

Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Rules 2020

Seminar – Clayton Hall – Monday, September 30th, 2019 – 6:30 pm

Entry Deadline – Friday, January 10th, 2020 – 5:00pm

Tattoo and Health Clinic – Clayton Hall – Saturday, January 18th, 2020 – 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Record Book/Poster/Colored Rabbit/ Thank You Card Turn in – Sunday, February 9th, 2020 – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Arrival at Fair – Saturday, February 15th, 2020 – 8:00 to 10:00 am

Showmanship – Saturday, February 15th, 2020 - 11:00 am

Judging – Saturday, February 15th, 2020 – On completion of showmanship

Rabbit Release/ Exhibitor Check-out – Sunday, February 23, 2020 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm

- 1. Eligibility** – All Pasco County Youth (K-12) are invited to exhibit their rabbit(s). Any combination of males and females may be entered as long as the total number of rabbits does not exceed three (3). Pre-registration is required. All rabbits must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 1, 2019. Rabbits that are suspected of being bred or that are bred, will not be allowed in the barn. Exhibitors must read and understand Pasco County Fair General Rules located at www.pascocountyfair.com. These rules include Safe Handling Practices, IAFE National Code of Show Ethics, and The Livestock Addendum.
- 2. Identification** - Rabbits entered into the show must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the **LEFT** ear. Absolutely **NO** tattooing will be done on fairground property. If exhibitors need assistance with tattooing please **contact Melissa Thompson at 813-815-2846**. Any rabbit whose tattoo does not match the number given on the entry form and/or cannot be read easily will **not** be allowed entry into the Pasco County Fair.
- 3. Acceptable Breeds**- Only breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association in its Standard of Perfection will be accepted for entry. A complete description of each breed and breed standard can be found in the American Rabbit Breeders Associations' Standard of Perfection. To purchase a copy of The Standard of Perfection visit ARBA.net. **NO CROSS BREEDS WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

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4. **Entry Deadline** – Entry forms must be postmarked to the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Committee at the Pasco County Fair office **by January 10th**. **No entries will be accepted after entry deadline.** **You must mail entries, drop offs to the fair office will not be accepted.** No substitutions can be made after the entry deadline. There will be a **\$4.00** entry fee for each rabbit entering the show, and must be submitted with the entry form. A total of 10 Best in Display points can be earned for a correctly completed entry form. An incomplete entry form will be returned. **The exhibitor MUST fill out the entry forms.**
5. **Rabbit Seminar** - Exhibitors and parents are encouraged, but not required to attend the Rabbit Seminar presented by the Pasco County Fair Rabbit Committee. The seminar will be held at Clayton Hall at the Pasco County Fairgrounds on Monday, September 30th, 2019 at 6:30 pm. This seminar will aid in informing exhibitors about their projects pertaining to the areas of nutrition, breeding, basic care, health concerns, proper handling, husbandry practices and showmanship. 30 Best Overall Display Points will be awarded to exhibitors who **sign in and out** of the seminar.
6. **Ethics Seminar** – Pasco County Fair will now follow in policy of that of the Florida State Fair in regards to completion of ethics training. Each exhibitor will be **REQUIRED** to attend, and complete an approved certified ethics training course. Exhibitors under age eight, in the “clover-bud” category do not have to complete the ethics training. Exhibitors, who do not complete the ethics training, will not be eligible to participate in the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Show, and their entry fee will not be refunded, once collected. Please note: Once the exhibitor has completed their ethics training, they will be given a certification number. Each exhibitor should record their certification number and keep it in a safe place. Certification numbers will now be required information on Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Show Entry Forms. Several approved certified ethics training courses will be provided free of charge through out the state of Florida. For a complete list, please visit www.pascocountyfair.com or www.floridastatefairag.com.
7. **Tattoo and Health Clinic** –Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their rabbits to this optional clinic in hopes to prevent a large amount of animals being turned away at check-in due to health issues. The committee will be offering tattooing as well as a general health exam to check for any parasites, diseases, etc., and treatment with Ivomec. All services will be free of charge. **Animals will still be subject to inspection at check-in.** This clinic will take place at the fairgrounds on January 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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8. **Arrival at Fair** - Rabbits must arrive between the hours of **8:00 to 10:00 a.m.** on Saturday, February 15, 2020. **Please note:** Any exhibitors with schedule complications due to the Florida State Fair Open Rabbit Show release date must submit a written letter to the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Committee by January 10, 2020. It is also suggested that exhibitors with such schedule conflicts also contact the Florida State Fair Open Rabbit Show. **Vehicles will not be allowed on the fair midway or near the barns during Check In or Check Out.**
9. **Animal Inspections** - Health Regulation will be **strictly** enforced by the committee according to Chapter 5C-4 via Florida Administration Code entitled "Admission of Animals for Exhibition" and the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Animals will be inspected outside of The Pasco County Fair Rabbit Barn. Each rabbit and cavy will be inspected by a committee member or a person approved by the committee. Any animals exhibiting any sign of illness, parasite infection, or any other health concern will **not be allowed to enter the barn** or be judged. If your rabbit is suspected of being bred or is bred it will not be allowed into the barn. Such concerns include but are not limited to; ear canker, pink eye, discharge from the nostrils, ears, eyes, mouth, teats, vent area or open wounds, parasitic infestations such as mange, skin mites, fur mites, ear mites, lice, fleas, ticks, vent disease, open and bleeding sore hocks, swelling of any body part, wry neck, obvious broken bones, and flaking of the skin or foreign particles of concern on the skin or any location on the hair shaft. Also signs of recent infection including matting around the nose, ears, eyes, vent area, teats, and on front legs will also be dismissed from entrance into the show. **Entry fee will not be refunded.** All final decisions concerning animal entrance will be up to the committee members. Any exhibitor with an animal(s) that fail to pass the health inspection will remain eligible to compete in the following: record book contest, poster contest, breed use contest, and the awards ceremony. Also, such exhibitors are still encouraged to attend the judging of the animals to gain an educational experience.
10. **Judging** - Judging will be Saturday, February 15, 2020. Judging will begin after the completion of showmanship on the west side of the Pasco County Fair Rabbit Barn. **Exhibitors are required to be present during judging.** The decision of the judge will be final.
11. **Record Books** - All exhibitors are required to enter rabbit record book for competition. The exhibitor must complete the record book. Rabbit record books are available online at

www.pascocountyfair.com. Record books must be submitted on **Sunday, February 9th, 2020 between 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Clayton Hall.** **Any incomplete record book will not be judged.** Record books MUST be in a 3-prong folder or 4-H folder, no notebooks will be accepted. All record books must be completed in pen and by exhibitor. If it is completed by anyone other than the exhibitor or not complete, it will not be accepted, and exhibitor will not be allowed to show. Record books will be judged on a modified Danish System. Each exhibitor will receive a strip ribbon based on his or her score. In the event of a tie, a third party judge will decide upon the tiebreaker.

12. **Showmanship** - Exhibitors may compete in showmanship. Exhibitors will be judged on their ability to evaluate and handle their rabbit, as well as answering breed specific and general knowledge questions. More information can be found on the last page of the Florida State Fair Rabbit Skill-a-thon Manual. Which can be located at Floridastatefairag.com. Showmanship will begin promptly at 11 am.
13. **Educational Poster**- Exhibitors may enter the rabbit poster contest. The purpose of the poster is to promote the rabbit industry and educate the general public. All posters must be **14" x 22"**. Any previously used poster may not be submitted. Exhibitors using computer assistance to create components of the poster or the poster itself are required to affix a statement of one paragraph explaining how the computer assistance affected the posters and visual presentation. **THE EXHIBITOR'S NAME AND GRADE MUST BE ON THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE BACK OF THE POSTER.** Posters must be submitted with the record book on **Sunday, February 9th, 2020 between 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Clayton Hall** . Posters will be judged on a modified Danish System. Exhibitors will receive a strip ribbon based on their score. **DO NOT USE INTERACTIVE POSTER IDEAS, THEY ARE HUNG WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN READ THEM, NOT TOUCH THEM.** If you decide to use an interactive poster, you will receive a 0 for points as it does not follow the rules stated.
14. **Rabbit Decorating Contest**- The decorated rabbit contest will not count towards Overall Exhibitor. The picture of the rabbit used for the contest can be found at the conclusion of the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Show Rules. Entry must be decorated by exhibitor. Exhibitor must also list their name and grade on back, **DO NOT PUT INFO ON THE FRONT.** **Entries are submitted on Sunday, February 9th, 2020 between 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Clayton Hall.** Any arts and craft materials are permitted. Due to health concerns, use of food items to decorate will not be allowed. **For judging purposes, please do not submit inside record book.**
15. **Ask Me Booth** – Exhibitors may elect to participate in the Ask-Me Booth for **one-hour intervals** for a maximum of three hours. Exhibitors K-2nd grade may sign up for ½ hour

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intervals for a maximum of 1 ½ hours. Exhibitors can earn up to 60 points towards best display. Exhibitors will be available with their project animal to answer general knowledge questions from the public fair-goers regarding their project animal and rabbit industry. **Only animals entered in the fair may be used in the Ask-Me Booth.** Exhibitors are expected to answer any questions from the public in a polite and professional manner. Inappropriate behavior observed of exhibitors will not be tolerated. Such exhibitors will be asked to return their animal to the proper cage and to leave. **They will also become in-eligible to return back to the Ask-Me Booth for the duration of the fair and forfeit their Best Display Points earned during their time spent in the Ask-Me Booth.**

- 16. Skill-a-thon Test** –Exhibitors may elect to compete in a Skill-a-thon Contest. Contest will be administered in written form on February 15th immediately after check-in. Exhibitors will be asked to various questions based on the Florida State Fair Skill-a-thon. Exhibitors must complete the contest individually. **Any exhibitor seen cheating will be removed from the contest and forfeit all Best Display Points.**

Grades K-2 will answer 5 questions

Grades 3-5 will answer 10 questions

Grades 6-8 will answer 20 questions

Grades 9-12 will answer 25 questions

- 17. Animal Information Cards** – Exhibitors may elect to create informational cards with information regarding their project animals. One card may be constructed per animal entered and on display at the Pasco County Fair. Each card will earn 10 Best Display Points (30 points max). Such examples of information to include are; name of animal, breed of animal, age, sex or variety of animal, animal's favorite feed, animal's habits, things learned during the project etc. Information cards are not to exceed 5 x 7 inches. **For safety of the exhibitor, personal information such as address or telephone number is not to be put on information cards as they will be hung on exhibitor animal coop for display to the public.** These cards may be submitted at the time of check in on Saturday the 15th from 8:00 – 10:00 am
- 18. During the Fair-** Rabbits will be fed and watered by the Pasco County Fair Rabbit Committee ONLY. The rabbits are fed once a day (at night after the barn closes) and watered 2-3 times per day. There will be no extras in the cages during fair (hay, blankets, toys, etc.) Neither any member of the committee or the Pasco County Fair Association, INC will be held responsible for any injury or loss to animals. Please note the Pasco County Fair General Rules Livestock Addendum located at www.pascocountyfair.com.

19. **Passes-** Each exhibitor will receive one entrance pass to the Pasco County Fair which will only be valid for the week of February 17th – February 23rd 2020. Exhibitor name will be printed on the pass and only valid for entrance of the exhibitor. Only **one** pass will be presented to each exhibitor. The Pasco County Fair Rabbit Committee and Pasco County Fair Association, Inc will **NOT** be responsible for replacing loss or damaged passes. Parents, family members and friends of exhibitors are encouraged to purchase a Fair Membership to gain week-long access to the fair. **Fair Memberships can be purchased from the Pasco County Fair Office located on the Pasco County Fairgrounds before February 1st 2020. Fair memberships will NOT be sold in the month of February.** In spirit of supporting the fair, exhibitors who purchase Fair Memberships will receive an additional 25 Best Display Points. Exhibitors are to denote membership properly on their entry form, if not stated on entry form, points will not be granted.
20. **Awards-** The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Beef/Hog Barn on Sunday February 23rd, 2020 at 11a.m. The top three highest scoring individuals in each contest (each grade level) will receive a rosette.
21. **Premiums-** Premiums will be awarded to the Best Of Breeds, Best Opposite Sex, Best in Show, 1st Reserve and 2nd Reserve. **Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will only be paid if there are 3 animals entered under the same breed.**
- BOB- \$5, BOS- \$3**
- Best In Show-\$25**
- 1st Reserve- \$15**
- 2nd Reserve-\$10**
22. **Release from the Fair-** Rabbits must be picked up by Sunday February 23, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. **Exhibitors must assist in cleaning the barn out before their animal(s) will be released. With the exception of an emergency, NO RABBIT WILL BE REMOVED FROM DISPLAY BEFORE 6:00 PM !!!.** K-2nd and 3rd-5th will be at 6:00 pm and 6th – 8th and 9th -12th will be at 6:30 pm. Any rabbit left after 7:00 pm on February 23, 2020 will become property of The Pasco County Fair Association Inc. **All Exhibitors must be present on Sunday February 23rd to receive premiums awarded. Any unclaimed premiums, record books, posters and decorated contests will be forfeited and the premiums will be returned to the Pasco County Fair.**

- 23. Thank You Letters** – Every exhibitor is **required** to compose three thank-you letters for sponsorship of the rabbit show. Please do not address them, leave them blank. I will have the names at the health clinic or at turn in and you will be able to address them then. Thank-you letters should be turned in with record books on February 9th from 2-4 pm. Neglecting to submit correctly formatted thank-you letters will result in forfeit of both animal premiums and exhibitor premiums. Please note; Thank-you letters should be composed on appropriate stationary or a thank you card. **Note book paper is NOT an acceptable material in which to compose thank-you letters on. Such letters will not be accepted.**
- 24. Grievances-** An appeals committee composed of The Pasco County Fair Agriculture Committee and the Youth Rabbit and Cavy Committee shall receive and act upon any grievance arising out of an event. **Please note any decision of the judges are final and not subject to protest.**
- 25. Best Rabbit Display** – Points are achieved by animal entry, performance, participation in Ask-Me Booth, completion of Information Cards, participation in contests of showmanship, record book, breed use, poster, fair membership, presence at seminar and correctly filling out entry forms. A rosette and trophy will be awarded to the top highest scoring individual of each age group. The highest scoring individual overall will receive a \$25 premium.
- 27.** Any exhibitor who would like to volunteer to help clean the small animal barn throughout fair week will be awarded community service hours. Exhibitor may sign up for a time at record book drop off.
- 28.** Although the judge and committee will be adhering to the ARBA Standard of Perfection, the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Show is not an ARBA sanctioned show.

Scoring Opportunities for Best Rabbit Display

	Possible Points
Entry Form	10
Educational Seminar	30
Record Book	100
Showmanship	100
Poster	100
Ask Me Booth	60
Skill-a-thon Contest	100
Animal Information Card	30
Fair Membership	25
Total	555

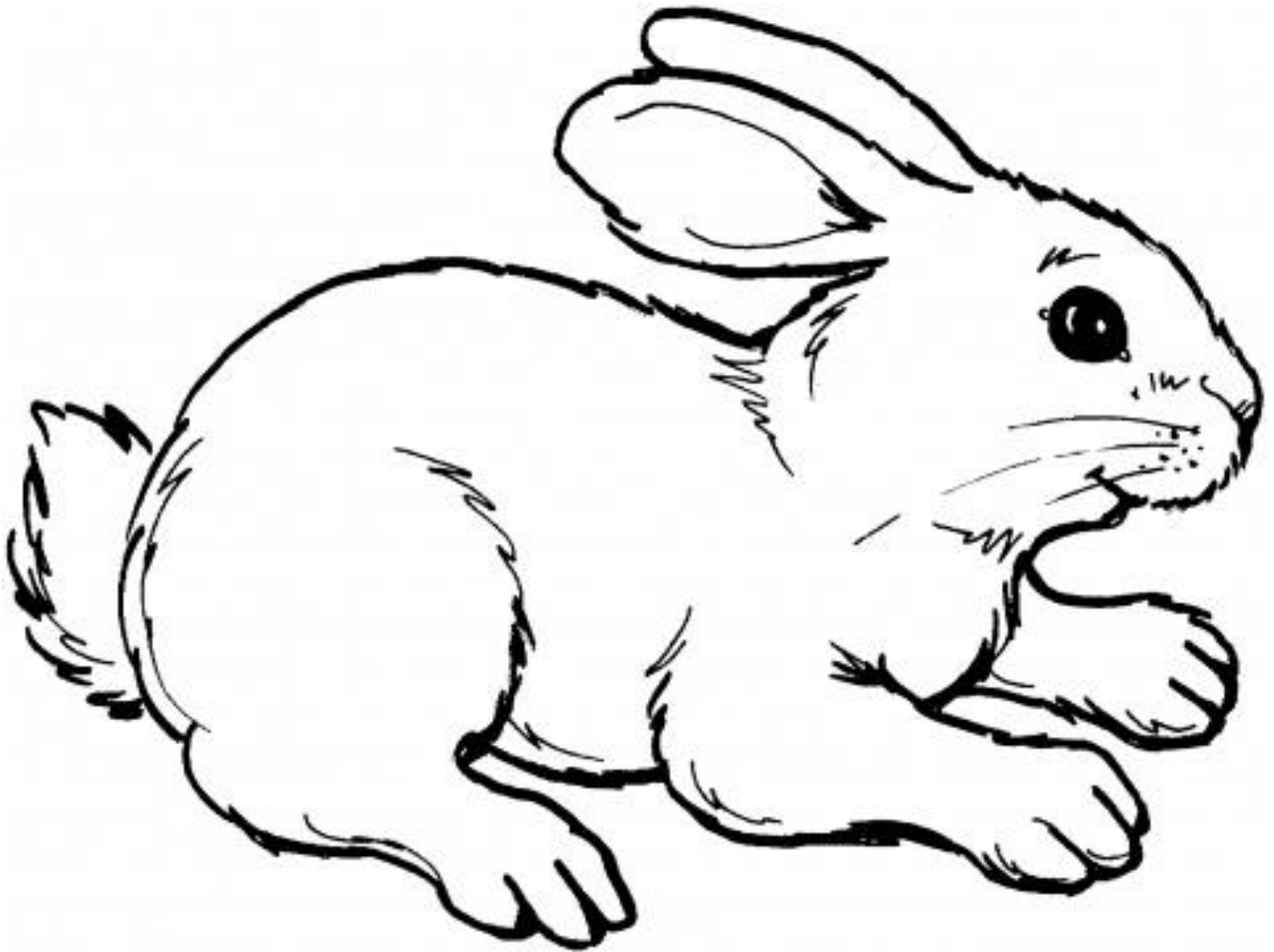
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2020 Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Show Committee

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Committee Members:

Rabbit Decorating Contest – 2020



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