



The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

Devoted to the Interest of Rabbit Raising for Commercial and Fancy

YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

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A.R.B.A. 2009 NATIONAL TEAM JUDGING CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding group critical thinking skills, demonstrate group initiative and provide problem solving and decision making activities in a small group. This is provided through a state represented team judging competition of ARBA recognized breeds at the ARBA National Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

Each state may submit, through their ARBA District Director, ONE team per age division. Age divisions will be: 11 years and under; 12-14 years; and 15-18 years. The age of a team member is determined as of the last day of the national convention. A team must consist of four members and may have two alternates named. A team must have four members present at the ARBA National Convention. Your ARBA District Director has the option of submitting a team in each age division consisting of members from within their district.

All team members must be ARBA Youth members and current members of an ARBA chartered club in the state they are representing. A **Contest Participation Release Form** must be submitted for each team member and alternate. Residency in the state is not required.

RULES

1. Team members may participate in an age group older than their true age but can only be a member and/or alternate on one state team. Teams with members of mixed ages will compete in the age division matching the oldest member on the team.
2. All team members must judge at the same time and agree to be available for all events scheduled.
3. Once judging has started there will be no substituting of team members.
4. Only the team members or alternates listed on the application will be permitted. No substitution of members will be allowed after submitting the application.

CONTEST PROCEDURES

1. Team judging order will be posted by noon on November 1, 2009 in the contest area.
2. Each team member will be required to place two classes of four animals per class. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. Placements will be made on forms provided. The use of the *ARBA Standard of Perfection* at the judging table is encouraged.
3. Judging classes may involve rabbits (including meat classes), cavies, fur and wool.
4. Team score will be the sum of the four individual member scores on the team.
5. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the ARBA Youth Banquet at the National Convention.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Application must be made using the form provided by the ARBA youth department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee.

State organizations are required to inform their ARBA District Director by September 1, 2009 of their intent to participate in this contest. The number of teams from each state must be declared at this time.

Application must be received by your ARBA District Director by October 1, 2009.

- Proof of membership in an ARBA chartered club in the state being represented must be included with the application for each team member. This can be either a copy of a membership card showing the expiration date or a letter from a club secretary verifying membership.

**A.R.B.A. NATIONAL TEAM
JUDGING
APPLICATION**

STATE _____

ARBA DISTRICT _____

AGE DIVISION (circle one)

AGES 11 and under

AGES 12-14

AGES 15-18

CONTACT PERSON (representing the state) _____

PHONE _____ Email _____

TEAM MEMBERS (Must consist of 4 members.)

	NAME	BIRTH DATE	A.R.B.A. MEMBERSHIP #
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
ALT.	_____	_____	_____
ALT.	_____	_____	_____

A signed **Contest Participation Release Form** and **proof of membership** in an ARBA chartered club within the state being represented must be included with the application for each team member and alternate. **Applications submitted without the above information will be considered invalid.**

ARBA Memberships must be current by October 1, 2009.

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APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY: _____

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____