

**WALKER COUNTY FAIR
FRYER-PEN RABBIT DIVISION RULES**

1. This show is not a TRBA/ARBA sanctioned show, however, ARBA rules and standards will be followed in the judging process.
2. All rabbit entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Walker County Fair Association.
3. Exhibitors must own and **be in possession of** their breeding does prior to the first mandatory meeting (first Thursday in November).
4. All eligible Walker County 4-H and FFA members are qualified to compete.
5. All participants/exhibitors must attend two mandatory meetings in order to remain eligible for competition. **Each exhibitor and parent/guardian will receive and sign for a copy of the rabbit division rules and spot check procedures.** At the first mandatory meeting, information forms including breeding doe tattoo numbers will be filled out to include all breeding doe tattoo numbers. **When completing the “Breeder Registration” form, if you have multiple children that reside in the same household (siblings, grandchildren, cousins, etc.), you need to include all of the same doe tattoo numbers on each child’s forms as they are in the same immediate family. If you keep your rabbits at another location where multiple families keep their rabbits, ownership must be separated by each child that is not in the same immediate household.** The second mandatory meeting is to complete the information forms by indicating the number of kits born still alive to each doe according to the tattoo number of each doe. A validation tattoo will also be affixed to each kit at this time and only on this date. Without this validation tattoo, they will not be allowed to be used in the meat pen. The second mandatory meeting will be the Thursday 2 weeks prior to the date of our rabbit show (date to be determined by WCFA). The date of our 2nd mandatory will be determined by September 1st each year. **EXHIBITOR MUST ATTEND THESE TWO MEETINGS UNLESS PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL OR THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM COMPETITION IN THE WALKER COUNTY FAIR.** Due only to reasons beyond control of the exhibitor to attend these mandatory meetings the participant have 7 days after the missed meeting to submit a written letter to the Committee Chairman stating the reason they could not attend. At this point, eligibility status will be determined by a WCFA Rabbit Committee vote.
6. WCFA Entry Forms will be provided at the regularly scheduled 4-H meeting on the first Monday in March. Completed entry form along with the entry fee must be turned in along with the entry fee at this meeting in order to maintain eligibility. If exhibitor is not able to attend this meeting, their entry form & fee must be received by the WCFA Livestock Secretary no later than March 10th and it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure they have been received and documented.
7. A meat pen is to consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed or variety. Each rabbit is to be under 70 days old and weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds to a maximum of five and 1/2 (5 1/2) pounds to qualify for the show.
8. Rabbits entered in the meat pen competition must be permanently tattooed in the left ear with separate and unique identifying letters and (or) numbers. **Validation tattoo must be affixed in the right ear.**
9. Each exhibitor must deliver his/her meat pen to the check-in table prior to commencement of judging. Prior to or upon check-in, exhibitors will be responsible for completing all paperwork required by the WCFA. During the check-in process, weights and ear tattoo numbers will be recorded and verified. Following check-in, a WCFA Rabbit Committee representative will place the rabbits on the show table. Following the judge’s remarks, exhibitors are responsible

for removing meat pens from the show table and placing them in the designated exhibit pens, in accordance with rule #13.

10. Only in cases of extreme hardship, and then only with a written letter to the Committee Chairman, will an exhibitor be excused from showing an animal and being present at the Premium or Freezer Sale in which the pen is sold.
11. If one or more rabbits in a pen is disqualified and/or eliminated because of a disease, medical or illness related issue, the entire pen is disqualified and will not be allowed to sell in the Premium or Freezer Sale and animals must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Any other reason for disqualification as defined by the ARBA Standards of Perfection will not preclude the exhibitor from competing but will instead be placed at the bottom of the class as a “no place” and they will be allowed to continue their participation in the fair and in the Freezer Sale.
12. The Judge’s decision on placements of the class will be final and all prizes will be awarded in accordance with A.R.B.A. *Standard of Perfection* by a licensed judge. However, should any violations of the WCFA general rules or the rules contained herein occur, exhibitors will be subject to the penalties and/or forfeiture of their winnings as stated in these rules.
13. All exhibitors will select only one fryer from the meat pen shown which shall remain on exhibit throughout the fair until the designated check-out time. No substitutions will be allowed without the written consent of the WCFA Rabbit Committee. Any allowable substitutions must be from the meat pen shown.
14. All qualified meat pens shown, as defined in rule #13, will remain on exhibit during the fair, but ONLY the top fifteen (15) pens will be sold in the Premium Sale. Any additions to or changes in the sale order will be determined by WCFA.
15. Each exhibitor will be responsible for DAILY feeding and care of his/her rabbits, keeping the pen and surrounding area clean at all times during the fair. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and clean fresh water for their pen. No feed or water storage containers or equipment of any kind will be allowed to be stored in the exhibition area. Rabbits on exhibit will be subject to inspection by the Committee to insure compliance with show rules.
16. At the conclusion of the fair, there will be a designated check-out time to remove exhibitor’s rabbit(s) from the exhibition area. Upon check-out **Failure to ensure the feeding and care of your rabbits will result in your animals being disqualified and removed from the fairgrounds.**, all tattoo numbers will be verified before they are released to the exhibitor and/or their parent(s). The exhibitor and/or parent will be required to sign a release form before they will be allowed to remove the rabbit(s) from the fairgrounds.
17. **All breeding stock and possible fair entries (offspring) will be subject to mandatory spot checks at the discretion of the committee between the first mandatory meeting date and 2 weeks prior to the rabbit show. Random additional spot checks will be conducted at the discretion of the committee to ensure compliance with the rules by all exhibitors and their families.** If exhibitor does not comply with this rule or any of the rules stated herein, they will not be allowed to show.

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**WCFA GENERAL RULES HAVE BEEN
UPDATED AND CAN BE REVIEWED AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<http://www.walkercountyfair.com/>

(under the Tab “About” “General Rules”)