

# FLEMISH GIANT

VARIETIES: BLACK-BLUE-FAWN  
 LIGHT GRAY-SANDY-STEEL GRAY-WHITE



## SCHEDULE OF POINTS

GENERAL TYPE .....	55
Body.....	35
Head.....	7
Ears.....	4
Eyes.....	2
Feet & Legs.....	6
Tail.....	1
FUR .....	15
COLOR .....	20
CONDITION .....	10
TOTAL POINTS .....	100

## SHOWROOM CLASSES & WEIGHTS

**Senior Bucks**-8 months of age and over, weight 13 pounds or over.  
**Senior Does**-8 months of age and over, weight 14 pounds or over.  
**Intermediate Bucks & Does**-6 to 8 months of age.  
**Junior Bucks & Does**-Under 6 months of age. Minimum weight for Junior bucks and Junior Does 6½ pounds.

**NOTE:** No animal may be shown in a higher age classification than its true age. No animal may be shown in a lower age classification than its true age.

## BALANCE

This term describes an animal that is well proportioned throughout, or "balanced". Ears, limbs, and head should harmonize and balance with size of the body. An extremely long bodied animal should have longer ears and longer legs than an animal of medium length. It should stand higher, the head should be slightly longer, and even the tail should be longer. The extremely long animal should not be narrow, but sufficiently full over the shoulders, body, and hips to balance with the length. The ear base is very important on a Flemish Giant, and is often the deciding point in determining the best balanced specimen. It should be heavy and full at the base, and the ears should be well set on the head. A well balanced Flemish Giant has good, heavy bone, not light or fine. In contests between animals that are nearly equal, the animal with the best balance should win. While a large, heavy animal is desired, a smaller, well balanced animal, in good condition, with good fur, and color shall win over a larger animal not possessing these qualities.



## GENERAL TYPE

**BODY**-Points 35: (shape-size) The body should be as long and powerful as possible, (not fat) with full, broad forequarters, hindquarters, and full chest. The body should gracefully arch from immediately behind the shoulder blades, reaching its highest point directly above the haunches (hips), and gracefully sweep, rounded and full, to the base of the tail. Side line should taper slightly from the hindquarters to the shoulders. Hindquarters should be broad and massive. The body should be well filled, solid, smooth, and firm, showing good muscular development. Size should exemplify the giant characteristics and physical features in proportion. Does may have a large, full, evenly carried dewlap.

**Faults**-Pinched rump; paunchy; over fat; flabby; narrow.

**Disqualifications from Competition**-A short, blocky body, with no arch. Length under 20 inches on seniors, measured from end of the nose to base of the tail.

**HEAD**-Points 7: The head shall be large, broad, and in proportion to the body. Bucks shall be more massive than does.

**EARS**-Points 4: The ears shall be in proportion to the body size, with erect carriage, and heavy ear base. Ideal length shall be 6 inches or more for seniors and intermediates.

**Faults**-Thin ears; weak base.

**Disqualifications from Competition**-Ear length under 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches on seniors. Ears that turn over at the tips.

**EYES**-Points 2: The eyes shall have a reposeful expression.

**FEET & LEGS**-Points 6: Feet and legs shall be straight, large, long, strong, powerful, and in proportion to body size. Toenails shall be evenly colored on all varieties except white.

**Faults**-Medium length; medium bone.

**Disqualifications from Competition**-Short legs; fine, thin bone; cow hocks; flat feet or weak ankles. (Weak ankles are a bending at the pastern (ankle) affecting the straightness of the forelegs.) Toenails not matching on the same foot or on corresponding foot.

**TAIL**-Points 1: The tail shall conform in size to the body and be carried erect.

**FUR**-Points 15: (Rollback) The fur is to be a glossy, full, dense coat, full of life and brightness. Fur is to have uniform length and be free from molt. Coat shall roll back to its normal position when stroked from the hindquarters toward the shoulders.

**Faults**-Thin or very short coat; long or soft coat; flying coat.

**COLOR**-Points 20: In all varieties, the surface color shall be uniform.

**BLACK**-The surface color shall be solid black. The undercolor shall be slate blue. Eyes-Brown.

**Faults**-Ticking; brownish cast.

**BLUE**-The surface color shall be dark blue. The undercolor shall be slate blue. Eyes-Blue-gray.

**Faults**-Ticking; brownish cast; ear lacing.

**FAWN**-The surface color shall be a rich, golden straw color. The undercolor shall blend to a pale cream next to the skin. Belly surface color, undercolor, and underside of tail shall be light cream to white. Crotch marks are accepted. Eyes-Brown



**Faults**-Ticking; excessively wide eye circles; light patches on any part of the body color; ear lacing; smut; reddish belly color.

**LIGHT GRAY**-The surface color shall be a uniform light gray, with ticking of black tipped guard hairs. It shall be an agouti coat, with distinct bands visible when blowing into the coat. The undercolor shall be slate blue next to the skin, and there shall be an intermediate band of off-white. Belly surface color shall be white, with slate blue undercolor. Crotch marks are accepted. Underside of tail shall be a continuation of the belly surface color. Eyes-Brown.

**Faults**-Dark gray belly surface color; sandy or brassiness in surface color.

**SANDY**-The surface color shall be a reddish sandy, interspersed with contrasting dark ticking. The undercolor shall show a brassy reddish intermediate color with slate blue undercolor next to the skin. The ears shall be laced with black. The belly and underside of the tail shall be cream to white, except for crotch marks. Eyes-Brown.

**Faults**-Heavy, dark ticking; smudgy or patchy color. Slate blue belly undercolor is permissible, but not desirable.

**STEEL GRAY**-Surface color shall be a black steel gray, with a moderate amount of light gray tipped guard hairs evenly distributed. This color shall be even over the entire body, including head, ears, feet, and legs. Undercolor shall be slate blue, carried down to the skin. Belly surface color shall be white as possible, with slate blue undercolor. Underside of tail shall be a continuation of belly surface color. Crotch marks are accepted. Eyes-Brown.

**Faults**-Brownish cast; black patches; belly color similar to balance of body.

**Disqualification from Competition**-Ring color over the back.

(Slight ring color on the lower part of the body permissible.)

**WHITE**-Color shall be pure white throughout. Eyes-Pink.

**Faults**-Yellow cast; stains.

**Faults** (All varieties except white)-Stray white hairs; shadow bars; off color on feet and legs.

**Disqualification from Competition**-Any other color than described in variety description.

**CONDITION**-Points 10: Per ARBA definition.