

Washington State Rabbit Breeders Association

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

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among WSRBA Youth Members in attendance at the WSRBA Convention. 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.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be current members of the WSRBA at the time of entry and participation. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: *(age is determined as the youth's age on the closing day of the WSRBA Convention)*

Years of age: 15-18 12-14 9-11 Under 9

Boys: King Duke Prince Lord

Girls: Queen Duchess Princess Lady

Applicants **must** be in attendance at the WSRBA Convention, June 24-25, 2017 in Moses Lake.

RULES

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. Applications must be made from the direction form provided by the WSRBA Youth Committee. These forms are available from the WSRBA Website.
3. **Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words.** Youth in the Lord/Lady category may choose to have some help in filling out the application.
4. While at the WSRBA Convention, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperone. The chaperone must be of legal age.
5. Winners will be announced at the WSRBA Banquet at the WSRBA Convention, June 24, 2017.
6. **Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2017. Applications postmarked after the deadline will be receive a 20 point deduction. All applications postmarked after May 20, 2017 will be returned.**
7. **Include your name at the top of each page of information submitted.**

Mail Applications To:

Aggie Mowry, 1308 Roberdeau, Richland, WA 99354

Application Scoring Rubric:

Size and Scope of Project	30 points
Purpose, Goals and Plans for Future	30 points
Management	30 points
Achievement	30 points
Leadership	30 points
Clarity, Neatness & Thoroughness	30 points
Photo, membership card, copies, signatures & Question #16	<u>20 points</u>
Total Possible Score	200 points

PROCEDURES

June 24, 8:00 AM: All contestants must check in to receive their packets and name tags. All contestants will be expected to stay at the check in location to receive specific instructions for the day's events.

June 24, 8:30 AM: All contestants will take a written test at this time. 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, 2014 to present, issues of *WSRBA Journal* from Jan 2014 to present, the ARBA Website and the WSRBA Website. Lord and Lady contestants will be provided help in reading their test. Reading help will be available for all other youth requiring it upon request. **At no time may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling.** All answers must be clearly marked for accurate scoring.

June 24, 10:00 AM: Each youth contestant in the **King/Queen** and **Duke/Duchess** divisions will judge four (4) classes of four (4) animals per class. This is a timed event of seven (7) minutes per class. Placements will be made of special forms provided. Instruction on how to fill out the forms will be made directly following sign in. All forms **must** be filled out correctly! The use of the *ARBA Standard of Perfection* at the judging table is encouraged. The use of placement markers is allowed, but they must be of minimal size. **At no time may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling.**

Contestants in the **Prince/Princess** divisions will compete in a individual showmanship contest. Contestants will examine and evaluate an animal telling what and why as they go along. The contestant will use their own animal for this contest. To help the contestant be familiar with this contest please see Rabbit /Cavy Showmanship Score Sheet. This is available from WSRBA Youth Committee members or the WSRBA web site.

June 24, 10:00 AM: Each youth contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestants will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavy, listing the complete breed names as printed in the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*. They will also identify the showroom variety, the registration variety of each of the 25 animals and whether the animal is a four class or a six class breed. Abbreviations are **not** accepted. There will be a set of tie breaker questions for each age division in the Breed Identification area. **At no time may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling.**

June 24, 1:00 PM: All contestants will be interviewed at the convention. Contestants in the **Lord/Lady** divisions will need a rabbit or cavy during their interview, an animal handling/judging score will be made at this time. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showing attire with a clean show coat or at minimum, a long sleeve, collared, shirt. (The National contests require a white shirt to be worn if the contestant does not wear a show coat)

The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, breed identification, and judging contests will determine the winners. All areas are worth 200 points each, for a total of 1000. All five areas will have an equal weight for scoring point totals. In the event of a tie, the individual scoring higher on the tie breaker questions from the Breed Identification shall be the winner.

SEND THREE (3) COPIES OF YOUR APPLICATION! (do not use binders, folders, etc. on your application.) Send only the original of the directions letter and a single copy of your answer for Question #16. Also, send ONE copy of your WSRBA Membership Card. **Failure in any portion of this direction will result in a 10 point deduction!**

Enclose a photo of yourself with this application!!! This photo will be used in a display of royalty contestants at the WSRBA Convention. This photo will also be posted to the WSRBA Website, along with the answers from Question #16, if you are a Royalty Winner. On the back of the photo write your Royalty age group, name, city and state. **Send photos no larger than 3 x 5 inches!** This photo is part of your application. **Failure to include a proper photo will result in a 10 point deduction for an incomplete form.** Photos of those not winning a WSRBA Royalty title will have their photo returned to them in their results packet on June 25, 2017. Photos of the winners will be returned to them by mail after the pictures have been posted to the WSRBA Website.

Make sure that both the applicant and their parent/guardian sign the application! Failure to have both the applicants signature and that of their parent/guardian will result in a **10 point deduction for each missing signature.**

Make sure you include a totally completed directions form (with required signatures), THREE copies of your answers, ONE copy of your answer to Question # 16, ONE copy of your current WSRBA membership card, and one photo of yourself with your name, age division, city & state printed on the back. The photograph will be in a display at the WSRBA Convention and will be posted to the WSRBA Website if you are a winner.

Do not put your name anywhere on your application other than on your signature sheet! Placing your name on your application pages will result in a 10 point deduction!!!!

W.S.R.B.A. 2017 Royalty Written Application Directions

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

Check One: King: _____ Duke: _____ Prince: _____ Lord: _____
Queen: _____ Duchess: _____ Princess: _____ Lady: _____

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Chaperon while at the WSRBA Convention: _____

Can Chaperone Help with Contests at Convention? Yes: _____ No: _____ Chaperone's Phone: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent'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 five (5) pages (single side), excluding Question #16 and 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-How and when did you get started in your project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.
- #3-What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
- #4-How have you been a leader in your project?
- #5- Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breeds(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- #6- What have you don't to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
- #7-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.
- #8-Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
- #9-What are your goals for 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-List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
- #13-List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in 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 posted to the WSRBA Website. Write what you would like to be posted in 300-600 words. **

**Print #16 on separate paper, it does not count towards your 5 page maximum. Include your name at the top of this page.

Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2017.

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