

2017 ROYALTY CONTEST RULES FOR KING, QUEEN, DUKE, DUCHESS, PRINCE, PRINCESS, LORD AND LADY.

1. **WSRBA Royalty Divisions are:** King (Boys, Ages 15-18 years), Queen (Girls, Ages 15-18 years), Duke (Boys, Ages 12-14 years), Duchess (Girls, Ages 12-14 years), Prince (Boys, Ages 9-11 years), Princess (Girls, Ages 9-11 years), Lord (Boys, Ages 5-8 years), Lady (Girls, Ages 5-8 years). Age is determined by the contestant's age on the Saturday of the WSRBA Convention.
2. **Qualifications:**
 - A. All youth who are members of the WSRBA can compete in the WSRBA Royalty Contests and receive awards, no matter what their state of residence is, so long as he/she is a member of the WSRBA as of August 1 of the royalty application year. In addition, the youth applicant must also be a member in good standing at the time of the WSRBA State Convention.
 - B. Contestants and their parents shall agree to only represent the WSRBA during their royalty term and contestant CANNOT hold an equivalent award in another state.
 - C. Contestants must have shown at a minimum of one WSRBA sanctioned show during the following period of time: from the close of the last WSRBA State Convention to August 1st of the royalty application year. To show proof of the show he/she exhibited in, youth shall attach a copy of a show report evidencing that he/she has shown.
 - D. The Duke, Duchess, Prince, Princess, Lord, Lady, King and Queen shall be eligible to compete every year within their respective age limits.
3. **Royalty Winners Expectations and Code of Conduct:**
 - A. In the event that a Royalty winner cannot complete his/her reign, the runner up will perform these duties.
 - B. Royalty winners will represent the WSRBA at shows and activities.
 - C. The reign of each royalty position will be for one (1) year from WSRBA Convention to WSRBA Convention.
 - D. The Royalty winner is expected to wear the awards given by the WSRBA, which symbolizes their status at WSRBA shows and activities.
 - E. The Royalty winners will use appropriate behavior at all times.
 - F. The Royalty winners will demonstrate positive sportsmanship and attitude at all times.
 - G. The Royalty winners will use appropriate language at all times.
 - H. The Royalty winners are prohibited from using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs during his/her reign.
 - I. The Royalty winners will show respect to others by being courteous and respectful.
 - J. The Royalty winners will wear appropriate clothing when representing the WSRBA during his/her reign.

If Possible:

 - K. The Royalty winners will represent the WSRBA at the ARBA Convention.
 - L. The Royalty winners will represent the WSRBA at the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Show. WSRBA will reimburse the royalty for the gate admission fee to the State Fair on the day of the Youth rabbit judging or some other day during the WI State Fair as designated.
 - M. All royalty winners shall assist the WSRBA Youth Director, National Teams Chairpersons or the Royalty Chairperson with one activity throughout his/her reign as WSRBA Royalty Winner.
4. **Contest Information:**
 - A. **Royalty applications are to be mailed to the Royalty co-chair as detailed on the application and must be postmarked by August 1, 2016. Late applications will be assessed a penalty of 20 points for up to one week late and disqualification for later than one week.** Royalty application is strictly for the royalty program; and there is a separate application for National Teams.

- B. Only volunteers and contestants will be allowed in contest area. Youth contestants shall check in at the royalty registration table at 6:45 a.m. Royalty contests start at 7:00 a.m. on the first day of the convention. There are no alternative times to participate in the royalty contest.
 - C. Contestants are not permitted to leave the royalty contest area until he/she has completed the contest unless granted permission by royalty co-chair; and failure to follow this rule will cause the youth to forfeit his/her scores.
 - D. No study aids allowed in contest area except as provided in the contest description.
 - E. Contestants must adhere to rules of contest and directions of volunteers and Royalty Committee Members.
 - F. The winners will be announced at the WSRBA Banquet. Each winner's photograph and answer to royalty application question no. 6 will be printed in the bulletin and posted on the WSRBA website.
5. **Royalty Contest Components:** The components of the royalty contest are application, written examination, interview/showmanship, breed identification contest, and judging. The following is a further description of each component:

Application. Application is to be composed and completed by the contestant. *Application consists of the completed application form below, typed answers to the six (6) royalty questions below (printed on one side only), and a photograph of contestant.* This photo is part of your application and will be used in the WSRBA bulletin and website if you are a Royalty winner.

Written Examination at the convention. The questions for the test will be taken from the *ARBA Official Guidebook*, the *ARBA Yearbook*, the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the *ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*, and past issues of the *Domestic Rabbits* and *WSRBA Bulletins*. Contestants will be provided help reading or writing down his/her answers on his/her test if requested.

Interview/Showmanship. For the showmanship examination, contestants will be scored on their ability to handle and evaluate an animal; and a sample score sheet is available on the ARBA website. In addition, youth will be asked questions concerning their rabbit/cavy project.

Judging. For the judging category, each contestant (except Lord and Lady) will judge four classes of four animals; and this is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. Placements will be made on special forms provided. The use of the *ARBA Standard of Perfection* at the judging table is encouraged. (Lord/ Lady and Prince/Princess will not be participating in the Judging contest).

Breed Identification Contest. Contestant will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, listing the complete breed name as printed in the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*. They will also identify the showroom variety, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. No abbreviations are accepted.

6. **Royalty Contest Scoring.** The final scores for the royalty contest will be the sum of the scores for each of the five components of the contest. The components are application (200 points), written examination (200 points), interview/showmanship examination (200 points), breed identification (200 points), and individual rabbit/cavy judging (200 points for all age categories except Lord/Lady and Prince/Princess). Application will be judged on the following criteria: size and scope of project (40 points); purpose, goals and plans for the future (40 points); management (30 points); achievement (40 points); clarity and thoroughness of answers (30 points); and timeliness of application (20 points).

Royalty Co-chair Contact Information:

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2017 WSRBA ROYALTY APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Cell No. at Convention _____

Date of Birth _____ Age on Saturday of Convention _____ Photo included? _____

Age Division: ___ King (15-18) ___ Queen (15-18)
 ___ Duke (12-14) ___ Duchess (12-14)
 ___ Prince (9-11) ___ Princess (9-11)
 ___ Lord (5-8) ___ Lady (5-8)

CIRCLE ONE T-shirt Size: ___ Child Small ___ Child Medium ___ Child Large/Adult Small
 ___ Adult Medium ___ Adult Large ___ Adult XL ___ Adult XXL

Breeds Exhibiting at Youth State Convention Show: _____

Emergency contact No. 1: Name _____ Cell No. _____

Emergency contact No. 2: Name _____ Cell No. _____

WSRBA YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- 1. How and when did you get started in the project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.**
- 2. Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.**
- 3. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?**
- 4. What are your goals for the project?**
- 5. How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?**
- 6. Write a short description of your achievements, including any thank yous. (Note: Each royalty winners Question 6 will be printed in the bulletin and posted on the website together with his/her photograph).**

Contestant needs someone to write or have the test read to him/her: ___ YES ___ NO

Publicity Release: I authorize the WSRBA or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child, if under 18) for use in WSRBA educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the WSRBA Inc. Circle one of the following: YES NO

Youth must have parental permission to participate in this contest. Further, by signing this application, both parents and participant are confirming that you agree to the following statement:

I(we) understand participants will be minimally supervised and that contest participants may be handling live animals. If serious illness or injury develops attempts will be made to contact the listed emergency contacts. **I (we) have read and understand the WSRBA CONTEST RULES STATED ABOVE, the conduct rules recited therein, and publicity release.** I hereby release the Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. (WSRBA) and their agents, employees, officers, board members and activity chairs, associated with the royalty program from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind, including claims of negligence, which may arise from participation in any WSRBA Youth sponsored activity and contests.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Contestant Signature _____ **Parent Signature** _____

POSTMARK DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2017
MAIL ENTRIES TO: NICOLE GATES W4125 STONE RD. CHILTON, WI 53014