



WSRBA YOUTH CONTEST CONTACT INFO:

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WSRBA 2022 YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by WSRBA youth members in the areas of housing & equipment, feeding & animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding & genetics for the care and production of rabbits and/or cavies.

RULES

- 1 Any WSRBA youth member is eligible to compete.
- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to seven pages and less than 5500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name and category you are competing in at the top of each page of information submitted.

CATEGORIES

Applications will be judged on the number of cages/adult animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals. Divisions are: Limited Rabbitry (1-20 Holes), Average Rabbitry (21-50 Holes), Unlimited Rabbitry (51+ Holes), and Cavity (all sizes). MEMBERS CAN ENTER ONLY ONE DIVISION. Winners will be announced at the WSRBA Virtual Annual Meeting.

SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Cages, Housing & Equipment (50 points); Breeding & Production (50 points); Care, Health & Herd Management (30 points); Record Keeping (20 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers (30 points); Neatness & Appearance of Application (20 points). Applications that do not follow the rules listed above will be assessed a penalty of 10 points per infraction, with the exception of late applications which will be assessed a penalty of 20 points for up to one week late and disqualification for later than one week.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

All entries must be completed by 11:59:59 p.m. on **August 1, 2022**. E-mail completed questions and contestant information page to wsrbabulletin@aol.com. Please note that the ARBA deadline for this contest is 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 1, 2022. We will be providing timely feedback for youth to submit their applications at the national level.

Mail entries to: Angela Penterman
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QUESTIONS

- 1 When did you join the WSRBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- 2 Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). Also include 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.?
- 4 How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
- 5 Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of and how they are constructed.
- 6 Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
- 7 What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
- 8 How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
- 9 Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
- 10 Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for kindling.
- 11 Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
- 12 How many litters with how many total animals did you have born since January 1, 2021? How many young did you wean?
- 13 Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
- 14 Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
- 15 How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2021? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
- 16 Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
- 17 Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
- 18 Did your WSRBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.