



## WSRBA YOUTH CONTEST CONTACT INFO:

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# WSRBA 2024 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, 2024**. E-mail completed questions and contestant information page to [wsrbabulletin@aol.com](mailto:wsrbabulletin@aol.com). Please note that the ARBA deadline for this contest is 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 1, 2024. 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? Explain any lapses in membership.
2. List the breed(s) you now raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Why did you choose this (these) breed(s)? Tell what other 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? How does this location protect your animals from heat, cold, drafts or pests?
4. List or make a table of the number of cages/coops you have and their sizes. Describe what materials they are made of and how constructed.
5. Other than feed and water equipment, describe or list ALL other equipment you use in the care/management of your animals
6. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals and how your feed is stored.
7. What type(s) of feed do you give your animals? Do you give other supplements or anything in addition to their daily feed? If so, why?
8. How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
9. What do you do daily, weekly, monthly in the care of your animals. Be specific
10. What measures do you take for biosecurity in your rabbitry/cavity?
11. Describe any diseases that have affected you production and what you did to control them.
12. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, breeding pair choices etc.
13. Describe everything you do to prepare for kindling, care of the mother and young from breeding until weaning? Include your weaning process, age, and any other considerations.
14. List or make a table of how many total litters born, total young born and number of young weaned since January 1, 2021. If you had a difference between total young born and totally weaned, can you explain why?
15. Explain what you consider when bringing in new stock or bloodlines into your breeding program. What specific characteristics are you looking for?
16. Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
17. What types of records do you keep for your breeding program? Why are these particular records important for the success of your breeding program and achieving the goals that you have set?
18. Did your WSRBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.



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## WSRBA 2024 ACHIEVEMENT / MANAGEMENT ENTRY FORM

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

Junior (Ages 5 to 11 years)     Intermediate (Ages 12 to 14 years)     Senior (Ages 15 -18 years)

### MANAGEMENT CONTEST

Limited Rabbitry (1-20 Holes)     Average Rabbitry (21-50 Holes)     Unlimited Rabbitry (51+ Holes)

Cavity (all sizes)

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_