



AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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Parent Body of All Chartered Local and Specialty Clubs / One National Judging and Registration System

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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.

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 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

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 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
Alt 2				<input type="checkbox"/> Judging <input type="checkbox"/> Breed ID

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.

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY: _____

DISTRICT DIRECTOR: _____