

Washington State Rabbit Breeders Association

WSRBA 2024 YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by WSRBA 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 cavy.

RULES

1. Any WSRBA Youth Member that is a resident within ARBA District 1 is eligible to compete. Attendance at the WSRBA Convention is not necessary.
2. Applications will be judged based on the number of cages a youth member has for housing their animals. Divisions are as follows: Limited (rabbity with 1 - 20 holes), Average (rabbity with 21 - 50 holes), Unlimited (rabbity with 51+ holes), and Cavy (caviary of any size).
3. Participation in the Management Contest requires a current WSRBA membership. The [WSRBA membership application form](#) is available on the WSRBA website. The WSRBA memberships of all applicants will be verified on June 1st, 2024. Applicants not holding a current membership on June 1st will incur a 20 point deduction and be given the option to immediately sign-up or renew their membership. If they do not sign-up or renew, they will not be allowed to compete.
4. **Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words.** Contestants of all ages may not copy answers from their siblings or other contestants. Applications with evidence of plagiarism will receive a deduction of at least 20 points. Youth under the age of 9 may choose to have some help in filling out their application (e.g. spelling, grammar, typing assistance is acceptable).
5. A document with up to seven (7) pages of information may be submitted by the applicant. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation. Applications exceeding this page limit will receive a 20 point deduction.
6. **Your name should not appear anywhere on your application document, except for in the file name.** Failure to follow this direction will result in a 10 point deduction.
7. Winners will be announced at the WSRBA Banquet at the WSRBA Convention on June 22, 2024. Contestants need not be present to win.
8. Applicants may submit their applications through the [online entry portal](#).
9. **Applications must be submitted by 11:59:59 PM Pacific Standard Time on May 15, 2024.** Applications submitted after the deadline will receive a 20 point deduction.

Submit Applications Online Through the Portal:

[WSRBA Youth Contests Entry Portal](#) (Link also available at WSRBA.net/youth)

Scoring Rubric:

Herd Housing & Equipment	50 points
Breeding & Production	50 points
Care, Health, & Herd Management	50 points
Record Keeping	30 points
Neatness, Clarity & Thoroughness	20 points

Total possible score	200 points
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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ONLINE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

You must have a Google (Gmail) or Google-affiliated account in order to use the online entry portal. If you do not already have a Google account, you can create one for free at Google.com.

If you are entering in any WSRBA youth contests besides Management, please have all of your application materials for these contests completed before you enter the online portal, as the portal contains areas to enter in all of the contests. Please only go through the portal once and enter all desired contests at that time.

1. **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE ONLINE ENTRY FORM.** Answer yes when asked if you are entering in the Management Contest in order to access the online Management application form.
2. **UPLOAD YOUR APPLICATION.** Include only your answers to Questions #1-18 in this file. Your name should not appear anywhere on the document, except for in the file name. The file must be a PDF. Please name your document using the following template: "CATEGORY_LAST NAME_FIRST NAME_MANAGE_APP_2024". For example, if Aggie Mowry was entering in the Unlimited category she would name her file: "UNLIMITED_MOWRY_AGGIE_MANAGE_APP_2024". Failure in any portion of this direction will result in a 10 point deduction! Google will add a name (the name of the person who owns the Google account you are using) to the end of your file name once you upload your document. You will not be penalized for this.
3. Navigate through the pages of the WSRBA Youth Contests Online Entry Portal and enter the other contests as desired.
4. **PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:** Read and mark the checkboxes on the last page of the entry portal attesting that you have read the rules of the contest(s) you are entering and have parent/guardian permission to participate.
5. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:** After the last page of the entry portal, click submit. Your responses and uploaded files will not be submitted until you click submit. Submit your application by 11:59:59 PM PST on May 15, 2024 to avoid a late entry deduction of 20 points. Upon submitting your application, you will receive an email with your responses to the questions in the online entry portal.

[WSRBA Youth Contests Online Entry Portal](#)

WSRBA 2024 Management Contest Entry Form

Write the questions and your answers to them in a single document. Do not include your name anywhere on this document except in the file name. The page should be set to letter size (8.5" by 11") with margins between 0.5" and 1". Before answering each question, copy the question being asked onto your application. Applications that contain only answers and do not repeat the questions will receive a 10 point deduction. Applications must be no more than seven (7) pages long. Applications exceeding 7 pages will receive a 20 point deduction. Use 10-12 point reader-friendly fonts on your application. Points may be deducted for lack of clarity.

1. When did you join the WSRBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged? Explain any lapses in membership.
2. List the breed(s) you now raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Why did you choose this (these) breed(s)? Tell what other 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.? How does this location protect your animals from heat, cold, drafts, or pests?
4. List or make a table of the number of cages/coops you have and their sizes. Describe what materials they are made of and how constructed.
5. Other than feed and water equipment, describe or list ALL other equipment you use in the care/management of your animals.
6. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals and how your feed is stored.
7. What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give other supplements or anything in addition to their daily feed? If so, why?
8. How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
9. What do you do daily, weekly, monthly in the care of your animals? Be specific.
10. What measures do you take for biosecurity in your rabbitry/caviary?
11. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, breeding pair choices, etc.
12. Describe everything you do to prepare for kindling, and care of the mother and young from breeding until weaning. Include your weaning process, age, and any other considerations.
13. List or make a table of how many total litters born, total young born, and number of young weaned since January 1, 2022. If you had a difference between total young born and total weaned, can you explain why?
14. Explain what you consider when bringing in new stock or bloodline into your breeding program. What specific characteristics are you looking for?
15. Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
16. How many replacement animals have you added in the previous two calendar years? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
17. What types of records do you keep for your breeding program? Why are these particular records important for the success of your breeding program and achieving the goals that you have set?
18. Did your WSRBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

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[Click Here to Access the Online Entry Portal](#)

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