

2020 Youth Management Contest



Purpose

To acknowledge the excellence of management style by ARBA youth members in the areas of housing and equipment, feeding and animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding and genetics for the care and production of rabbits and/or cavies.

Rules

- Applicant must be a current member of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Membership may be “pending” at the time that the application is submitted, but must be obtained prior to convention. All applicants will be verified for current membership.
- Attendance at the West Coast Classic is not necessary.
- Application must be made using the form provided by the West Coast Classic Youth Committee. These forms are available from the West Coast Classic Youth Committee members, website, and District 2 Royalty and Youth Teams Facebook page.
- Applications will be judged by the number of cages/adult animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals.
- Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- Up to seven (7) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. There will be 10 points deducted for exceeding this maximum or for submitting a form that is not filled out correctly or incomplete. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
- Include your name, division and page number at the top of each page of information submitted. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule.
- Winners will be announced at an awards presentation following the shows and competitions on Saturday.
- Send your original application directions page and one copy of your answers if mailing in.
- Applications must be received by midnight on March 14, 2020. You can email your application and direction form as an attachment in a Microsoft Word or PDF document to d2royaltykids@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation email once your application is received. If you cannot email it, then you may mail it to:

Mail applications to: Melinda Smith ~ 860 Bristol Court Dixon, CA 95620

- Emailed applications files must be renamed “West Coast Classic Management – your name”

Scoring Rubric:	Cages, Housing & Equipment	50 points
	Breeding & Production	50 points
	Care, Health & Herd Management	30 points
	Record Keeping	20 points
	Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
	Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
	Total Possible Score	200 points

Applications that do not follow the rules listed above will be assessed a penalty of 10 points per infraction, with the exception of late applications which will be assessed a penalty of 20 points for up to one week late and disqualification for later than one week.

****NOTE**** If you are unable to complete the Word Doc fillable application form, you can do 1 of 2 things. Either print the form, write in the information, and scan it, OR, type the info into a new document (you MUST include the questions with it)

2020 Management Application and Direction Form



ARBA No. Date of Birth Age (On the day of competition.)

Name

Street Address

City/State/Zip Code Phone No. Email

I HAVE READ THE ACCOMPANYING RULES FOR THIS CONTEST AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Applicant's Signature Type your name if emailing

Select One: Choose an item.

Directions

The following information must be typed, printed own written on your OWN paper (8.5 in x 11 in). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives. No more that seven (7) pages in addition to this page are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts with minimum margins of ½ inch. **Please have your name, division and the page number on the top of each page.** Application must be received by midnight on March 14, 2020. Please email to d2royaltykids@gmail.com or send to Melinda Smith: 860 Bristol Court Dixon CA 95620

1. When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
2. Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). Also include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
3. Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc.?
4. How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
5. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals
6. Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of and how they are constructed.
7. What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
8. Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
9. Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
10. How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
11. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
12. Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
13. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for kindling.
14. How many litters with how many total animals did you have born Since January 1, 2019? How many young did you wean?
15. Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
16. How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2019? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
17. Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
18. Did your ARBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

Questions or concerns? Contact Melinda Smith at deltabreezerabbity@gmail.com or Stefanie Switzer at sswitzer86@yahoo.com