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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH CONTEST SCHEDULE*

JULY 1, 2012

Entries for the National Youth T-shirt Design Contest must be postmarked by July 1, 2012. All entries must be mailed to the Youth Chairperson by either postal or electronic mail.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

All Youth Contest Entries mailed to the Youth Chairperson must be postmarked by September 1, 2012. All online entries must be completed by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 1, 2012. **You must be an ARBA member before August 15, 2012 to use the online entry system. EMAIL ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012

- 2:00 P.M. Youth Department opens for check-in of individual Youth Contest Participants
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Department opens for Team Coordinators to check in state teams
Check-in of Educational Contests exhibits begin
- 10:00 P.M. **ALL STATE TEAMS MUST BE CHECKED IN**
Youth Department closes for check-in of individual Youth Contest Participants

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012

- 8:00 A.M. Youth Department re-opens for check-in of individual Youth Contest Participants
- 9:00 A.M. **ALL INDIVIDUAL CONTESTANTS MUST BE CHECKED IN**
MANDATORY CONTESTANT MEETING
Following the mandatory meeting, Breed ID and Judging classes and order posted
- 10:00 A.M. National Individual Breed ID and Team Breed ID Contest begins
- 10:30 A.M. National Individual Judging Contest begins
- 11:00 A.M. National Team Judging Contest begins
National Showmanship Contest begins
- 1:00 P.M. National Skill-a-Thon Activity begins
- 3:00 P.M. National Team Quizbowl Contest begins
- 5:00 P.M. **ALL EDUCATIONAL CONTEST ENTRIES MUST BE IN PLACE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012

- 9:00 A.M. National Royalty Contest Exam begins
- 12:00 P.M. National Judging and Showmanship Contest callbacks posted
- 4:00 P.M. National Royalty Contest interview schedule posted

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012

- 10:00 A.M. National Royalty Contest Interviews begins
- 12:00 P.M. National Judging and Showmanship Contest callbacks begins

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012

- 6:00 P.M. ARBA YOUTH BANQUET
YOUTH CONTEST RESULTS ANNOUNCED
ARBA Directors may pick up award packets following the banquet.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2012

- 7:00 A.M. Educational Contest exhibits released



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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

PURPOSE

Each year T-shirts are provided all Royalty and Judging contestants at the annual ARBA Convention. These shirts are unique and highly sought after memorabilia. Part of the uniqueness is that the artwork imprinted has been provided by an ARBA youth.

RULES

- 1 All artwork must be suitable for a front design of a T-shirt
- 2 Two Categories of designs are needed (1) youth participant and (2) youth contest volunteer
- 3 All artwork must be original signed works submitted on white paper sized 8.5x11 up to 11x14 inches. Computer generated artwork may be submitted on storage media with the hard copy of the submitted work
- 4 Pencil drawings, line drawings, grayscale sketches, etc. will be accepted, either hand or computer generated. No photographic artwork!
- 5 Artwork must include: a rabbit and a cavy; the organizational name "**ARBA**" or "**American Rabbit Breeders Association**"; the theme of this year's convention "**Back to the Heartland**"; the location and dates of the convention "**Wichita, KS, Oct. 27-31, 2012**". If the artwork is for category 2, contest volunteer, the artwork must also include: "**Volunteer**".
- 6 Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.
- 7 All artwork submitted becomes the property of the ARBA Youth Committee and will not be returned. Entries must include your name, address, age, phone number, and ARBA member number on the backside of Artwork.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entries should be mailed to the ARBA Youth Chairperson and must be postmarked by July 1, 2012. Postal or electronic mail submissions will be accepted for this contest.

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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL CONTESTS ENTRY FORM

ARBA # _____ ARBA District _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Age on 10/31/12 _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact #1

Name _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact #2

Name _____ Phone _____

Royalty Contest

Boys Girls

Achievement Contest

Based on Contestant Age

Management Contest

Limited Rabbitry Average Rabbitry Unlimited Rabbitry Cavity

Individual Contests

Breed ID Skill-a-Thon/Showmanship/Judging(age appropriate)

Educational Contests (three age divisions in each category)

- 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

PUBLICITY RELEASE - I authorize the ARBA or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child, if under 18) for use in ARBA educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. Yes No

Youth MUST have parental permission to participate in these contests. Further, by signing this form below, both parents and participants are confirming that you agree to the following statement:

I(we) understand participants will be minimally supervised and that contest participants may be handling live animals. If serious illness or injury develops attempts will be made to contact the listed emergency contacts. I(we) have read and understand the ARBA Youth Department Code of Conduct and Publicity Release. I(we) hereby release American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., and their agents, officers and employees, from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind, including claims of negligence, which may arise from participation in any ARBA Youth Department sponsored activity and contest.

Contestant Signature _____ Parent Signature _____



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ARBA APPLICATION TIPS

PURPOSE

Many of the National Youth Contests of the American Rabbit Breeders Association are application based. This information is presented in order for applicants to take best advantage of the application platform to express themselves and their project. This is not an all-inclusive list of tips, nor is it intended to be a list of requirements, though some of these tips are designed to help applicants understand the specific requirements necessary to create a fair and manageable contest.

BASIC FORMATTING CONVENTIONS

These tips are to help you navigate the requirements of proper formatting. These contests have both a word limit and a page limit. Readability is very important!

- 1 Font faces: The two most popular (and readable) fonts are *Times New Roman* and *Arial*. Using one of these will help make the application more readable.
- 2 Font size: Business standards, as well as these contests, use 10-point or 12-point type.
- 3 Page Margins: Margins should be between ½inch and 1½inches, with the most common size being 1 inch.
- 4 Style: The indiscriminate use and overuse of font styles (**bold**, *italic*, underline, etc.) serves to diminish your writing. Some use can be helpful, but be careful only to use it when necessary.

OTHER TIPS FOR A GOOD APPLICATION

- 5 Make sure you answer the question asked! You can talk about other things as well, but the most common error is not answering the question asked.
- 6 Pay attention to deadlines. Late applications will sabotage your effort.
- 7 Make sure you copy the question above your answer.
- 8 Be clear and concise. Answer the question fully, but do not rely on an unnecessary volume of words to make the point that you want to make just to fill up space for an answer to one of the questions you have been asked, like this tip is doing! Don't use two lines if only one is needed.
- 9 Using good grammar and spelling tells the judge you are serious and careful. Ask a teacher or other adult to help you proofread your application.
- 10 Pictures tell a lot about you and your project. Select them carefully and size them appropriately to tell the story. Include captions so the judges know what they are looking at and why. However, not all answers will lend themselves to being helped by a picture. Concise use of pictures can be just as important as concise use of language.
- 11 Occasionally, the order of questions will change from year to year. Make sure you use the current year's questions. It is always helpful to start with your application from last year, but make sure you properly edit for the current year.
- 12 Put your name on EVERY PAGE of your application.



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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by ARBA youth members in the rabbit and/or cavy industry, as measured by activities and leadership in organizations and associations, performance at the show table, achievements in breeding and raising animals and the vision and goals set for themselves and their project.

RULES

- 1 Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid on September 1st. Attendance at the ARBA National Convention is not necessary.
- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to seven pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
- 5 If entering online, you may upload you application. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and THREE copies of your answers!

CATEGORIES

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). Age is determined by the contestant's age on the last day of the National Convention. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the ARBA National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.

SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Achievement(60 points); Leadership(50 points); Goals & Plans for the Future(40 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers(30 points); Neatness & Appearance of Application(20 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.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entry must be made **online** or on the form provided by the ARBA Youth Department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee. **NO EMAIL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Mailed entries must be postmarked by September 1, 2012 and should be mailed to the ARBA Youth Chairperson.

- **FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THE ARBA CONTEST APPLICATIONS, PLEASE SEE THE SUPPLEMENT "APPLICATION TIPS", AVAILABLE ON THE ARBA WEBSITE AND THE ARBA ENTRY FORMS PACKET.**

ARBA NATIONAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST APPLICATION

QUESTIONS

- 1 When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- 2 Which rabbit or cavy organizations are you a member of (use full names)?
- 3 List any office or committee positions that you have held in a rabbit or cavy organization.
- 4 Describe any rabbit or cavy activities that you participated in and/or developed.
- 5 Explain what you do to make others aware of rabbits or cavies.
- 6 Explain how you have helped others learn new skills and increased their knowledge of this hobby.
- 7 List the things you have done to encourage others to join rabbit or cavy organizations.
- 8 Explain the most important award(s) you have won individually or as a member of a group within your project.
- 9 Explain the most important award(s) you have won with your animals.
- 10 What goals have you set for yourself with regards to your rabbit or cavy project?
- 11 What goals have you achieved to this point in your project?
- 12 Explain how the achievement of these goals will help you in the future?
- 13 What would you like us to know that has not been asked?

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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

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

RULES

- 1 Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid on September 1st. Attendance at the ARBA National Convention is not necessary.
- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to seven pages and less than 5500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
- 5 If entering online, you may upload you application. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and THREE copies of your answers!

CATEGORIES

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.** National winners will be selected in each division. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the ARBA National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.

SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Cages, Housing & Equipment(50 points); Breeding & Production(50 points); Care, Health & Herd Management(30 points); Record Keeping(20 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers(30 points); Neatness & Appearance of Application(20 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.

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ARBA NATIONAL YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST APPLICATION

QUESTIONS

- 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 your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of and how they are constructed.
- 4 Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc.?
- 5 How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
- 6 Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
- 7 What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
- 8 How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
- 9 Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
- 10 Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
- 11 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.
- 12 Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
- 13 How many litters with how many total animals did you have born Since January 1, 2011? How many young did you wean?
- 14 Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
- 15 Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
- 16 How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2011? 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.

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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among ARBA youth members who create exhibits that show some aspect of the rabbit or cavy industry. These exhibits must be placed on view at the annual ARBA National Convention.

RULES

- 1 Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete. Attendance at the National Convention is not necessary.
- 2 Exhibits must be informational or promotional of either rabbits or cavies, or include a rabbit or cavy as part of their design.
- 3 A contestant may enter as many classes as they choose, but may submit only one entry per class.
- 4 Each entry must be the work of the contestant and must have been completed in the 12 months prior to the ARBA National Convention.
- 5 All articles must be displayed in the designated area at the National Convention.
- 6 All entries will receive ribbons (Blue=excellent, Red=very good, White=good). Top entries in each class will be reevaluated to determine the National winners. National winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the National Convention. Exhibitors need not be present to win.
- 7 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. [Because of the nature of large convention sites special addressing and labeling along with specific delivery dates are required.]
- 8 Your name, address, age, and class entered should be clearly indicated on both the inside and outside of the entry and any packaging. Be sure your exhibit comes with instructions as to the disposition of your exhibit at the end of the Convention. An attempt will be made to return any unclaimed exhibits through your ARBA District Director. Otherwise unclaimed exhibits will be destroyed at the end of the convention.

DIVISIONS

New in 2012, exhibitors will enter the class listed below, and based up age, exhibit in one of three age divisions for EACH CLASS. For example, there will be three Art – Drawing classes (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) that will each have a Best of Class awarded. These three class winners, along with the three class winners EACH in Art – Painting and Art - Sculpture or Carving will compete for National Winner in the Art Group.

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		

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• **DO NOT SEND YOUR DISPLAY TO THE ARBA YOUTH CHAIRMAN.**



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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among ARBA youth members in attendance at the ARBA National Convention and Show through the evaluation of their knowledge and skills involved in the rabbit and cavy industry.

RULES

- 1 Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete, however, attendance at the National Convention is required.
- 2 A contestant may enter as many contests that are age-appropriate as they wish.
- 3 The age of a contestant is determined as of the last day of the national convention.
- 4 All contestants must check in, either personally or by an adult representative, by 10:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2012. Contestants will be given approximate times for their contest participation at check-in.

CONTESTS AND DIVISIONS

National Breed Identification Contest

- 1 Divisions: Junior(Ages 5 to 11 years), Intermediate(Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior(Ages 15 -18 years).
- 2 Contestants will identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, 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.
- 3 No abbreviations are accepted.

National Skill-a-Thon Contest

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

National Showmanship Contest

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

National Judging Contest

- 1 Divisions: Intermediate(Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior(Ages 15 -18 years).
- 2 Each team member 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.
- 3 Judging classes may involve rabbits (including meat classes), cavies, fur and wool.
- 4 Call backs will be made for at least the top five at each table. Call backs will be posted by noon Sunday.

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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH ROYALTY CONTESTS

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among ARBA youth members in attendance at the ARBA National Convention and Show; To allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of the rabbit and cavy industry; To explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative and provide problem-solving, decision-making and goal-setting activities for these youth members. The ARBA considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our "Best & Brightest" for the continued strength and growth of our organization.

RULES

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- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to five pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
- 5 Enclose a photo of yourself with this application. On the back of the photo write your Royalty age group, name, city, and state. Send photos sized no larger than 3 x 3 inches. This photo is part of your application and will be used in *Domestic Rabbits* and in the *ARBA Yearbook* if you are a Royalty winner. The best photo would be head and shoulders or waist up. You may be with your animal, but remember that you are the center of attention.
- 6 If entering online, you may upload your application and picture. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and THREE copies of your answers as well as your picture!

CATEGORIES

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). Age is determined by the contestant's age on the last day of the National Convention. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the ARBA National Convention.

CONTEST SCORING

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).

CONTEST COMPONENTS

Pre-Convention:

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Size and Scope of Project(30 points); Purpose, Goals & Plans for the Future(30 points); Management(30 points); Achievement(40 points); Leadership(40 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers & Neatness of Application(30 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.

Saturday, October 27, 2012:

Each Royalty contestant will compete in the Individual Contest that is age-appropriate, with the exception of Lord and Lady Contestants. Prince and Princess Contestants will participate in the Showmanship Contest (*please see the individual contest rules for more information*). Contestants will be scored on their ability to handle and evaluate an animal. A sample score sheet is available on the ARBA website. Duke, Duchess, King and Queen Candidates will participate in the Judging Contest (*please see the individual contest rules for more information*). Each contestant will judge four classes of four animals. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. Placements will be made on special forms provided. The use of the *ARBA Standard of Perfection* at the judging table is encouraged. The use of judging aids or placing markers should be of very minimal size.

Each Royalty contestant will compete in the Breed Identification Contest (*please see the individual contest rules for more information*). Contestant will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, listing the complete breed name as printed in the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*. They will also identify 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.

Sunday, October 28, 2012:

All contestants will take a Written Examination at the convention. The questions for this test will be taken from the *ARBA Official Guidebook*, the *ARBA Yearbook*, the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the *ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*, issues of *Domestic Rabbits* from Jan/Feb, 2011 to present, and the ARBA Web Site. Lord and Lady Contestants will be provided help in reading their test. Test answers will be recorded on optical scan answer sheets. Utmost care will be needed to assure the correct recording of answers for accurate scoring.

Monday, October 29, 2012:

All contestants will participate in an Oral Interview. By 4:00 p.m. on examination day the order of oral interviews will be posted. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat, apron with long sleeved shirt or, at minimum, a long sleeve white shirt. If the Youth Committee determines that it is not feasible to interview every contestant in a contest, the total points received for the other four components will be used to determine those contestants that will be interviewed.

Tuesday, October 30, 2012:

Results will be announced at the Youth Banquet. Results packets will be available from your ARBA Director, or their representative, following the awards presentations.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entry must be made **online** or on the form provided by the ARBA Youth Department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee. **NO EMAIL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Mailed entries must be postmarked by September 1, 2012 and should be mailed to the ARBA Youth Chairperson.

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ARBA NATIONAL YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST APPLICATION

QUESTIONS

- 1 When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- 2 How and when did you get started in your project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.
- 3 Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- 4 What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
- 5 List your memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) and the number of years you have been a member.
- 6 What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
- 7 How have you been a leader in your project?
- 8 List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
- 9 List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project.
- 10 Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
- 11 What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
- 12 Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
- 13 What are your goals for this project?
- 14 How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
- 15 What would you like us to know that has not been asked?
- 16 If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be printed in *Domestic Rabbits*. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words. Please Note: This is a separate page and does not count toward the word count or the page count. Failure to include this question will result in a 20 point deduction.

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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL TEAM BREED IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding group critical thinking skills, demonstrate group initiative and provide problem solving and decision making activities in a small group. This is provided through a state represented team identification competition of ARBA recognized breeds at the ARBA National Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

Each state may submit, through their ARBA District Director, as many teams per age division as they wish. Age divisions will be: 5-11 years; 12-14 years; and 15-18 years. The age of a team member is determined as of the last day of the national convention. A team must consist of four members and may have two alternates named. A team must have four members present at the ARBA National Convention. Your ARBA District Director has the option of submitting a team in each age division consisting of members from within their district.

All team members must be ARBA Youth members and current members of an ARBA chartered club in the state they are representing. Contestants not already entered in an individual contest must submit an Entry & Publicity Release Form with this form. All team members participating on a state team must be residents of said state. Each district is permitted one district team in each age division. Participants residing in a state without enough participants to form a state team are eligible to participate on a district team.

RULES

- 1 There is no limit to the number of four member teams that may be formed from each state in each age division.
- 2 Team members must participate in their true age group and may only be a member or alternate on one team.
- 3 All team members and alternates must report to the Breed Identification area as a group and go through the con-test at the same time.

CONTEST PROCEDURES

- 1 Team members & alternates must check into the contest area together. The team will be placed in a supervised area until ALL members of the team have completed the contest. If a team member leaves the contest area without official supervision, they will not be allowed to return to the area and the team will be withdrawn from the competition.
- 2 Each team member will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 Winners will be announced and awards presented at the ARBA Youth Banquet at the National Convention.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Application must be made on the form provided by the ARBA Youth Department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee. State organizations are required to inform their ARBA District Director by September 1, 2012 of their intent to participate in this contest. The number of teams from each state must be declared at this time.

Application must be postmarked by October 1, 2012 and should be mailed to your District Director.

- Proof of membership in an ARBA chartered club within the state being represented must be included with the application for each team member and alternate. This can be a copy of a membership card showing the expiration date or a letter from a club secretary verifying membership.

ARBA NATIONAL TEAM BREED IDENTIFICATION APPLICATION

STATE _____ ARBA DISTRICT _____
 AGE DIVISION (circle one)

AGES 5-11

AGES 12-14

AGES 15-18

TEAM NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON (representing the state) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TEAM MEMBERS: (minimum 4 members)

NAME	BIRTHDATE	ARBA NUMBER	T-Shirt Size	Individual Contests*
1				◇ Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship /Judging*
2				◇ Skill-a-Thon/ Showmanship /Judging*
3				◇ Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship /Judging*
4				◇ Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship /Judging*
Alt 1				◇ Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship /Judging*
Alt 2				◇ Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship /Judging*

A signed Contest Participation Release Form and proof of membership in an ARBA chartered club within the state being represented must be included with the application for each team member and alternate. Applications submitted without the above information will be considered invalid. ARBA memberships must be current by October 1, 2012.

Application must be postmarked to your ARBA District Director by October 1, 2012. Applications arriving late will be considered invalid.

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR: _____

- * Individual Contests: All team members are automatically entered in Individual Breed ID as well.
- * Individual Contests: Ages 5-8 are eligible for the National Skill-A-Thon Contest(Pre-junior Division)
- * Individual Contests: Ages 9-11 are eligible for the National Showmanship Contest(Junior Division)
- * Individual Contests: Ages 12-18 are eligible for the National Judging Contest(Intermediate or Senior Divisions)



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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL TEAM QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding group critical thinking skills, demonstrate group initiative and provide problem solving and decision making activities in a small group. This is provided through a state represented team quiz bowl competition of ARBA at the ARBA National Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

Each state may submit, through their ARBA District Director, ONE team per age division. Age division will be: 11 years and under. The age of a team member is determined as of the last day of the national convention. A team must consist of at least four and no more than six members. A team must have four members present at each quiz bowl round at the ARBA National Convention.

All team members must be ARBA Youth members and current members of an ARBA chartered club in the state they are representing. An Entry & Publicity Release Form must be submitted for each team member and alternate. All team members participating on a state team must be residents of said state. Each district is permitted one district team in each age division. Participants residing in a state without enough participants to form a state team are eligible to participate on a district team.

RULES

- 1 Team members must participate in their true age group and may only be a member of one team.
- 2 All team members must agree to be available for all events scheduled.
- 3 Once a round has started there will be no substituting competing members.
- 4 Only the team members or alternates listed on the application will be permitted. No substitution of members will be allowed after submitting the application.

CONTEST PROCEDURES

- 1 Team pool assignments will be posted by noon on October 28, 2012 in the contest area.
- 2 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.
- 3 Teams with the best record will advance out of pool play to compete in the single elimination final rounds.
- 4 Third place and First Place contests will be held on October 28, 2012. Times will be posted.
- 5 Winners will be announced and awards presented at the ARBA Youth Banquet at the National Convention.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Application must be made on the form provided by the ARBA Youth Department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee. State organizations are required to inform their ARBA District Director by September 1, 2012 of their intent to participate in this contest. The number of teams from each state must be declared at this time.

Application must be postmarked by October 1, 2012 and should be mailed to your District Director.

- Proof of membership in an ARBA chartered club within the state being represented must be included with the application for each team member and alternate. This can be a copy of a membership card showing the expiration date or a letter from a club secretary verifying membership.

ARBA NATIONAL TEAM QUIZBOWL APPLICATION

STATE _____
AGE DIVISION (circle one)

ARBA DISTRICT _____

AGES 11 and Under

CONTACT PERSON (representing the state) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TEAM MEMBERS: (minimum 4 members)

NAME	BIRTHDATE	ARBA NUMBER	T-Shirt Size	Individual Contests*
1				<input type="checkbox"/> Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship* <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
2				<input type="checkbox"/> Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship* <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
3				<input type="checkbox"/> Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship* <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
4				<input type="checkbox"/> Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship* <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
5				<input type="checkbox"/> Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship* <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
6				<input type="checkbox"/> Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship* <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID

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* Individual Contests: Ages 5-8 are eligible for the National Skill-A-Thon Contest(Pre-junior Division)
 * Individual Contests: Ages 9-11 are eligible for the National Showmanship Contest(Junior Division)



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ARBA 2012 NATIONAL TEAM JUDGING CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding group critical thinking skills, demonstrate group initiative and provide problem solving and decision making activities in a small group. This is provided through a state represented team identification competition of ARBA recognized breeds at the ARBA National Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

Each state may submit, through their ARBA District Director, ONE team per age division. Age divisions will be: 12-14 years; and 15-18 years. The age of a team member is determined as of the last day of the national convention. A team must consist of four members and may have two alternates named. A team must have four members present at the ARBA National Convention. Your ARBA District Director has the option of submitting a team in each age division consisting of members from within their district.

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RULES

- 1 Team members 12-14 years old may participate on a Senior Team, but can only be a member or alternate on one state team. Members younger than 12 years of age may not participate in the Team Judging Contest. Teams with members of mixed ages will compete in the age division matching the oldest member on the team.
- 2 All team members must judge at the same time and agree to be available for all events scheduled.
- 3 Once judging has started there will be no substituting of team members.
- 4 Only the team members or alternates listed on the application will be permitted. No substitution of members will be allowed after submitting the application.

CONTEST PROCEDURES

- 1 Team judging order will be posted by noon on October 28, 2012 in the contest area.
- 2 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. Placements will be made on forms provided. The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged.
- 3 Judging classes may involve rabbits (including meat classes), cavies, fur and wool.
- 4 Team score will be the sum of the four individual member scores on the team.
- 5 Winners will be announced and awards presented at the ARBA Youth Banquet at the National Convention.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

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ARBA NATIONAL TEAM JUDGING APPLICATION

STATE _____
AGE DIVISION (circle one)

ARBA DISTRICT _____

AGES 12-14

AGES 15-18

CONTACT PERSON (representing the state) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TEAM MEMBERS: (minimum 4 members)

NAME	BIRTHDATE	ARBA NUMBER	T-Shirt Size	Individual Contests
1				<input type="checkbox"/> Judging <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
2				<input type="checkbox"/> Judging <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
3				<input type="checkbox"/> Judging <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
4				<input type="checkbox"/> Judging <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
Alt 1				<input type="checkbox"/> Judging <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID
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