



## Junior Fair Book - Rabbits

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## **Junior Rabbit – Division J**

Superintendent – Mike Martinez

### **RULES:**

1. All Junior Division Rules apply.
2. ARBA breed standards will apply.
3. Each rabbit entered must have a permanent, legible tattoo in the left ear.
4. At check in time each rabbit will receive a health inspection by the show superintendent. Any rabbit found to be ill or injured will be sent home. Owner could contact veterinarian at own expense if he/she disagrees with health evaluation.
5. At the end of breed judging, all the “best of breed” winners will be brought to the judging table to determine the “Best in Show” and “Reserve in Show” winners.
6. Market rabbits must meet class and weight requirements to sell in the sale. A market pen consists of 3 fryer rabbits, sold as a unit. Single fryer or roaster is sold as a single unit. Buyers are responsible for providing transportation and processing for all rabbits sold at sale.
7. Fresh potable water must be provided in non-spill containers approved by the Superintendent.
8. **All members that show rabbits during fair will be responsible for sterilizing their rabbit pens with provided materials on the morning of load out.**
9. **Attention: Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) updates may affect any/all current rules or create new mandates.**

## **RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

Section 1

Class No.

1. Senior Showmanship
2. Intermediate Showmanship
3. Junior Showmanship

## MARKET RABBIT

### Section 2

#### Class No.

\*All Market Rabbits must be bred by the Fair contestant themselves. There will be a two year grace period to allow contestants time to establish a market rabbit breeding program. First year Market class contestants may enter a single Market Rabbit for Fryer or Roaster, but contestants with a history of showing Market Rabbits must breed their own Rabbits.

1. . **Meat Pen-** The four factors, in order of their importance, for judging meat pens, are as follows: (1) Meat type, (2) Condition, (3) Uniformity, and (4) Fur. Meat pens shall consist of 3 rabbits all of the same breed and variety. Broken group pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Age limit is 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5 ½ pounds each. Judge has the right to weigh the rabbits while judging.

#### **Point Schedule for Judging Meat Pens**

Meat Type 40 points

Condition of Flesh 30 points

Uniformity of body and weight 20 points

Fur 10 points

Total 100 points

**Meat Type-40 points:** The most desirable animals are those with commercial type. The body should be heavily muscled and well rounded. The back legs should be thickly muscled and extend far down with leg toward the hock joint. The loins should be wide and thick starting from the rib cage and continuing to the hip loin juncture. The rib change should be deep, well sprung, and have a wide chest floor to properly house the heart and lungs, all of which are vital in the animals' growth. The front legs should also be considered in evaluating the animals and should carry enough muscle to balance and correctly support the animal. The hindquarters are most important, loin second, and forequarters are third in importance.

**Faults:** Fault for large frame, heavy bone, large head, thick ears, heavy hide. Fault animals that are thickly muscled, tapered in the loin, narrow chested, and exhibit protruding hips.

**Condition- Points 30:** All fryers in a pen must be in prime condition. This reflects the care and management practices of the breeder. The fryers must be firm and solid. They must not show any signs of flabbiness, softness, looseness, or pottiness. The pelt must be tight over the body and the animals must be clean and show no signs of neglect or disease.

**Uniformity- Points 20:** Uniformity reflects the ability of the exhibitor to select 3 fryers for the pen that have similar traits. Uniformity must be present in weight, size, appearance, condition, meat type, and fur, and should be as similar in all respects as possible. All 6 elements of uniformity are to be valued evenly.

**Faults:** Lack of uniformity.

**Fur-10 Points:** Fur should conform to the breed description in the standard and be uniform on all 3 animals in the pen.

**Note:** On Californian meat pens and single fryers, the frosting due to genetic characteristics or nest box chilling shall not be a disqualification. Such animals are to compete as if their pelts were white, as called for in the standard. If any one rabbit in the pen is overweight or underweight, the entire pen is disqualified from competition. If any one rabbit in the pen is disqualified from competition, the entire pen becomes disqualified. All ARBA general faults apply to each meat pen.

**2.Single Fryer:** Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds. Maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds. Fryers are to possess the same qualities as described in the meat pen section but judged as a single rabbit on its own merit.

#### **Point Schedule for Judging Single Fryers**

Meat Type 50 points

Condition of Flesh 40 points

Fur 10 points

Total 100 points

Disqualifications from Competition- All ARBA disqualifications from competition and breed disqualifications from competition apply to Single Fryers, with the following exceptions: Body

smut on pointed white marked animals. Bucks must show both or neither testicle. Those showing only one at time of judging are to be disqualified from competition.

**3. Roasters-** All rabbits entered into this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight over 5 ½ pounds. Maximum weight 9 pounds.

### **Point Schedule for Judging Single Fryers**

Meat Type 50 points

Condition of Flesh 40 points

Fur 10 points

Total 100 points

**Awards:** Each class (Fryer, Roaster, and Meat Pen) will compete against their own class and the top 2 will get ribbons. The top 2 of each class will then compete for a Best in Show (Grand) and Reserve in Show (Reserve).

**Rule:** All rabbits will be judged according to the ARBA Standard of Perfection including 4 class (Jr Buck/Doe and Sr Buck/Doe) and 6 class (Jr Buck/Doe, Intermediate (6/8) Buck/Doe, and Sr Buck/Doe) according to their perspective rabbit breed. The breeds will be broken down into body types.

The Best of Breed, Buck or Doe will compete for Best and Reserve in Show.

1. **Commercial Body Type:** French Angora, Giant Angora, French Angora, Blanc de Hotot, Champagne d'Argent, Californian, Cinnamon, American Chinchilla, Crème d'Argent, French Lop, Harlequin, New Zealand, Palomino, Rex, American Sable, Satin, Silver Fox, and Silver Marten.
2. **Compact Body Type:** English Angora, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Florida White, Havana, Lilac, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Polish, Silver, and Thrianta.
3. **Cylindrical Body Type:** Himalayan.
4. **Upright Cylindrical:** Blue Holicer, Czech Frosty
5. **Full Arch Body Type:** Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Checkered Giant, Dwarf Papillon, English Spot, Rhinelander, and Tan.
6. **High Head Mount Body Type:** American Fuzzy Lop, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lionhead, and Netherland Dwarf.
7. **Semi Arch Body Type:** American, Beveren, English Lops, Flemish Giant, and Giant Chinchilla.

## **Rabbit Awards**

1. **Showmanship Champion:** Grand and Reserve for each class. (Ex: Grand and Reserve for Senior, Grand and Reserve for Intermediate, and Grand and Reserve for Junior).
2. **Breeding Champion:** Best in Show (Grand) and Reserve in Show (Reserve).
3. **Market Rabbit Champion:** Grand and Reserve Champion.