

Washington State Rabbit Breeders Association

W.S.R.B.A. 2017 YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by W.S.R.B.A. 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

1. Any WSRBA Youth Member is eligible to compete. Attendance at the WSRBA Convention is not necessary.
2. Application must be made from the direction form provided by the WSRBA Youth Committee. These forms are available from the WSRBA Youth Chairperson, members of the Youth Committee and the WSRBA Website.
3. Applications will be judged based on the number of cages a youth member has for housing their animals. Divisions are as follows: Under 20 holes, 21-50 holes, 51 and Over holes, and Cavy.
4. **Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words.** Youth under the age of nine may choose to have some help in filling out the application.
5. Up to seven (7) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. These should include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
6. Winners will be announced at the WSRBA Banquet at the WSRBA Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.
7. Send your original application directions page and **three** copies of your answers! Also, send ONE copy of your current WSRBA Membership Card. There will be a **10 point deduction** for incomplete applications.
8. **Make sure to sign the application!** Failure to have signature will result in a **10 point deduction.**
9. **Include your name at the top of each page of information submitted.**
Placing your name on any of your application pages will result in a 10 point deduction.

Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2017. Applications postmarked after the deadline will receive a 20 point deduction. Applications postmarked after May 20, 2017 will be returned.

Mail Applications To: Aggie Mowry, 1308 Roberdeau, Richland, WA 99354

Scoring Rubric:

Cages, Housing & Equipment	50 points
Breeding & Production	50 points
Care, Health & Herd Management	30 points
Record Keeping	20 points
Clarity & Thouroughness of Answers	30 points
Neatness & Appearance of Application	20 points
Total possible score-	200 points

Deductions– Each application rule not followed will result in a 10 point deduction. Late applications will receive a 20 point deduction.

W.S.R.B.A. 2017 Management Contest Application Directions

Date of Birth: _____ Age on June 25, 2017: _____

Check One: 20 and Under Holes: _____ 21-50 Holes: _____ 51 and Over Holes: _____ Cavy: _____

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your **OWN** paper (8.5"x11"). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. No more than seven (7) pages (single side), excluding this page, are allowed. Thirty (30) points will be deducted if you exceed this requirement. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts if using a word processor, points are allowed for "Clarity".

1. When did you join the WSRBA 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 your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of, and how they are constructed.
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 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.
11. Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
12. How many litters with how many total animals did you have born Since January 1, 2015? How many young did you wean?
13. Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
14. Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
15. How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2015? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
16. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
17. Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
18. Did your WSRBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

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