

JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION

JUDGE – George Krejci

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per entry

DELIVERY/WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

JUDGING – 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024, followed by Showmanship.

SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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 9 years old but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
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 entry must have a legible breeder’s/owner’s tattoo in the rabbit’s left ear only. There will be no tattoos, markings, written markers, 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 is 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 15, 2024, 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 2024 Jr Breeding Rabbit Show.
5. Please bring the rabbits in a wire carrying cage with a suspended floor. Do not bring rabbits in laundry baskets, pet carriers, cardboard boxes, or milk crates. Rabbits must be clean and dry, or the rabbit will be sifted.
6. Rabbits will be weighed on official Show scales at time of entry.
7. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or automatically be sifted:
 - a. Must be of 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

8. The identification card during sift with pen number will be color coded as per breed. The card must follow the exhibitor to the end of the sift table where the judge will place.
9. The judge will have final say if the animal is show worthy or will be sifted.
10. 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.
11. After rabbits have been accepted by the Show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor and the entry.
12. Rabbits entered in this division are ineligible to be shown in the Market Rabbit Division.
13. 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 the 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.
14. Each exhibitor must bring one or two 32-ounce, or larger, bottle type waterer. 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.
15. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits each day until the rabbits are released at the end of the Show. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor, at the Board's discretion, from showing next year.
16. The rabbit area will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day. Rabbits must always have water, and they must be fed by 7:00 p.m. each day. This rule will be strictly enforced.
17. The Show will not be responsible for any rabbits that get sick or expire for any reason while on exhibit.
18. 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.
19. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard and Guide. Judges will additionally refer to the appropriate breed standards, as they deem necessary.
20. The four basic judging factors are:
 - c. 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. The loin is next, and shoulders are third in importance.
 - d. CONDITION – Each rabbit should be in prime condition,
 - e. COLOR
 - f. FUR
21. The 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, AST, CEA, 4-H club manager or 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.
22. 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.

23. 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 in the forfeiture of any further placing.
24. 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.
25. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
 - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight division of the Jr Breeding Goat Division.
 - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each weight 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 – Weight 6 to 9 lbs.
 - Class 2 – Junior New Zealand Buck – Under 6 months of age – Weight 6 to 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 – Weight 5 ½ to 8 ½ lbs.
 - Class 8 – Junior California Buck – Under 6 months of age – Weight 5 ½ to 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.
26. 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.
 27. Rabbits and all belongings in pen areas must promptly be removed from showgrounds on Sunday, March 10, 2024, by 12:00 p.m. (noon)

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.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

AWARDS

Grand Champion – Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Banner

Breed Champion – \$500 Scholarship & Banner

Reserve Breed Champion – Banner & 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 9, 2024.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

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 10, 2024

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 the 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