

2018 JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT RULES

REGISTRATION

1. All animals must be registered by May 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. Please reference the American Rabbit Breeders Association Book of Standards to insure you are selecting the proper color/class for your specific breed.

MARKET

1. Meat pens must be a pen of three rabbits of the same breed or crossbreed.
2. Meat pens must weigh 4-5 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 meat pens and furnish record cards to judges and youth.
3. Meat pens will be weighed on the first day of the fair.
4. Meat pens will not be shown in breed class- shown only as a meat pen of three.
5. An exhibitor may enter one meat pen of three.
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.
8. Judging will be based on meat type.
9. Meat pens sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale may not be returned to the exhibitor.
10. All Meat Pen rabbits must be tattooed
11. Grand and Reserve Champions must be sold. Any other meat pen to be pulled from the sale must be pulled within one hour of the end of the show.
12. Meat Pens will slaughtered and delivered to buyer one week after the fair. Quality assurance required.

NON-MARKET

1. All rabbits to be exhibited at Junior Fair must be registered at the 4-H office by May 1st. All rabbits exhibited at Junior fair must be owned by exhibitor.
 - A. Registration information is as follows:
 - a. Age of Rabbit on the first day of the fair
If determined the first day of the fair that a rabbit is over weight for its age group, the rabbit can be moved up a class. A rabbit cannot be moved down an age group. Exception: Petites
 - b. Sex of rabbit
 - c. Breed and color or variety of the rabbit
 - d. Tattoo identification- all rabbits must have a permanent ear tattoo for Fair competition.
 - e. Indicate class: Junior, intermediate, senior, fur or doe and litter.
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 Doe and Litter
 - c. Two Rabbits for Breed Show

- B. Second year and on- 3 cages + One Doe and Litter and/or One Meat Pen
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.
 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.
 6. Barn duty schedule will be posted in the barn. At least one adult or older member must be in the barn from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Duties include sweeping the aisles at least once and watching over the animals.
 7. Advisors and exhibitors will meet the Saturday before the Fair to set up the Rabbit area. ALL TRAYS MUST BE EMPTIED AND WASHED ON SUNDAYNIGHT BEFORE LEAVING THE FAIR GROUNDS.
 8. All rabbits must remain in place until 8:00 p.m. on the last day of the Fair unless excused by Senior Fair Board, Department Chairman, 4-H Educator (if a 4-H animal).
 9. All ARBA breeds are acceptable and there will be a class for each breed entered.
 10. Utility Class will be used for all mixed-breed rabbits.
 11. The Best and Reserve 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 6-8 weeks old.
 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 to show their rabbits.
 14. ARBA licensed judge will be provided.
 15. Project judging is required.
 16. A banner will be given for Outstanding Project Award. In order to be eligible, the 4-H member must show in the Rabbit Show, participate in Showmanship and Project Judging. The exhibitor must declare which rabbit will be used for Outstanding Project by marking the registration form appropriately. The rabbit indicated for Outstanding Project must be shown in showmanship in order to be eligible. Points from the live placing and showmanship for the indicated rabbit along with points from project judging will be used in determining Outstanding Project. Awards will be giving in four classes.
 - a. Novice
 - b. Junior
 - c. Intermediate
 - d. Senior

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Showmanship is not required but should be encouraged.
2. All exhibitors must show their own project animal in showmanship classes
3. The following age categories will be followed for showmanship classes:
 - 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 16-19