

# TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## TRBA 2015 State Youth Individual Contests

### Purpose

To acknowledge excellence among TRBA youth members in attendance at the TRBA State Show through the evaluation of their knowledge and skills involved in the rabbit and cavy industry.

### Rules

1. Any TRBA youth member is eligible to compete; however, attendance at the TRBA State Show is required.
2. A contestant may enter as many contests that are age-appropriate as they wish.
3. The age of a contestant is determined as of the last day of the TRBA State Show.
4. All contestants must check in, either personally or by an adult representative, by 7 am Saturday.
5. Results of the contests will be used to determine team members representing Texas at the ARBA National Convention.

### Contests and Divisions

#### Breed Identification Contest

1. Divisions: Pre-Junior (under 8 years), Junior (ages 9 to 11 years), Intermediate (ages 12 to 14 years) and Senior (ages 15-18 years).
2. Contestants will identify a number of animals, both rabbits and cavies, listing the complete breed name as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection, the showroom variety, whether a 4-class or 6-class breed, and the registration variety of each animal.
3. No abbreviations are accepted.

#### Quiz Bowl Contest

1. Division: Pre-Junior (under 8 years) and Junior (ages 9 to 11 years).
2. Contestants will participate in a Jeopardy-type competition, demonstrating their rabbit and cavy knowledge.

#### Showmanship Contest

1. Division: Pre-Junior (under 8 years) and Junior (ages 9 to 11 years).
2. Contestants will examine and evaluate an animal, telling the judge what they are doing and why as they go along. The ARBA showmanship scorecard will be used.
3. Call backs may be required in the case of a tie.

#### Judging Contest

1. Divisions: Intermediate (ages 12 to 14 years) and Senior (ages 15-18 years).
2. Each individual will place two classes of four animals per class. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged.
3. Judging classes may involve rabbits (including meat classes), cavies or fur.
4. Call backs will be made in the case of a tie.

#### Written Examination

1. Divisions: Pre-Junior (under 8 years), Junior (ages 9 to 11 years), Intermediate (ages 12 to 14 years) and Senior (ages 15-18 years).
2. Examination questions will be drawn from the ARBA Official Guidebook to Raising Better Rabbits and Cavies, the ARBA Yearbook, ARBA Standard of Perfection, the ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide, current issue of the Domestic Rabbit magazine, the TRBA Yearbook, and current issues of the TRBA News.
3. Pre-juniors or those with special needs may request an adult to assist or read for them (no family members may assist).

### Entry Procedures

Contestants should enter before 10 p.m. on Friday, and check in before 7 a.m. on Saturday morning for the Written Examination.

Individuals who are competing for placement on the Texas Team for the ARBA National Convention may be required to compete in the next age-appropriate competition if their birthday occurs between the Texas State Show and the ARBA National Convention, causing them to move up a division.