

JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 13, 2023

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per entry

DELIVERY/WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

JUDGING – 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12 followed by Showmanship

RELEASE – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school
2. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old but under twenty years of age as of January 1, 2023
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
4. EACH INDIVIDUAL JR BREEDING RABBIT MUST HAVE LEGIBLE BREEDER’S/OWNER’S TATTOO IN THE RABBIT’S LEFT EAR ONLY. There will be no tattoos, markings, written marker or symbols allowed in any Jr Breeding Rabbit’s right ear at all. Each tattoo must be a maximum of 5 digits, minimum of 2 digits. If there are more than one exhibitor from a family, every rabbit must have a different tattoo. Tattoos must be in the rabbit’s left ear only by possession date, January 14, 2023, and not the day of the sift. The tattoo must be entered during the online entry process by the Ag teacher or 4-H club manager. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors and their parent/guardian to provide correct tattoo information to their Ag teacher or 4-H club manager. There will be no corrections or additions after the entry deadline is met. If a tattoo is found in the left ear by an RGVLS Rabbit Committee member during the Jr Breeding Rabbit sift that is different from that entered in the online system, the rabbit will be disqualified from showing and sifted from the 2023 Jr Breeding Rabbit Show. If there are more than one entry by an exhibitor, each individual Jr Breeding Rabbit entered must have a different tattoo in their left ear. If there are more than one exhibitor from the same family entering the Jr Breeding Rabbits to show, every rabbit must have a different tattoo in their left ear.
5. Each rabbit entered in the Jr Breeding Rabbit division show must have its own different or distinctive breeder’s tattoo in the left ear per exhibitor. Exhibitors who enter a rabbit or rabbits for Jr Breeding Rabbit show from separate FFA Chapter or 4-H Clubs must have different breeder tattoos for each individual rabbit entered

6. Please bring the rabbits in a wire carrying cage with a lifted bottom. No laundry baskets, pet carriers, cardboard boxes or milk crates. Rabbits must be clean and dry or the rabbit will be sifted
7. Rabbits will be weighed on official Show scales at time of entry
8. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or automatically be sifted
 - a. Must be marketable meat and pelt (fur) quality
 - b. Must be free of the following defects
 - i. Cysts, ruptures or tumors
 - ii. Cold or snuffles
 - iii. Abscesses (hocks or elsewhere)
 - iv. Matted eyelids
 - v. Blindness in either or both eyes
 - vi. Mange
 - vii. Mites (ear or body)
 - viii. Fleas
 - ix. Malocclusion
 - x. Vent Disease
 - xi. Missing toe or toenails
 - xii. Bobtail or broken tail
9. Identification card during sift with pen number will be color coded as per breed, color and must follow exhibitor to the end of the sift table where the judge will place
10. Judge will have final say if the animal is show worthy or will be sifted
11. A rabbit, which in the opinion of the sifter does not meet ARBA Breed Standards of the breed in which it is entered, will be moved to proper breed by the sifter
12. After rabbits have been accepted by the Show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor
- 13. Rabbits entered in this division are ineligible to be shown in the Market Rabbit Division.**
14. Weighing/Sifting/Classifying of Jr Breeding Rabbits – Only one parent or Ag Teacher/4-H Club Manager will be allowed in the rabbit area during the sift for a 15-minute time frame to help the exhibitor with unloading of rabbits. Each exhibitor must identify the breed of their rabbits at the time of check in and sift. Each exhibitor must bring one hand flip top metal rabbit feeder, through the cage type and big enough to hold enough feed for the rabbit each day. Feeding can be done after the sift is over

Each exhibitor must bring one or two 32 ounces, or larger, bottle type waterier so rabbits will have enough water during warm weather. These must be displayed to the Sifting Committee at time of check in. Signage, show supplies and show boxes can be delivered after the sift is

complete. No crocks or bowls allowed. Rabbits will not be admitted unless properly functioning spill proof containers accompany the pen

Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits each day until rabbits are loaded out at the end of the Show. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor, at the Board's discretion, from showing next year. The rabbit area will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day. Rabbits must have water at all times, and they must be fed by 7:00 p.m. each day. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

15. The Show will not be responsible for any rabbits that get sick or die for any reason while on exhibit
16. No oils, polishes, powders, wipes, or other products may be used which would cosmetically alter the rabbit's naturally groomed appearance at the show table or at sifting
17. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with American Rabbit Breeder's Association (ARBA) Standard and Guide. Judges will additionally refer to the appropriate Breed Standards, as they deem necessary
18. The four basic judging factors are:
 - a. GENERAL TYPE – Look for rabbits that are compact, short, and well filled out with rounded solid flesh. Protruding hips, pin bones, back bones (spines), etc. are faults. Look for wide, deep loins, thickness of the hindquarters and well-developed shoulders. Hindquarters are most important. Loin is next and shoulders are third in importance.
 - b. CONDITION – Each rabbit should be in prime condition
 - c. COLOR
 - d. FUR
19. General public and spectators will not be allowed to handle any exhibitor's rabbit at any time during the week of the show. Only the exhibitor, FFA leader, 4-H project leader or parent/guardian will be allowed to handle their own individual, club or chapter's rabbit projects at any time during the week of the show
20. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
21. Exhibitors will be required to display their rabbits at the show tables as directed by the judge. Any exhibitor who places in their class must remain in the rabbit barn until advised to leave. Failure to remain in the area will result forfeiture of any further placing
22. Each exhibitor will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter in this division, but may enter no more than one (1) entry per class. Class may be combined if necessary.
23. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Jr Breeding Rabbit Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION CLASSES

- Class 1 – Junior New Zealand Doe – Under 6 months of age – Minimum of 6 lbs. not over 9 lbs.
- Class 2 – Junior New Zealand Buck – Under 6 months of age – Minimum of 6 lbs. not over 9 lbs
- Class 3 – Intermediate New Zealand Doe – 6 to 8 months of age – Not over 11 lbs.
- Class 4 – Intermediate New Zealand Buck – 6 to 8 months of age – Not over 10 lbs.
- Class 5 – Senior New Zealand Doe – 8 months of age and over – Weight 10 to 12 lbs.
- Class 6 – Senior New Zealand Buck – 8 months of age and over – Weight 9 to 11 lbs.
- Class 7 – Junior Californian Doe – Under 6 months of age – Minimum of 5 ½ lbs. not over 8 ½ lbs.
- Class 8 – Junior California Buck – Under 6 months of age – Minimum of 5 ½ lbs. not over 8 ½ lbs.
- Class 9 – Intermediate Californian Doe – Under 8 months of age – Not over 9 ½ lbs.
- Class 10 – Intermediate Californian Buck – Under 8 months of age – Not over 9 lbs.
- Class 11 – Senior Californian Doe – 8 months of age and over – Weight 8 ½ to 10 ½ lbs.
- Class 12 – Senior Californian Buck – 8 months of age and over – Weight 8 to 10 lbs.

After classes 1 through 6 are judged, there will be judging for New Zealand Breed and Reserve Breed Champion. Classes 7 through 12 will be judged, then there will be judging for Californian Breed and Reserve Breed Champion.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the Show will be picked from the Breed Champions and the Reserve Breed Champion of the breed that produced the Grand Champion.

Rabbits and all belongings in pen areas must promptly be removed from showgrounds on Sunday, March 12, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

AWARDS

Grand Champion – Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Banner

Breed Champion – Scholarship & Banner

Reserve Breed Champion – Rosette

SCHEDULE FOR PREMIUM AWARDS

- 1st place - \$26
- 2nd place - \$25
- 3rd place - \$24

JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP

Only exhibitors who are exhibiting their own rabbits will be allowed to enter the Jr Breeding Rabbit Showmanship Competition. They must register for showmanship at check in on Saturday, March 11, 2023

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Exhibitors must report, in person, to the rabbit area at which time a multiple choice exam will be given at a determined location. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service Rabbit Literature that is available through www.shop4-H.org, the county extension agents, and from the 2021-2015 edition of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection Book.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

After completion of all rabbit judging, the five contestants from each of the age groups who scored highest on the multiple choice exam will go to the show table, each with one of their previously show RGVLS rabbits. They will be individually called for final competition.

Physical “showing” of their rabbits will constitute 100% of their score.

JR BREEDING RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

- Junior – Grades 3rd -5th
- Intermediate – Grades 6th – 8th
- Seniors – Grades 9th – 12th

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

- 1st place - \$100 & Buckle
- 2nd place - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3rd place - \$50 & Ribbon