2023 Youth Management Contest

Purpose

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

Rules

- Any youth as a California State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association member is eligible to compete. Membership may be "pending" at the time that the application is submitted, but must be obtained prior to convention. All applicants will be verified for current membership.
- Attendance at the California State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association Youth Contests is not necessary.
- Application must be made using the form provided by the California State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association Youth Committee. These forms are available from the California State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association Youth Committee members and the website.
- Applications will be judged by the number of cages/adult animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals.
- Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- Up to seven (7) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. There will be 10 points deducted for exceeding this maximum or for submitting a form that is not filled out correctly or incomplete. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
- Include your name, division and page number at the top of each page of information submitted. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule.
- Winners will be announced at an awards presentation following the shows and competitions on Saturday.
- Send your original application directions page and one copy of your answers if mailing in.
- Applications <u>must be</u> received by midnight on Friday, February 3, 2023. You can email your application and direction form as an attachment in Google Docs, Microsoft Word or PDF document to [District2Royalty@gmail.com.](mailto:District2Royalty@gmail.com) You <u>will receive</u> a confirmation email once your application is received. If you cannot email it, then you may mail it to:

Mail applications to: Tacy Currey ~ P.O. Box 582 ~ Dixon, Ca 95620

- <mark>Emailed applications files must be renamed "Cal State Management – your name"</mark>

Scoring Rubric:		
	Cages, Housing & Equipment	50 points
	Breeding & Production	50 points
	Care, Health & Herd Management	30 points
	Record Keeping	20 points
	Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
	Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
	Total Possible Score	200 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.

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Application and Direction Form

Cal State Exp. _____ Date of Birth _____ Age ____ (On the day of competition.)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____ Email _____

<u>I HAVE READ THE ACCOMPANYING RULES FOR THIS CONTEST AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.</u>

Applicant's Signature _____ Type your name if emailing

Select One:

☐ Limited - 20 holes and under

☐ Average – 21 to 50 holes

☐ Unlimited- 51 holes and up

Directions

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your OWN paper (8.5 in x 11 in). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives. No more that seven (7) pages in addition to this page are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts with minimum margins of ½ inch. **Please have ONLY division and the page number on the top of each page.** Application must be received by midnight on Friday, February 3, 2023. Please email to District2Royalty@gmail.com or send to Tacy Currey ~ P.O. Box 582 Dixon, Ca 95620

1. When did you join the ARBA 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. (i.e., 18x24 inch cages made of 12 gauge GAW wire)
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, times 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 in the previous 2 calendar years? 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 in the past 2 calendar years? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
16. What measures do you take for bio-security in your rabbitry/cavitry?
17. Identify a management challenge you had this year. How did you identify it? Were you able to solve it? Explain how.
18. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
19. Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
20. Did your ARBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

**If you cannot type in this document or don't have access to a scanner, then please type the required info into a new document and copy/paste the questions as well. Failure to include this information will result in a 10 point penalty.

Questions or concerns? Contact Tacy Currey tacy@curreyranch.com or text 707-678-5958