

## Youth Contest General Rules

- 1) Royalty contest is **early entry only**. Entries *must be postmarked* by **Saturday, February 1st 2020**. Entries postmarked after this date will **not** be accepted. There is no entry fee for the Royalty Contest.
- 2) Contestants, who do not sign up for Royalty, but choose to compete in the individual Judging, Breed ID, and/or Showmanship are also encouraged to pre-enter. Entries will be accepted at the convention. **Deadline for sign-up** at the convention for the Individual Judging and Breed ID is **7:00 a.m. on Saturday**.
- 3) Contest entries **MUST** be mailed to: Sabine and Dakota Whitmer 9340 Edgestone Dr. Apt 622 Noblesville, IN 46060. Contestants must enter according to their age on the last day of the ARBA National Convention October 20th, 2020. The only exception being King/Queen category, if you are too old for Nationals, you may still compete at the state level.
  - King and Queen (Senior Division):** Must be 15 through 18 years of age. Minimum age is for youth who've reached their fifteenth birthday and have not reached their nineteenth birthday. Note: If a contestant qualifies as a youth member at the time of the State Convention, but has a birthday before the end of the national convention preventing participation there, you may still compete at the state level.
  - Duke and Duchess (Intermediate Division):** Must be 12 through 14 years of age. Minimum age is for youth that have reached their twelfth birthday and not had their fifteenth.
  - Prince and Princess (Junior Division):** Must be 9 through 11 years of age. Minimum age is for youth that have reached their ninth birthday and have not had their twelfth.
  - Lord and Lady (Pre Junior Division):** Must be less than 9 years of age.
- 4) Contestants may enter the educational contests (i.e. crafts) even if they are unable to attend the Convention by finding someone to provide transportation of items to and from the Convention.
- 5) An **ISRBA Youth meeting** will be held immediately following the announcement of Best in Show for the youth on Sunday. Announcements of all winners will be during this meeting. **NO** Rabbits will be released until the conclusion for this meeting.
- 6) **Please include a photocopy of your ARBA membership card, as well as a copy of your ISRBA card. Must be a member of the ISRBA to compete.** These are needed to verify that you qualify to participate in the contests.

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- 1) Youth must meet the age requirements as listed in the General Rules.
- 2) Information for the test will be taken from the *ARBA Official Guidebook Raising Better Rabbits & Cavies*, the *ARBA Member Handbook*, the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the *ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*, issues of *Domestic Rabbits* from Jan/Feb, 2016 to present, the *Hoosier News*, and the ARBA Web Site [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net).
- 3) Lord/Lady and Prince/ Princess Contest will consist of a written test, Rabbit and Cavy identification (25 animals), and Showmanship per the ARBA guidelines available online. Duke/Duchess and King/Queen Contests will consist of a written test, Rabbit and Cavy identification (25 animals) and Judging 3 classes of 4 rabbits.
- 4) **Contestant is responsible for adjusting show schedule to complete events in a timely manner.** **\*\*Note schedule of events\*\*** Saturday: All contestants must **Check-in before 7:00**

**a.m.** at Youth booth in showroom, the written test will begin promptly **at 7: 30am**. No contestant may start the test once a contestant has completed and left the testing area, prior to his or her arrival.

- 5) Breed ID will begin at 7:30 a.m. and close at 8:00 a.m., Judging and Showmanship will begin at 8:00 a.m. The score from the three contests will be added together to determine royalty winners. Ties will be broken using one species to ID or at least one question.
- 6) Extra help will be provided for reading the test and/or writing rabbit identification responses. Please indicate if assistance is needed on the entry form, so a non-partisan helper can be obtained ahead of time.
- 7) There is some flexibility in the order of competition. The **check-in on Saturday by 7:00 a.m. is a must**. The test must be taken on Saturday morning at 7:30 am. Breed Id will start Saturday at 7:30 am, but contestant must have completed or be waiting in line at the closing time 8:00 a.m., to compete. Judging will start at 8:00am. It is the contestant's responsibility to complete all parts of the competition. **Note the schedule: If competing in Royalty you will take the test then line up for Breed ID. This will cut down on your standing and waiting time.**

### Breed Identification Contest

- 1) Contestants may enter only the breed identification contest, if they wish. They do not have to enter Royalty in order to enter the breed identification contest. They do not have to pre-enter to compete but are encouraged to do so. Entry at the convention ***must be prior to 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.***
- 2) Contestants will identify the breed, showroom classification, and the registration variety of twenty-five (25) rabbits and/or cavies.

Examples:

Breed	Showroom Variety/Classification	4/6 class	Registration Variety
1. Mini Rex	Broken Group	4	Broken Black
2. Holland Lop	Solid pattern	4	Chinchilla
3. Giant Angora	Ruby eyed white	6	Ruby eyed white
4. Florida White	Standard	4	Standard

\*\* Answers are based per guidelines set forth by the ARBA standard Committee.

- 3) The full ARBA name must be used with no abbreviations. Example: American Chinchilla must be spelled out not abbreviated chin.
- 4) Correct spelling is not mandatory but the word should be recognizable.
- 5) There will be a special animal set up in the event of a tie. The contestants that tie will be recalled to break the tie.

### Showmanship

- 1) Contestants may enter the Showmanship contest only, if they wish. They do not have to enter Royalty in order to enter the showmanship contest. Contestants do not have to pre-enter, but are encouraged to do so. Entry at the convention ***must be prior to 7:00 am on Saturday.***
- 2) Showmanship is open to the Lord/Lady and Prince/Princess age contestants.
- 3) Showmanship will be judged according to ARBA guidelines. SHOWMANSHIP will replace the judging portion of the Prince/Princess contest and be added to the Lord/Lady Competition.

## Judging Contest

- 1) Contestants may enter only the judging contest only, if they wish. They do not have to enter Royalty in order to enter the judging contest. Contestants do not have to pre-enter, but are encouraged to do so. Entry at the convention ***must be prior to 7:00 am on Saturday.***
- 2) This contest is not open to the beginner level.
- 3) The three levels will judge three (3) classes of four (4) rabbits.
- 4) The list of breeds and classes that are "sound" will be posted. Example: If a class is marked as sound for sex and there is one buck in a doe class, then it is to be judged as a doe.
- 5) Contestants will have seven (7) minutes to judge each class of four (4) rabbits and/or cavies.
- 6) Youth may use their Standard of Perfection when judging.
- 7) An ARBA judge or judges prior to the start of the contest will place all classes.
- 8) Winners will be those who have placed animals nearest to the placing of the judge(s).

## Quizbowl

- 1) This Contest is for Juniors and Pre-Juniors per ARBA Guidelines. Both age groups will compete together.
- 2) Questions will come from the same resources listed for the test in the royalty guidelines.
- 3) In this contest each contestant gets a buzzer. Questions will be asked and the contestant who buzzes in first will get a chance to answer.
- 4) Each round will consist of 20 questions.
- 5) Should we have more than 8 contestants pools will be chosen at random.
- 6) The scores from this contest will determine Team Indiana for the National Quizbowl.

## Educational Contests

- 1) Entries are pre-entry only.**
- 2) Exhibits must be educational or promotional on rabbits or cavies or be included in their design.
- 3) A contestant may enter as many classes as he or she chooses, however they may only place one exhibit in the top 3 of each class.
- 4) Each entry must be the work of the contestant and must have been completed in the last 12 months prior to the State Convention.
- 5) Entries will be judged by age categories consistent with the royalty guidelines.
- 6) Entries will be evaluated on educational content as well as clarity, completeness, and neatness.

## **Tentative Contest Agenda**

**Friday** 5:00 pm Check-in for entries will be available

**Saturday** 6:00 a.m. Check-in for all entries begins.

7:00 a.m. Check-in CLOSES, with short meeting before written test

7:30 a.m. Written Test will begin, then

Breed Identification Contest starts

8:00 a.m. Breed Identification Contest closes

Judging and Showmanship Contests begin

**The ISRBA Youth Rabbit judging will not start until 10 am Saturday to allow more time for the Contests to be completed.**

**Sunday** 8:00 a.m. Quizbowl

**Youth Meeting after Best in Show has been announced.**

**Winners will be announced at this time.**

## **Important NOTICES!!!**

**Be sure you Note the Contest Schedule. Arrive early and have an organized plan, so your parents don't have to do your rabbit check-in and caging without your HELP!**

## **Parents we will still have our Silent Auction Fundraiser!**

**So please donate an item and/or bid on the items donated. The money is used for the youth awards and convention necessities. Please contact Amy Lathem or Tammy Osborn for more information.**