

The American Rabbit Breeders Association is committed to the development and expansion of the ARBA Youth Department as a means to engage young rabbit and cavy members in reaching their fullest potential - both as knowledgeable and accomplished participants in the rabbit/cavy hobby and as responsible adults capable of contributing in positive ways to the hobby and society in general.

ARBA youth activities and contests provide a variety of enrichment activities that encourage youth participants to develop knowledge and skill regarding rabbit and cavy husbandry; responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. These skills enable youth members to thrive and succeed throughout their lives - within and outside of the hobby.

This pamphlet describes the numerous contests available to ARBA Youth members, some that require convention attendance, and some that do not.

The full rules packets for all of these contests are available from the ARBA Youth Committee Notes Page.

<http://www.arba.net/arbayouth/>

Information online or available at the contest site supersedes this printed material.

This summary of the ARBA Youth Contests is for informational purposes. **Youth interested in these contests need to review the complete rules and information packet available on the ARBA website.** Entry forms are also available from the ARBA website. For those without internet access, or for any inquiry about these contests, please contact the Youth Committee Chairperson using the information below.

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ARBA on the Web

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Youth Committee Notes Page

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 7/1/2017 T-Shirt Contest Entry Deadline
- 8/18/2017 Entry Deadline by Mail
to Youth Chairperson
- 9/1/2017 Entry Deadline using Online
Entry System
- 9/1/2017 Deadline for State
Coordinators to Notify District
Directors of Intent to Field
Teams for Team Contests
- 9/15/2017 Team Contests Entry Deadline
to District Directors

AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

YOUTH CONTESTS 2017



OVERVIEW OF CONTESTS OFFERED
TO ARBA YOUTH MEMBERS AT THE
2015 AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS
ASSOCIATION CONVENTION & SHOW



**94TH ARBA
CONVENTION**

Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 1 - 5, 2017

CONTESTS THAT REQUIRE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS

Breed Identification Contest

Divisions: Junior(Ages 5 to 11 years), Intermediate(Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior(Ages 15 -18 years). Contestants will identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavy, listing the complete breed name as printed in the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the showroom variety, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. No abbreviations are accepted.

Skill-a-Thon Contest

Division: Pre-Junior(Ages 5 to 8 years). Preregistration is encouraged, but not required for this contest. Contestants will participate in various knowledge and skills stations.

Showmanship Contest

Division: Junior(Ages 9 to 11 years). Contestants will examine and evaluate an animal telling what and why as they go along. A contestant may use their own animal or the committee will have some available the first round. Call backs will be made for at least the top five at each table. Call backs will be posted by noon Sunday.

Judging Contest

Divisions: Intermediate(Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior(Ages 15 -18 years). Each participant will be required to place four classes of four animals per class. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged. Judging classes may involve rabbits (including meat classes), cavy, fur and wool. Call backs will be made for at least the top five at each table. Call backs will be posted by noon Sunday.

ROYALTY CONTEST

Divisions are: King(Boys, Ages 15-18 years), Queen(Girls, Ages 15-18 years), Duke(Boys, Ages 12-14 years), Duchess(Girls, Ages 12-14 years), Prince(Boys, Ages 9-11 years), Princess(Girls, Ages 9-11 years), Lord(Boys, Ages 5-8 years), Lady(Girls, Ages 5-8 years). Up to five pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant. Final Scores for the Royalty Contests will be the sum of the scores for each of the five components of the contest. The components are: Application(200 points), Written Examination(200 points), Oral Interview(200 points), Breed Identification(200 points), and the age-appropriate Individual Contest(200 points). Each Royalty contestant will compete in the Individual Contest that is age-appropriate, with the exception of Lord and Lady Contestants.

CONTESTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Two categories of designs are needed (1) youth participant and (2) youth contest volunteer. Pencil drawings, line drawings, grayscale sketches, etc. will be accepted, either hand or computer generated. No photographic artwork! Artwork must include: a rabbit and a cavy; the organizational name "ARBA" or "American Rabbit Breeders Association"; the theme of this year's convention "Victory Awaits in The Hoosier State"; the location and dates of the convention "Indianapolis, IN, October 1-5, 2017". If the artwork is for category 2, contest volunteer, the artwork must also include: "Volunteer". Entries should be mailed to the ARBA Youth Chairperson and must be postmarked by July 1, 2017. Postal or electronic mail submissions will be accepted for this contest.

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

Applications will be judged by ARBA District and contestant age (division). Divisions are: Junior(Ages 5 to 11 years), Intermediate(Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior(Ages 15 -18 years). Up to seven pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.

NATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONTEST

Applications will be judged by ARBA District and on the number of cages/adult animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals. Divisions are: Limited Rabbitry (1-20 Holes), Average Rabbitry (21-50 Holes), Unlimited Rabbitry (51+ Holes), and Cavity(all sizes). **Members can enter only ONE division.**

EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

Exhibits must be informational or promotional of either rabbits or cavy, or include a rabbit or cavy as part of their design. A contestant may enter as many classes as they choose, but may submit only one entry per class. Based upon age, exhibits will be in one of three age divisions in these classes: Art - Drawing; Art - Painting; Art - Sculpture or Carving; Crafts - Ceramics or Pottery; Crafts - Handmade Jewelry; Crafts - Clothing (made by the exhibitor); Crafts - Latch Hook; Crafts - Needlework; Crafts - Puppet or Stuffed Animal; Crafts - Stenciled Item; Crafts - Wearable Art; Crafts - Any Other Craft; Creative Writing - Poem; Creative Writing - Short Story; Educational Poster; Educational Display; Educational Game; Photography - Single Photo - Black & White; Photography - Single Photo - Color; Photography - Photo Series; Woodworking and Metalworking - Decorative; Woodworking and Metalworking - Rabbit or Cavy Equipment. Each entry must be the work of the contestant and must have been completed in the 12 months prior to the ARBA National Convention. If an exhibitor is unable to attend the National Convention, transportation of their entry to the convention site will be their responsibility. If necessary, exhibits may be shipped directly to the ARBA Convention site but only after contact with the ARBA Youth Department chairperson.

TEAM CONTESTS THAT REQUIRE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

Each state may submit, through their ARBA District Director, teams. All team members must be ARBA Youth members and current members of an ARBA chartered club in the state they are representing. All team members participating on a state team must be residents of said state. Your ARBA District Director has the option of submitting a team in each age division consisting of members from within their district. Participants residing in a state without enough participants to form a state team are eligible to participate on a district team.

TEAM BREED IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

Team members & alternates must check into the contest area together. Each team member will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavy, listing the complete breed name as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. They will also identify the showroom variety/classification, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. A separate question or animal will act as a tie-breaker. No abbreviations are accepted. Team score will be the sum of the four individual member scores on the team. In the event of a tie, the team's tie-breaker scores will be added to the total score.

TEAM QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

Each team will be assigned to a pool for initial rounds. Each team in a pool will compete against every other team in their pool. Teams with the best record will advance out of pool play to compete in the single elimination final rounds.

TEAM JUDGING CONTEST

Each team member will be required to place two classes of four animals per class. (Each team must have each animal class judge a by a total of two different contestants) This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged. Judging classes may involve rabbits (including meat classes), cavy, fur and wool. Team score will be the sum of the four individual member scores on the team.