

2023 WSRBA YOUTH CONTESTS

June 23rd - 25th, 2023 in Cashmere, WA

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Introductions

- Name
- Where are you from?
- Age
- What breed(s) of rabbits and/or cavies do you breed?
- What contests do you plan to compete in?
- Have you done Royalty or the WSRBA Youth Contests before?
- How did you hear about the WSRBA Youth Contests?

WSRBA Youth Contests Overview

- WSRBA Convention: June 23-25, 2023 in Cashmere - get lodging asap
- Youth Contests Applications Due Date: May 15, 2023
- 9 contests in all:
 - *In-Person/Educational: Royalty, Breed ID, Judging, Showmanship*
 - *Application: Achievement, Management*
 - *Creative/Artistic: Educational, WA T-Shirt Design Contest, D! T-Shirt Design Contest*
- Most require WSRBA membership
- Provide an opportunity for youth to:
 - *Demonstrate their mastery of rabbit and cavy industry knowledge and skills.*
 - *Gain new rabbit and cavy knowledge and skills.*
 - *Demonstrate their rabbit and cavy industry experience.*
 - *Meet other rabbit and cavy youth.*
 - *Demonstrate and increase their enthusiasm for the rabbit and cavy industry.*
 - *Have fun!*
- All youth contest awards are announced Saturday night at the WSRBA Banquet, don't need to be present to win

Youth Contests: Where to Get Info

- [WSRBA Website Youth Page](#)
 - *WSRBA Youth Contests Applications, Rules & Procedures, Score Sheets & Guides*
- [WSRBA Youth Contests Facebook Page](#)
 - *Posts with updated information, contest tips*
- Kelsi Ramos: Kelsi.L.Ramos@gmail.com, (509) 619-2295
 - *WSRBA Youth Chair*
- Aggie Mowry: aggie.mowry@gmail.com, (509) 430-4204
 - *WSRBA Youth Committee Member & previous chair*
- [Rabbit/Cavy Royalty Study Group](#) & [Royalty Studies](#) on Facebook

ROYALTY



Royalty: Overview

- An educational contest that provides an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their mastery of rabbit and cavy industry knowledge and skills.
- Includes five parts: Application, Written Test, Breed ID, Judging/Showmanship/Handling, Interview
- 8 categories based on age and gender: Lord, Lady, Prince, Princess, Duke, Duchess, King, Queen
- Application is available on the WSRBA youth page ([WSRBA.net/youth](https://www.wsrba.net/youth))

Royalty: Eligibility

- WSRBA member
- Washington resident
 - (Out-of-state youth may compete, but cannot place or win a title)
- Age 18 or under on June 25, 2023

Royalty: Categories

Age is as of June 25, 2023.

- **Lords:** Boys Age 8 & Under
- **Ladies:** Girls Age 8 & Under
- **Prince:** Boys Age 9 to 11
- **Princess:** Girls Age 9 to 11
- **Duke:** Boys Age 12 to 14
- **Duchess:** Girls Age 12 to 14
- **King:** Boys Age 15 to 18
- **Queen:** Girls Age 15 to 18

Royalty: Parts of the Contest

Each part of the contest is worth 200 points, so the entire contest is scored out of 1000 points.

1. Application
2. Written Test
3. Breed ID
4. Judging/Showmanship/Handling
 - *Judging: Ages 12 and Over*
 - *Showmanship: Ages 9 to 11*
 - *Handling: Ages 8 and Under*
5. Interview

Royalty: Schedule

Sunday, May 15th, 2023 Application Due

Saturday, June 24th, 2023

8:00 AM	Contest Check-in
8:30 AM	Test
10:00 AM	Breed ID Opens
10:00 AM	Judging Starts
10:00 AM	Showmanship Starts
11:30 AM	Showmanship Closes
11:30 AM	Interviews Start
1:00 PM	Breed ID & Judging Close
2:00 PM	Interviews End
6:00 PM	Mish Awards Banquet

Royalty: Check-In

Saturday morning at 8 AM in the youth building.

- Royalty contestants receive packets
 - *Name tags with personal schedule*
 - *Interview score cards*
- Submit Educational Exhibits

Royalty: Test (Part #1)

Held Saturday morning at 8:30 AM.

The test allows youth to demonstrate their rabbit and cavy knowledge.

- All youth competing in Royalty complete the test
- Contains questions about rabbits and cavies
- Most questions are based on information available in the *ARBA Standard of Perfection* and the *ARBA Raising Better Rabbits and Cavies Guidebook*
- Tests may include true/false, matching, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, etc. questions
- Each age category (Lord/Lady, Prince/Princess, etc.) has its own test
- Youth may request to have a reader

Royalty: Breed ID



Royalty: Breed ID (Part #2)

Held Saturday morning between 10 AM and 1 PM. Youth complete on a walk-in basis.

The Breed ID Contest tests youths' ability to correctly identify rabbit and cavy breeds and varieties.

- All youth competing in Royalty complete Breed ID. Youth not competing in Royalty may also compete in Breed ID.
- Youth identify the breed, showroom variety, and registration variety of each animal, as well as whether the breed is 4 or 6 class breed
- 20 rabbits and 5 cavies, plus tie-breaker questions
- No abbreviations are allowed
- Answers do not have to be spelled correctly, as long as they can be understood
- The ARBA Breed ID Guide outlines all of the possible correct answers and is a great study resource. It is available on the WSRBA website.
- It is best to learn how to identify breeds first, then showroom variety, then 4 or 6 class, then registration variety.
- Youth may request to have a writer

Royalty: Judging



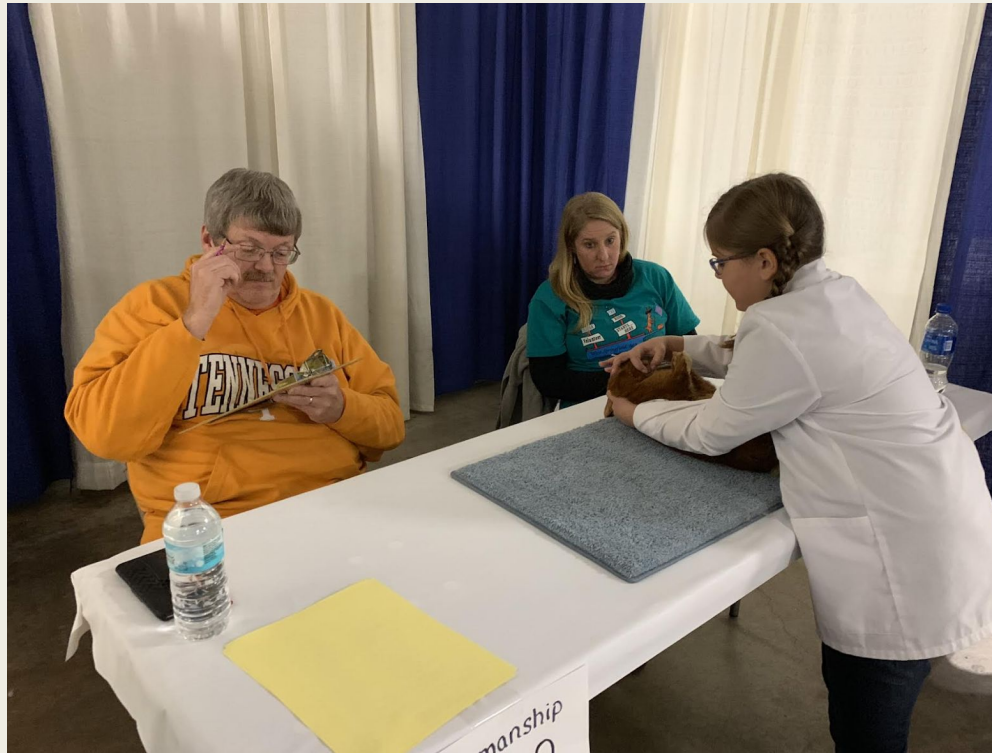
Royalty: Judging Contest (Part #3)

Held Saturday morning between 10 AM and 1 PM. Royalty youth are assigned a time to compete.

The Judging Contest tests youths' ability to judge and place rabbits and cavies according to the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*.

- Only for youth age 12 and over
- All age-eligible youth competing in Royalty compete in the Judging Contest. Age-eligible youth not competing in Royalty may also compete in Judging.
- Two categories: Intermediate (Ages 12 to 14) and Senior (Ages 15 to 18)
- Judge 4 classes of 4 animals each
- For each class, place the animals from 1st to 4th based on the *Standard of Perfection*
- Youth are allowed 7 minutes per class
- Usually have 3 classes of rabbits, and one class of cavies

Royalty: Showmanship



Royalty: Showmanship (Part #3)

Held Saturday morning between 10 AM and 11:30 AM. Royalty youth are assigned a time to compete.

The Showmanship Contest allows youth to demonstrate their ability to handle and evaluate their rabbit or cavy.

- Only for ages 9 to 11
- All age-eligible youth competing in Royalty compete in the Showmanship Contest, and age-eligible youth not competing in Royalty may also compete in Showmanship.
- Different than 4-H Showmanship or Fitting & Showing
- The ARBA Showmanship Scorecards are used. They are available on the WSRBA & ARBA websites.
- Youth are judged individually- one youth with two judges.
- Youth do a "presentation" where they evaluate a rabbit or cavy similar to how an ARBA judge would. Youth check each part of their animal and tell the judges what they are looking for.
- Youth are judged on their handling, knowledge, thoroughness, and presentation
- Wear fitting & showing attire (white shirt, hair back, etc.)

Walk-In Contests

- 3 contests that youth not competing in Royalty may participate in:
 - *Breed ID (Ages 18 and Under)*
 - *Judging (Ages 12 to 18)*
 - *Showmanship (Ages 9 to 11)*
- Same rules apply
- For Breed ID, just come to the Breed ID area between 10 AM and 1 PM to compete
- For Judging, come to Youth Judging area between 8 and 10 PM to sign-up for a Judging time
- For Showmanship, come to Youth Contests building between 8 and 10 PM to sign-up for a Showmanship time

Royalty: Handling (Part #3)

The Handling Contest allows youth to demonstrate their ability to handle their rabbit or cavy.

- Only for youth age 8 and under who are competing in Royalty
- Completed at the same time as the interview
- Youth are judged individually- one youth with two judges
- Youth demonstrate their ability to correctly and safely handle their rabbit or cavy
- Wear fitting & showing attire (white shirt, hair back, etc.)
- [Handling Contest Rubric](#) is available on the WSRBA website

Royalty: Interview



Royalty: Interview (Part #4)

Held Saturday from 11:30 AM to 2 PM. Youth are assigned an interview time.

The interview allows youth to share their rabbit and cavy experiences orally.

- All youth competing in Royalty complete an interview.
- Interviews are individual - one youth with two judges
- Interview questions are similar to those on the application. They ask about the youth's rabbit/cavy experience, leadership experiences, awards won, animal management practices, goals, etc. There are no knowledge questions with right or wrong answers.
- Youth are judged on the content and presentation of their answers
- Wear fitting & showing attire (white shirt, hair back, etc.)

ROYALTY QUESTIONS

Not involving applications



Royalty: Application (Part #5)

Overview

Due Monday, May 15th, 2023 by midnight PDT.

The application allows youth to record and reflect on their rabbit and cavy experiences, and to share them in a written format.

- All youth competing in Royalty submit a written application.
- Applications must be submitted online via the WSRBA Youth Contests Entry Portal.
- The application has 16 questions that ask about rabbit/cavy experience, leadership experience, awards won, animal management practices, goals, etc.
 - *Answers are typed. Use good formatting and good grammar and punctuation.*
 - *Copy each question before putting your answer.*
 - *Applications must be in youth's own words.*
 - *[Royalty Application Question Tips](#) document is available on the WSRBA website*
 - *7 page limit, make sure to check number of pages after converting to PDF.*
- Applications also include an entry form, bio, and a photo of the contestant.

Royalty: Online Application Submission

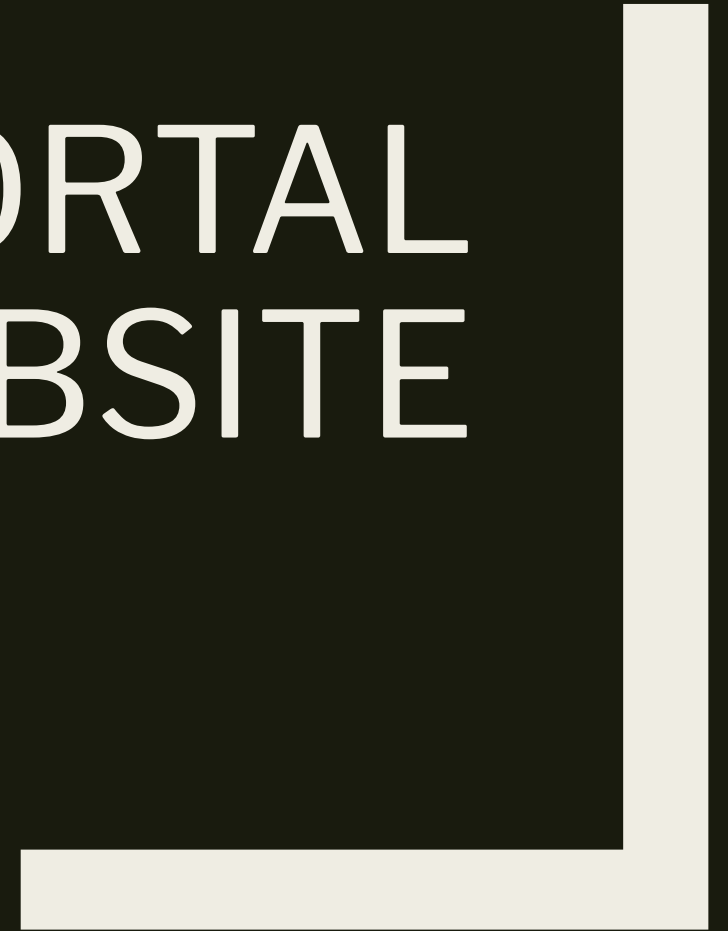
Due submitted by 11:59:59 PM PDT on May 15th, 2023.

- You must have a Google or Google-affiliated account to use the online portal.
 - Make sure to have application material for all contests complete before entering the WSRBA Youth Contests Entry portal. Only go through the portal once.
1. Enter the portal and answer the questions on the Online Entry Form. Answer “Yes” when asked if you are entering the WSRBA Royalty Contest.
 2. Upload your application. It must be a PDF and follow specific file-naming instructions.
 3. Upload your bio. It must be a PDF and follow specific file-naming instructions.
 4. Upload a photo of yourself. It must be a PNG or JPG and follow specific file-naming instructions.
 5. Navigate through the pages of the Online Entry Portal. Enter the other contests as desired.
 6. On the last page of the portal, complete the participant agreement and submit your application. Your application isn’t submitted until you hit “Submit”.

On the fence?

- Try it once
- Don't let application be an obstacle that keeps you from competing

ONLINE ENTRY PORTAL & WSRBA WEBSITE



SCHOLARSHIPS



ARBA National Convention

Saturday, October 7 - Wednesday, October 11, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky

- Youth (and open) rabbit & cavy show
 - *Cooped show*
- Youth contests
 - *Royalty, Achievement, Management, Educational, T-Shirt Design, Breed ID, Judging, Showmanship*
 - *Team Contests: Breed ID, Judging, Quizbowl*
 - *Awards announced at fancy banquet*
- Other activities - tourism, booths, purchase animals, educational seminar, breed club meetings, etc.
- Awesome learning & life experience

ARBA National Convention Photos



Scholarships

WSRBA awards scholarships to help youth attend ARBA National Convention. This year's Convention is October 7 - 11, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky.

- To be eligible to win a scholarship, a youth must:
 - *Be a WSRBA member*
 - *Be a Washington resident*
 - *Be between the age of 5 and 18 on the closing day of ARBA Convention (October 11, 2023)*
 - *Compete in WSRBA Royalty*
- Scholarships are awarded to the youth with highest overall WSRBA Royalty scores
- To be eligible to accept a scholarship, a youth must:
 - *Be or become an ARBA member*
 - *Agree to attend ARBA Convention and fully participate in the ARBA Youth Team, Royalty, Management, & Achievement competitions*

ACHIEVEMENT & MANAGEMENT



Achievement Contest

- Awards youth for outstanding personal achievement in their rabbit and cavy projects.
- Includes only an application:
 - *12 questions that ask about involvement and leadership experiences in rabbits and cavies, and awards won*
 - *6 or fewer pages*
- 4 categories based on age: Pre-Junior (Ages 8 & Under), Junior (Ages 9 to 11), Intermediate (Ages 12 to 14), Senior (Ages 15 to 18)
- Any WSRBA youth may enter and compete
- Entry: Via the WSRBA Youth Contests Entry Portal, fill out the Achievement section &, upload application
 - *Application available on youth page of WSRBA website*
- Winners will be announced at WSRBA banquet, don't need to be present to win

Management Contest

- Awards youth for outstanding management of their rabbitry or caviary.
- Includes only an application:
 - *18 questions that ask about youth's rabbit or cavy housing, equipment, and care, as well as their breeding and recordkeeping procedures*
 - *7 or fewer pages*
- 4 categories: Limited (Rabbitry with 20 & Under Holes), Average (Rabbitry with 21 to 50 Holes), Unlimited (Rabbitry with 51 & Over Holes), Cavy
- Any WSRBA youth may enter and compete
- Entry: Via the WSRBA Youth Contests Entry Portal, fill out the Management section & upload application
 - *Application available on youth page of WSRBA website*
- Winners will be announced at WSRBA banquet, don't need to be present to win

EDUCATIONAL &
T-SHIRT DESIGN
CONTESTS



Educational Contest

- Awards youth for the creation of outstanding exhibits that are related to some aspect of the rabbit or cavy industry.
- Youth submit exhibits that they have created:
 - *Exhibits may be educational or “useful”, like posters, displays, and rabbit & cavy equipment, etc.*
 - *Exhibits may be artistic, like photography, paintings, drawings, crafts, poems, etc.*
- 6 categories: Art, Crafts, Creative Writing, Photography, Woodworking & Metalworking, Educational
- Any WSRBA youth may enter and compete
- Entry: Via the WSRBA Youth Contests Entry Portal, fill out the Educational Contest section
 - *Application available on youth page of WSRBA website*
- Exhibits must be checked in by 9 AM Saturday morning and picked up between 5 and 9 PM Saturday night
- Winners will be announced at WSRBA banquet, don't need to be present to win

WSRBA T-Shirt Design Contest

- Allows youth to design the t-shirt that the Washington State Team will wear at the upcoming ARBA National Convention.
- Youth submit a design for the back of a t-shirt:
 - *Must be a drawing or sketch that is hand or computer-generated, cannot be a photograph*
 - *Must include a rabbit, a cavy, and the words "Washington State Team 2023"*
- Youth also submit 3 t-shirt & print color combinations
- Any WSRBA youth may enter and compete
- Entry: Via the WSRBA Youth Contests Entry portal, fill out the WSRBA T-Shirt section & upload design
 - *Application available on youth page of WSRBA website*
- Winner will be announced at WSRBA banquet, doesn't need to be present to win

District 1 T-Shirt Design Contest

- Allows youth to design the t-shirt that the District 1 Team will wear at the upcoming ARBA National Convention.
- Youth submit a design for the back of a t-shirt:
 - *Must be a drawing or sketch that is hand or computer-generated, cannot be a photograph*
 - *Must include a rabbit, a cavy, and the words “District 1 Team 2023” or “District One Team 2023”*
- Youth also submit 3 t-shirt & print color combinations
- Any youth from District 1 (WA, OR, ID, MT, AK, WY) may enter, they do not need to be WSRBA members
- Entry: Use D1 T-Shirt Online Entry portal (different than the WSRBA entry portal), answer questions & upload design
 - *Application and entry portal link are available on the youth page of the WSRBA website*
- Winner will be announced at WSRBA banquet, doesn't need to be present to win

QUESTIONS

