

## Department 08 - Rabbits Junior Division

Superintendents: Mallory Pienta and Nicole Morrow

**Check-In Time & Day** – 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Wednesday of the Fair

**Judging Time & Day** – 9 a.m. on Friday of the Fair

**Check Out** – 4 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair



### ADDITIONAL RULES OF ENTRY

- Youth eligible to exhibit in this department are those enrolled in a 4H, FFA, or other approved youth group carrying a similar supervised program in a Rabbit project area.
- Only one entry may be entered under each lot number.
- All rabbit exhibits must be in the possession of exhibitors by June 1 except market fryers and meat pen rabbits.

### REQUIREMENTS, REGULATIONS & RULES:

A complete list of animal exhibit rules can be found in the '**General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors**' section of the premium book. All rules within that section of the premium book apply, in addition to the information documented herein.

#### Animal Identification:

- All rabbits exhibited must be identified by a permanent identification number in ear.
- Identification may be accomplished by an indelible marker or tattoo.

#### Required Records or Documents:

- Exhibitors must turn in record keeping documents from their project to the department Superintendent at check-in.
  - 4-H Project Record Book pages or FFA SAE Award Application qualifies.
    - Other record forms need to be submitted to the Fair Board in advance of the Fair for approval.
  - 'Youth Livestock Project Record' form (choose the correct grade) for Market Rabbits only.
  - 'Livestock Managerial Project Agreement' form if the animal is not owned by the exhibitor.
- All records must be signed and fully completed, NO EXCEPTIONS!

#### Animal Health:

- All health requirements set by the State of Wisconsin DATCP must be met before the animals are allowed entry at the Fair.

#### Pen Reservations:

- Exhibitors must contact Fair Data Entry Clerk: Stacie Pienta *no later* than August 3 to reserve the number of pens they will require.
  - Email: [staciepienta@gmail.com](mailto:staciepienta@gmail.com)
  - Mail: 9377 County Rd CC, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
- Exhibitors must specify the number of cages needed for entries.
- Exhibitors should indicate what exhibits can be doubled up if there is a shortage of cages.

#### Barn rules and displays:

A complete list of barn and display rules can be found in the '**General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors**' section of the premium book.

- Each exhibitor must bring suitable containers for feed and water and must supply their own fasteners for cages.
- All exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals and all animals must have food and water in their cage until dismissal.
- Pens should be cleaned on a daily basis.
- All pens must be cleaned before birds will be released.

**Additional Rules for Exhibits:**

- Neutered rabbits are not allowed to be shown in either the meat or breed classes.
- Does nursing a litter may not be shown.
- Rabbits that are not weaned may not be entered or brought to the fair.
- Rabbits sold during the fair must have been entered in the show.
- In accordance with WDATCP ATCP 160, classes may be combined where there is no competition, or split if too large.
- Weigh-In: Rabbits will be weighed upon entry.

**Department Definitions** (as defined by ATCP 160.58 and the Fair Board):

- **Fryer Rabbit:** May not be over 69 days old nor weigh over 5.5 pounds. The rabbit may not be entered in any other class.
- **Roaster Rabbit:** Rabbit of either sex, between 70 and 180 days old, weighing not less than 5 pounds or over 8 pounds. The rabbit may not be entered in any other class.
- **Stewer Rabbit:** Rabbit of either sex, 6 months of age and over, minimum weight over 8 pounds. The rabbit may not be entered in any other class.
- **Meat Pen:** A meat pen exhibit shall consist of 3 rabbits, all of which shall be of the same breed and variety. No rabbit may be over 69 days old nor weigh over 5.5 pounds. Rabbits entered in this exhibit may not be entered in any other class.
- **Pet Rabbit:** Rabbit of either sex, over 6 months of age, which is shown in no other class under this section.
- **Crossbred Rabbit:** Rabbit of either sex, subcategorized by over or under 6 months of age.

**AWARDS - ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

**Sale of Champions**

Youth exhibiting in any market rabbit class can qualify for the Sale of Champions if all requirements are met.

- Exhibitors must meet all requirements outlined in ‘**General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors**’ section of the premium book.
- Exhibitors must have shown rabbits in at least one class in addition to the market class in the rabbit show at the Oconto County Fair.
- Exhibits must meet performance standards. See weight requirements listed above.
- Market Rabbit Exhibitors awarded the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the rabbit show will sell in the Sale of Champions, if qualified.
- All rabbit exhibits must be in the possession of exhibitors by June 1 except market fryers and meat pen rabbits.
- Exhibits must earn a blue ribbon to be eligible to sell.
- To reduce time required and confusion, rabbits will be weighed upon entry rather than on show day.

**Other Awards**

- Best of Breed will be selected from each of the purebred classes.
- Best of Breed winners will compete for Reserve and Best in Show.
- Only varieties approved by the ARBA may compete for Best In Show

<b><u>PREMIUMS:</u></b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25

**PUREBRED 6 CLASS BREEDS:**

**CLASS AA – CALIFORNIAN**  
**CLASS AB – NEW ZEALAND**  
**CLASS AC – SATIN**  
**CLASS AD – FLEMISH GIANT**  
**CLASS AE – FRENCH LOP**  
**CLASS AF – CHECKERED GIANT**  
**CLASS AG – CR’EME D’ARGENT**  
**CLASS AH – ANY OTHER 6 CLASS BREED**

**Lot Numbers:**

1. Buck (Over 8 months old)
2. Doe (Over 8 months old)
3. Buck (6-8 months old)
4. Doe (6-8 Months old)
5. Buck (Under 6 months old)
6. Doe (Under 6 months old)

**PUREBRED 4 CLASS BREEDS:**

**CLASS AI – ANGORA (FRENCH OR ENGLISH)**  
**CLASS AJ – DUTCH**  
**CLASS AK – ENGLISH SPOT**  
**CLASS AL – HARLEQUIN**  
**CLASS AM – JERSEY WOOLY**  
**CLASS AN – DWARF HOTOT**  
**CLASS AO – MINI LOP**  
**CLASS AP – HOLLAND LOP**  
**CLASS AQ – NETHERLAND DWARF**  
**CLASS AR – REX**  
**CLASS AS – MINI REX**  
**CLASS AT – SILVER MARTEN**  
**CLASS AU – POLISH**  
**CLASS AV – HAVANA**  
**CLASS AW – LIONHEADS**  
**CLASS AX – ANY OTHER 4 CLASS BREED**

**Lot Numbers:**

1. Buck (Over 6 months old)
2. Doe (Over 6 months old)
3. Buck (Under 6 months old)
4. Doe (Under 6 months old)

**CLASS AY – CROSSBREDS RABBITS**

**Lot Numbers:**

1. Crossbreds (Over 6 months old)
2. Crossbreds (Under 6 months old)

**CLASS AZ – MARKET RABBITS**

**Lot Numbers:**

1. Fryer Rabbit
2. Roaster Rabbit

3. Stewer Rabbit
4. Meat Pen

**CLASS BA – PET RABBIT**

**Lot Numbers:**

1. Beginner, Grades 3-5
2. Intermediate, Grades 6-8
3. Senior, Grade 9 & up

**CLASS BB – RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

<b><u>PREMIUMS:</u></b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Exhibitors in rabbit showmanship must show one of their project animals in the showmanship class.
- This class will use the Danish Judging system.

**Lot Numbers:**

4. Beginner, Grades 3-5
5. Intermediate, Grades 6-8
6. Senior, Grade 9 & up