

2024 JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT RULES

REGISTRATION

1. All animals must be registered by April 1st in order to participate at the fair. Complete registration is required. Please be sure to write neatly. Participant's name, breed of the rabbit, color, tattoo number, sex, and age of the animal must be included to best of knowledge. Please reference the American Rabbit Breeders Association Book of Standards to ensure you are selecting the proper color/class for your specific breed. Registration Forms must be fully updated at Skill-a-Thon.
2. Rabbit Check-In Required to be eligible for fair. Ear tattoo, variety and sex will be verified during check in. Rabbit Check-in can be done via:
 - A. Any Rabbit clinic held by Trumbull County Rabbit Committee.
 - B. Skill A Thon
 - C. Virtually with Trumbull County Rabbit Committee member.

MARKET

1. Meat pens must be a pen of three rabbits of the same breed or crossbreed.
2. Meat pens and single Fryers must weigh 3.5-5 pounds (each rabbit) and be the maximum of 70 days old at weigh in. Two people not associated with rabbit projects will record weights for market projects and furnish record cards to judges and youth. Meat pens and Single Fryers over or underweight at weigh in will go home from the weighing station.
3. Meat pens and single fryers will be weighed on the first day of the fair.
4. Meat pens and single fryers will not be shown in breed class- shown only as a meat pen of two or single fryer.
5. An exhibitor may enter meat pen of three and Single Fryer pens totaling up to three projects.
6. Market rabbits must be selected from a litter raised from one or more does owned, cared for and registered with the Extension Office by the exhibitor.
7. An exhibitor must enter an additional rabbit in the breed show to participate with a meat pen and/or Single Fryer project.
8. Judging will be based on meat type.
9. All Meat Pen rabbits will be tattooed with numbers/letters assigned by the Rabbit Committee.

10. All Meat pens must be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale and go to processor selected by Rabbit Committee. The Livestock Sale Committee receives a commission of your sale price. The Grand and Reserve must sell. If you pull a project there is a \$10.00 charge by the Livestock Sale Committee.

11. Meat Pens and Fryers will be slaughtered and delivered to buyer one week after the fair. The youth member/family is responsible for this.

12. Quality Assurance Certification is required.

13. Rabbit book must be completed and will be checked at Skill-A thon.

14. All market 4-Hers must abide by livestock sale rules.

Non-Market

1. All rabbits to be exhibited at Junior Fair must be registered at the 4-H office by April 1st. All rabbits exhibited at Junior fair must be owned by exhibitor.

Registration information is as follows:

1. Age of Rabbit on the first day of the fair. If it is determined on the first day of the fair that a rabbit is overweight for its age group, the rabbit can be moved up a class. A rabbit cannot be moved down an age group.
2. Sex of rabbit
3. Breed and color or variety of the rabbit
4. Tattoo identification- all rabbits must have a permanent ear tattoo for Fair competition.
5. Indicate class which is based on rabbits age per ARBA Standard: Junior (under 6 months old), intermediate (6-8 months if rabbit breed is a 6 class), senior (6 months and over for 4 class, 9 months and over for 6 class) or doe and litter. If registering a back-up doe and Litter please mark as such on registration, Highly recommending to list a back up.
6. Mixed breed, those far from standard and altered rabbits are highly suggested to be entered in the Utility/Altered class. No animal altered via banding will be able to show.
7. Back ups recommended for all projects. Please list on form incase of casualties.

2. Casualty Class- any Jr Fair Exhibitor who has registered only one rabbit whose rabbit dies or is diseased has until the first day of the Fair to re-register for the Casualty Class.

- a. Casualty class is for grade only.
 - b. Rabbits can be used in Showmanship but cannot be entered/shown in regular Junior Fair classes.
3. Exhibitors may use up to the following number of cages at the Fair.
- A. First year-2 cages
 - a. One Rabbit for Breed Show + One Meat Pen
 - b. One Rabbit for Breed Show + One Fryer
 - c. One Rabbit for Breed Show + One Doe and Litter
 - d. Two Rabbits for Breed Show
 - B. Second year and on- **Maximum of 5 pens per exhibitor**, provided pen space is available . One pen must be a Pet Rabbit. Only one Doe and Litter per Exhibitor- backups maybe listed on registration. Meat pen and Fryer(s) count towards pen total.
4. Exhibitors will furnish their own water and feed containers. Self-feeders that can be attached inside, crocks that are large enough so they will not be easily tipped and water bottle are all acceptable. Absolutely no Cool Whip or butter bowls. Water containers must be attached in way to keep from spilling. No locks on cages, zip ties are permitted. All cages must have a water bottle. **All totes in storage room need name and club name on them.**
5. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning under their rabbits' cages each morning BEFORE 10:00 a.m. Jr. Fair exhibitors with Meat Pens or Doe and Litter pens must clean their cages twice daily due to a higher number of rabbits in the cage. 4Her will be given 2 warnings, 3rd warning will also notify the advisor by Rabbit committee member. If the cage is still not cleaned 4Her will not be able to bring Doe and litter or Market the following year.
6. **Barn duty schedule will be posted in the barn at barn set up, listed by 4Her and created by Trumbull Rabbit Committee. Time slot sign up will be at skill a thon.** Duties include sweeping the aisles throughout the day and watching over the animals. Watch for people putting fingers in cages, having a rabbit out for kids to pet helps with this. Keep eye on water levels of all rabbits and for any in distress. If you do not want your rabbit watered by whoever has barn duty please put a sign on the cage with a cell phone number you can be reached at.
7. Advisors and exhibitors will tentatively meet **TBD by SR Fair** at 9:00 a.m. to set up the Rabbit area. **ALL TRAYS MUST BE EMPTIED AND WASHED ON SUNDAY NIGHT BEFORE LEAVING THE FAIRGROUNDS. Barn Clean up Saturday following fair, all cages will need cleaned and put away, storage room cleaned and closed up.**
8. All rabbits must remain in place until time designated by fair board . on the last day of the Fair unless excused by the Senior Fair Board, Department Chairman, Jr Fair Board.
9. All ARBA breeds are acceptable and there will be a class for each breed entered.
10. Utility/Altered Class will be used for all mixed-breed and Altered rabbits.

11. The Best and Reserve in Show placements (4 class, 6 class, Best in Show) will go to the two best animals. Not necessarily the opposite sex rabbit for Reserve.

12. Doe and Litter projects must be 8-10 weeks old. Back-up Doe and Litter can be registered and is highly suggested, but only taken if the original Doe & Litter is Lost. Q&A must be completed to bring a Doe and Litter Project.

13. All Junior Fair Participants are responsible for showing their own rabbits. If they are showing a project in another area they must make arrangements for another 4-H member, preferably from your club or Trumbull County 4Her, to show their rabbits.

14. ARBA licensed judge will be provided.

15. Project judging is required.

16. Please turn in all scratches, Market confirmations and Doe and Litter confirmations by Skill A Thon date.

17. Cages will be assigned for Doe and litter and Market. Cages will be assigned by the Trumbull Rabbit Committee. Rabbit committee will try to keep each clubs rabbits together.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Showmanship is not required but should be encouraged.
2. All exhibitors must show their own 4-H project animal in showmanship classes otherwise will be disqualified.
3. The following age categories will be followed for showmanship classes based on 4H age:
 - a. Novice- All 1st year rabbit project members, regardless of age
 - b. Junior- All participants ages 9-12
 - c. Intermediate- All participants 13-15
 - d. Senior- All participants 16-18
4. All 4-Hers are to report at 1pm to check in area , they will remain there time on deck on deck will wait in the open cooping area till called to get rabbit and go to table. After their showmanship 4her will report to the designated area and remain till showmanship is over.
 - A. We will try to have activities for after if you want something specific to have in the check in area prior to the show.
5. No phones, parents, or books in sight during the entirety of showmanship.

2024 Trumbull County JR Fair Rabbit King, Queen, Prince, Princess

Pre requisitions:

- Open to all 2nd year and beyond rabbit youth.
- Be in good standing with club/orgination.

Age groups: age as of January 1st

King and Queen: 15- 18 years old

Prince and Princess: 9- 14 years old

Position is from Fair 2024- Fair 2025

- Crowning is after showmanship at Fair.

Application Due: TBA

Responsibilities and Duties

- Attend a minimum of 3 fairs to get ideas to bring back to Rabbit Committee. Ideally at least 4-5 ideas/info brought back to county.
- Attend a minimum of 2 Rabbit Committee meetings.
- Assist at Clinics.
- Help with awards during the fair.

Scoring:

- Skill A Thon - out of 100 points
- Rabbit Clinic attendance 100 points total
 - 5 county clinics x 20 points a clinic
- Leadership - 25 points total
 - Held office 5 points
 - Community service 10
 - Leadership opportunities (presenter, counselor) 10 points
- Showmanship completed year prior 25 points
- Interview 50 points

Total of 300 points.