

# JR. BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION



Entry Deadline-----January 15  
Entry Fee-----\$10.00  
Delivery, Weighing/Sifting/Classify -----11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9  
Judging-----10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10  
Release-----5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10

## JUNIOR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school in Cameron, Willacy, Starr or Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from November 1, 2018 thru the Show period.
2. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old but under twenty as of January 1, 2019.
3. Animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by January 15, 2019 and personally fed and cared for by the exhibitor from that date thru the Show, under the supervision of an AST, CEA or 4-H Club Manager.
4. RABBITS MUST HAVE A LEGIBLE BREEDER'S/OWNER'S TATTOO IN THE RABBITS LEFT EAR. Each tattoo must be a maximum of 5 digits, minimum of 2 digits. If there are more than one exhibitor from a family, every rabbit must have a different tattoo. Tattoo's must be in the rabbit's left ear by possession date, January 15, 2019, and not the day of the sift. TATTOO MUST BE ON THE ENTRY CARD. Please bring the rabbits in a wire carrying cage with a lifted bottom. No Laundry baskets, dog/cat carriers, card board boxes, or milk crates. Rabbits must be clean and dry or the rabbit will be sifted.
5. Each rabbit entered in the Jr. Breeding Rabbit division show must have its own different or distinctive breeder's tattoo in the left ear per exhibitor. Exhibitors who enter a rabbit or rabbits for Jr. Breeding Rabbit show from separate FFA Chapter or 4-H clubs must have different breeder tattoo's for each individual rabbit entered.
6. IDENTIFICATION: RABBIT'S BREEDER/OWNER TATTOO NUMBER AND BREED OF RABBIT MUST ON THE ENTRY APPLICATION, WHICH IS DUE JANUARY 15, 2019. There will be a 4 day grace

- period from when online entries are submitted, to make sure all information (tattoo, classification, breed, sex) is correct.
7. Rabbits will be weighed on official Show scales at time of entry.
  8. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or automatically be sifted:
    - a. Must be marketable meat and pelt (fur) quality
    - b. Must be free of the following defects:
      - i. Cysts, ruptures or tumors
      - ii. Cold or snuffles
      - iii. Abscesses (hocks or elsewhere)
      - iv. Matted eyelids
      - v. Blindness in either or both eyes
      - vi. Mange
      - vii. Mites (ear or body)
      - viii. Fleas
      - ix. Malocclusion
      - x. Vent Disease
      - xi. Missing toe or toenails
      - xii. Bobtail or broken tail
  9. Identification card during sift with pen number will be color coded as per breed, color, and must follow exhibitor to the end of the sift table where the judge will place.
  10. Judge will have final say if the animal is show worthy or will be sifted.
  11. A rabbit, which in the opinion of the sifter does not meet ARBA Breed Standards of the breed in which it is entered, will be moved to the proper breed by the sifter.
  12. After rabbits have been accepted by the Show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor.
  13. Weighing/Sifting/Classifying of Jr. Breeding Rabbits – **Only one parent or Ag Teacher/4-H Club Manager will be allowed in the rabbit area during the sift for a 15 minute time frame to help the exhibitor with unloading of rabbits.** Each exhibitor must bring one hang flip top metal rabbit feeder (through the cage type and big enough to hold enough feed for the rabbit each day). Feeding can be done after the sift is over. Signage, show supplies and show boxes can be delivered after the sift is completed.

**Each exhibitor must identify the breed of their rabbits at the time of check-in and sift.**

Each exhibitor must bring one hanging metal rabbit feeder (through the cage type and big enough to hold enough feed for the rabbit each day) and one or two 32 ounce or larger bottle type waterier (so rabbits will have enough water during warm weather). These must be displayed to the Sifting Committee at check-in time. No crocks or bowls allowed. Rabbits will not be admitted unless properly functioning spill proof containers accompany the pen.

**Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits each day until rabbits are loaded out at the end of the Show. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor (at the Board's discretion) from showing next year. The rabbit area will be open from 9:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. each day. Rabbits must have water at all times and they must be fed by 7:00p.m. each day. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

14. The Livestock Show will not be responsible for any rabbits that get sick or die for any reason while on exhibit.
15. No oils, polishes, powders, wipes or other products may be used which would cosmetically alter the rabbit's naturally groomed appearance at the show table or at sifting.
16. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with American Rabbit Breeders' Association's (ARBA) Standard and Guide. Judges will additionally refer to the appropriate Breed Standards, as they deem necessary.
17. Basically the four judging factors are:
  - A. **GENERAL TYPE** - Look for rabbits that are compact, short and well filled out with rounded solid flesh. Protruding hips, pin bones, back bones (spines), etc. are faults. Look for wide, deep loins, thickness of the hindquarters and well-developed shoulders. Hindquarters are most important. Loin is next and shoulders are third in importance.
  - B. **CONDITION** - Each rabbit should be in prime condition
  - C. **COLOR**
  - D. **FUR**
18. General public and spectators will not be allowed to handle any exhibitor's rabbit at any time during the week of the show. Only the exhibitor, FFA Leader, 4-H Project Leader or parent will be allowed to handle their own individual, club, or chapter's rabbit projects at any time during the week of the show.
19. Exhibitors will be required to display their rabbits at the show tables as directed by the judge. Any exhibitor who places in their class must remain in the rabbit barn until advised to leave. Failure to remain in the area will result forfeiture of any further placing.
20. Each exhibitor will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter in this division but may enter no more than one (1) entry per class. Classes may be combined if necessary.
  - Class 1** Junior New Zealand Doe  
Under 6 months of age  
not over 9 lbs. (Minimum weight 6 lbs.)
  - Class 2** Junior New Zealand Buck  
Under 6 months of age  
not over 9 lbs.(Minimum weight 6 lbs.)
  - Class 3** Intermediate New Zealand Doe  
6 to 8 months of age,  
not over 11 lbs.
  - Class 4** Intermediate New Zealand Buck  
6 to 8 months of age  
not over 10 lbs.
  - Class 5** Senior New Zealand Doe  
8 months of age and over  
weight 10 to 12 lbs.

**Class 6** Senior New Zealand Buck  
8 months of age and over  
weight 9 to 11 lbs.

**Class 7** Junior Californian Doe  
Under 6 months of age  
not over 8 ½ lbs. (Minimum weight 5 ½ lbs.)

**Class 8** Junior Californian Buck  
Under 6 months of age  
not over 8 lbs. (Minimum weight 5 ½ lbs.)

**Class 9** Intermediate Californian Doe  
under 8 months of age  
not over 9 ½ lbs.

**Class 10** Intermediate Californian Buck  
Under 8 months of age  
not over 9 lbs.

**Class 11** Senior Californian Doe  
8 months of age and over  
weight 8 ½ to 10 ½ lbs.

**Class 12** Senior Californian Buck  
8 months of age and over  
weight 8 to 10 lbs.

After classes 1 through 6 are judged, there will be judging for Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion for the New Zealand breed.

Classes 7 through 12 will be judged, then there will be judging for Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion of the Californian breed.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the Show will be picked from the Breed Champions and the Reserve Breed Champion of the breed that produced the Grand Champion.

Rabbits and all belongings in pen areas must promptly be removed from showgrounds Sunday, March 10, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 40 also apply.

Breed Champion-----Rosette  
Reserve Breed Champion -----Rosette  
Grand Champion ----- Scholarship, Belt Buckle & Banner  
Reserve Grand Champion--Scholarship, Trophy and Banner

## **SCHEDULE FOR PREMIUM AWARDS**

Premiums will be paid as follows:

1 - 10 Entries -----To 5th Place  
11 - 20 Entries----- To 10th Place  
21 - 30 Entries----- To 15th Place  
Over 30 Entries ----- To 20th Place

### **PLACING**

### **PREMIUM**

1 -----	\$35
2 -----	\$34
3 -----	\$33
4 -----	\$32
5 -----	\$31
6 -----	\$30
7 -----	\$29
8 -----	\$28
9 -----	\$27
10-----	\$26
11-----	\$25
12-----	\$24
13-----	\$23
14-----	\$22
15-----	\$21
16-----	\$20
17-----	\$19
18-----	\$18
19-----	\$17
20-----	\$16

## **JR. BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP**

### **Saturday, March 9**

Only exhibitors who are exhibiting their own rabbits will be allowed to enter the Jr. Breeding Rabbit Showmanship Competition. They must register for showmanship a Rabbit Check-in on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups.

15 years old and  
over 12 to 14 years  
of age  
8 to 11 years of age  
As of day of show.

Exhibitors must report to the Rabbit Area, at which time a multiple-choice exam will be given at a determined location. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service rabbit literature that is available through the County Agents and from the 2011 through 2015 edition of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection (pages 4 - 15; 29 thru 57; 90 thru 91; and 182 thru 184).

### **Sunday, March 10**

(After completion of all rabbit judging):

The five contestants from each of the age groups, who scored highest on the multiple choice exam, will go to the show table, each with one of their previously shown RGVLS rabbits, individually as called, for final competition.

Physical "showing" of their rabbits will constitute 100% of the score. Prizes will be awarded in each age group as follows:

1st Place-----\$150.00 and Belt Buckle  
2nd Place-----\$125.00 and ribbon  
3rd Place-----\$100.00 and ribbon  
4th Place-----\$75.00 and ribbon