of that lot.

6. Bidding and sale conditions

- Sales are in United States dollars unless the auction conditions state another currency. The bidding increments are announced by the auctioneer.
- The highest bidder at the fall of the hammer is the buyer. Where a dispute arises between bidders, the auctioneer may re-offer the lot immediately, and the auctioneer's decision is final.
- A seller may lodge a reserve price with the auctioneer in writing before the sale. A seller, or anyone on the seller's behalf, may not bid on the seller's own lot above the reserve.
- Risk in the animal passes to the buyer at the fall of the hammer; ownership passes on payment in full. The seller is responsible for the animal's care until it is handed over.

- The seller warrants that the animal is the animal described in the catalogue, is the seller's property, is free of any lien, and that the identification, parentage and registration details are true. The registrar's record and DNA profile are conclusive of identity and parentage.
- Unsold lots that passed inspection and veterinary examination may be sold after the auction at the venue only through the auctioneer's books, with the same commission. Lots declared unfit may not be sold at the venue at all; a member who does so may be suspended for a period set by the council.

7. Buyer registration

- Every bidder registers with the auctioneer before the sale, giving full name, national identification or passport number, address, telephone and, for a company or farm, the trading name and representative. The bidder receives a buyer number and bids only on that number.
- GBAZ membership is not required to buy. A buyer who intends to register progeny of a registered animal must join GBAZ as a Stud Breeder member and obtain a prefix before birth notifications can be accepted.
- The auctioneer may require a deposit, bank guarantee or proof of funds from a bidder before issuing a buyer number, and may decline to register a bidder with an unpaid account at a previous GBAZ auction.
- Buyers from outside Zimbabwe register in the same way and are told before the sale which export permits and health requirements apply to them (rule 11).

8. Payment terms and commission

- The buyer pays the full purchase price, plus any commission or charge payable by buyers under the auction conditions, to the auctioneer on the day of the sale and before any animal leaves the venue, by cash, bank transfer with confirmed receipt, or another method the auctioneer accepts.
- Commission payable by sellers, and any commission payable by buyers, is set by the council per auction and published in the catalogue and the auction conditions before entries close. It comprises the auctioneer's commission as agreed with the auctioneer and the GBAZ levy on turnover, which funds the association's auction programme.
- Entry fees per lot are set by the council per auction. Where an entry fee is charged and the seller presents the lot, the part of the fee that the conditions designate as refundable is returned after the sale.
- Advertising costs for a national or show auction not covered by the auctioneer are recovered from sellers pro rata to lots catalogued.
- Veterinary fees for fertility testing and pregnancy scanning at the venue are paid by the sellers of the animals tested, pro rata.
- The auctioneer pays sellers within the period stated in the auction conditions after deducting commission, fees and any amount owed to GBAZ, and sends the office a copy of the sale roll within seven days.
- Transfers of registered animals are lodged with the Zimbabwe Herd Book through the office from the sale roll. The transfer fee as published by the registrar is paid by the buyer unless the conditions say otherwise.

9. Withdrawal and disputes

- A seller may withdraw a catalogued lot in writing to the office before the animals are penned. An entry fee for a lot withdrawn after the catalogue closes is forfeited unless the withdrawal is for death, injury or a veterinary reason supported by a certificate.
- A lot that fails inspection, veterinary examination or fertility testing is withdrawn without penalty other than the costs already incurred.
- Disputes about inspection are decided by the council's executive with the inspector (rule 3). Disputes about bidding and the fall of the hammer are decided by the auctioneer (rule 6).
- Any other dispute between a buyer and a seller is reported to the office in writing within 14 days of the sale. The council, or a panel it appoints, hears both parties and gives a decision, which members accept as binding as a condition of selling under GBAZ protection. The council may refer a dispute to the auctioneer's own conditions where those apply.
- A buyer who finds that an animal's identification or papers do not match within 14 days of the sale may return it to the seller for a full refund; the office records the matter.

10. Animal welfare and biosecurity

- Animals are transported, penned and handled in a way that avoids injury, stress and suffering. Pens provide shade, clean water and space to lie down; animals are not left loaded on vehicles.
- Sick, injured, lame or heavily pregnant animals, and does within two weeks of kidding, are not brought to an auction.
- Each consignment is penned separately from other sellers' animals, and animals from different farms are not mixed in a pen. Handlers wash hands and boots between consignments where facilities are provided.
- Sellers declare the vaccination, dipping and deworming history of each lot in the catalogue or at the pen. The council may require specific vaccinations or treatments for an auction and publishes them in the conditions.
- Buyers are advised to isolate purchased animals from their own herd for at least 21 days, to observe them, and to treat for internal and external parasites before introduction.
- The organiser cleans and disinfects pens and the ring before and after the auction. Unsold animals leave the venue the same day.

11. Transport and movement

- The seller is responsible for transport to the venue and for the movement permit for that journey. The buyer is responsible for transport from the venue and for the movement permit from the venue to the destination, issued by the Department of Veterinary Services before the animal leaves.
- Vehicles are clean, disinfected, ventilated, with non-slip floors and partitions where animals of different sizes travel together. Loading and unloading take place at the ramps provided and are supervised by the organiser.
- Animals are not transported for more than eight hours without rest, water and inspection, and are not transported in the heat of the day where this can be avoided.
- Export of animals bought at a GBAZ auction is subject to the export permit and health certification of the Department of Veterinary Services and to the import permit of the destination country. GBAZ

and the office assist with the registrar's export pedigree certificate but are not responsible for the permits.

12. Powers of the council

- The council may amend these rules, and may adopt conditions for a particular auction, by resolution. Amendments are published to members by the office and apply to auctions whose entries close after publication.
- The council approves, declines or withdraws approval for any auction held under GBAZ protection, limits the number of lots at a national auction, and may reduce entries pro rata where supply exceeds expected demand.
- The council appoints the inspectors and the veterinarian for national and show auctions, invites tenders from auctioneers for the national auction for a term of up to three years, and approves the auctioneer for any other GBAZ auction.
- The council may suspend a member from selling at GBAZ auctions, or from membership, for a breach of these rules, after giving the member an opportunity to be heard.
- Members may not present breeding animals at auctions advertised as commercial sales outside GBAZ protection in a way that uses the GBAZ name, inspection tags or registration status to promote the sale.

PART B

Part B: Rules for each type of auction

B1. National auctions

- Sellers must be GBAZ members in good standing with a prefix registered with the Zimbabwe Herd Book, and must have presented animals at a club, production or show auction under GBAZ protection within the previous 12 months once such auctions are established. The council may waive this requirement while the auction programme is being built.
- Only registered animals, and inspected animals in the classes the council opens to them, are offered.
- The number of lots is fixed by the council each year and allocated among applicants; the council may reduce allocations pro rata.
- Entry fees, refundable portions, commission and the GBAZ levy are set by the council for the auction and published with the call for entries.
- Inspection on the day before the sale is by at least three inspectors, with bucks and does inspected separately. Bucks are fertility tested and eligible does pregnancy scanned at the venue.
- The council tenders for the auctioneer for a term of up to three years and agrees the advertising programme with the auctioneer each year.
- Lot order follows rule A5.

B2. Show auctions

- Sellers must be GBAZ members in good standing who exhibited animals in the ring at the show or Indaba with which the auction is held. Judges at the show may also enter animals.
- All animals offered are registered animals, unless the council opens a class for inspected animals and says so in the conditions.
- The judges of the show act as the inspectors for the auction, and the remaining inspection, fertility, pregnancy and post-auction rules of Part A apply.
- Where a show auction is held with an agricultural society's show, the show society's rules on entry, health and movement apply in addition, and the stricter rule prevails.
- The number of lots is not limited unless the council decides otherwise.

B3. Production and private auctions

- A member or group of members applies by 30 June for approval to hold a production or private auction in the following year, stating the date, venue, auctioneer, expected lots and the GBAZ auction at which the applicant sold in the past year. The council may waive the prior-sale requirement while the programme is being built.
- Registered, inspected and herd animals may be offered, each catalogued with its status. No slaughter, cull or rejected animals may be offered at the same sale.
- Guest sellers who are not GBAZ members may offer does, but not bucks, at a production or private auction, provided their animals are inspected and meet the minimum breed standard and the GBAZ levy is paid on their lots.

- One GBAZ-authorised inspector, nominated to and approved by the office, inspects the animals within 14 days before the sale and sends the office the list of approved lots within three working days.
- The seller chooses the auctioneer and agrees the commission and advertising with the auctioneer. The GBAZ levy on turnover, as set by the council, is paid to the office within 14 days of the sale with a copy of the sale roll.
- Where the auction is held outside the applicant's own club or cluster region, a further share of the levy, if agreed, is paid to the club in whose region it is held.
- Fertility testing of bucks is recommended; the 14-day replacement or refund rule (A3) applies. Does of six teeth and older comply with the pregnancy rule (A3).

B4. Club auctions

- A GBAZ regional club or cluster may hold a club auction under its own rules, provided they do not conflict with these rules and have been lodged with the office.
- Club members who are not GBAZ members may offer does, but not bucks, at a club auction.
- Two inspectors inspect the animals within 14 days before the sale.
- Where the club finances the auction itself, the GBAZ levy on turnover is retained by the club for its own programme, and the club sends the office a copy of the sale roll.

B5. Online and messaging-platform auctions

- An auction conducted by website, application or messaging group under GBAZ protection is applied for in advance like a production auction and complies with Part A in full.
- Every lot is inspected within 14 days before the sale, and the inspection record, identification photographs and papers are made available to bidders before bidding opens.
- The platform, bidding period, increments, extension rule and payment process are stated in the conditions published before bidding opens. The auctioneer or office keeps the bidding record and the sale roll.
- Payment and movement rules (A8 and A11) apply; no animal moves before payment and the movement permit are in place.

PART C

Part C: One-page summaries

Summary for exhibitors (sellers)

- [ ] Be a GBAZ member in good standing; have your prefix and herd designation letters registered; keep your herd active with the registrar and your levies paid.
- [ ] Apply to sell by the closing date on the prescribed form. Lodge catalogue entries 30 days before a national or show auction. Apply by 30 June for next year's production, private, club or online auction.
- [ ] Offer only registered, inspected or herd animals as the auction allows. Never bring culls, rejected animals or slaughter stock.
- [ ] Check that every animal's tattoo and tag match its papers. Bring registration certificates, inspection records and birth notifications.
- [ ] Meet the age or weight minimums: bucks ten months or 50 kg, does ten months or 35 kg, unless the conditions set other minimums for the breed.
- [ ] Obtain the movement permit from the Department of Veterinary Services for the journey to the venue and bring dipping, vaccination and testing records. Lodge a veterinary health declaration signed within seven days.
- [ ] Have does of six teeth and older pregnant, scanned or certified, or suckling kids. Have bucks fertility tested where required and preferably always.
- [ ] Arrive by the stated time, pen in lot order, present clean animals in working condition. No colouring, dyeing or concealment.
- [ ] Lodge any reserve price with the auctioneer in writing. Do not bid on your own lot.
- [ ] Commission and the GBAZ levy are set by the council per auction and shown in the catalogue. Entry fees, advertising and veterinary costs are as stated in the conditions.
- [ ] Unsold inspected lots may be sold after the auction only through the auctioneer. Unfit lots may not be sold at the venue.
- [ ] Withdraw in writing before penning. Report disputes to the office within 14 days.

Summary for buyers

- [ ] Register with the auctioneer before the sale with your identity document and contact details, and receive a buyer number. You do not need to be a GBAZ member to buy.
- [ ] Read the catalogue: identification and registration numbers, parentage, date of birth, inspection status (stud or herd), pregnancy and fertility details, and declared conditions. Corrections announced from the rostrum bind you.
- [ ] Every lot has been inspected by a GBAZ-authorised inspector and has passed the veterinary check and the health rules in the conditions. Ask the inspector or veterinarian about any lot before it is offered.
- [ ] At a national or show auction bucks are fertility tested and eligible does pregnancy scanned at the venue. At other GBAZ auctions you may have a buck tested within 14 days; if infertile, the seller replaces it or refunds you.
- [ ] The highest bidder at the fall of the hammer buys. Risk passes to you then; ownership passes on payment in full. The auctioneer's decision on a bidding dispute is final.
- [ ] Pay the auctioneer in full on the day, plus any buyer's charge stated in the conditions, before any animal leaves the venue. Commission arrangements are set by the council per auction and published in the catalogue.
- [ ] Obtain the movement permit from the Department of Veterinary Services for the journey from the venue to your farm before loading. Use a clean, ventilated vehicle and do not travel more than eight hours without rest and water.
- [ ] Transfers of registered animals are lodged with the Zimbabwe Herd Book through the office from the sale roll; the registrar's transfer fee is paid by the buyer unless the conditions say otherwise. To register progeny, join GBAZ as a Stud Breeder member and obtain a prefix.
- [ ] Isolate purchased animals for 21 days, observe them, and treat for parasites before introducing them to your herd.
- [ ] If an animal's identification or papers do not match, return it to the seller within 14 days for a full refund and tell the office. Report any other dispute to the office in writing within 14 days.
- [ ] Buyers from outside Zimbabwe: export permits and health certification from the Department of Veterinary Services and the import permit of your country are your responsibility; the office assists with the export pedigree certificate.

Contacts and adoption

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APPLICATIONS	Prescribed forms for selling at, and holding, GBAZ auctions are obtained from the office

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