

YOUTH RABBIT SHOW

FEBRUARY 8 - 13, 2012

OFFICIAL A.R.B.A. SHOW

This show will be governed by A.R.B.A. Guidelines

Show Superintendent.....Thelma Thompson
 Secretary.....Cheryl Thompson
 Champion Youth Coordinator.....Angela Lofley

Youth Rabbit Show Committee

Ronald & Melissa Taylor Eddie Hodel
 Jamie & Cheryl Thompson Hyla Hoover
 Jimmy & Thelma Thompson Angela Lofley

Show Schedule

Educational Opportunities See Point Categories on Page 5 & 6

Deadline for Scholarship Applications & Youth Livestock Grant ApplicationDec. 2, 2011

Entry Due DateJan. 3, 2012
..... (Postmark or Hand Delivered)
1st Late Entry PeriodJan. 10, 2012
..... (Double Entry Fees)
Final Late Entry PeriodJan. 11, 2012
..... (Double Entry Fees plus \$100.00)
Deadline for Corrected Entries.....Jan. 20, 2012

Youth Rabbits Arrive.....Feb. 8, 12 noon - 8 p.m.
 All Record Books/Pre-Fair Talks InFeb 8, by 9 p.m.
 All Educational Posters InFeb. 8, by 9 p.m.



Judging of Youth Rabbits Feb. 9, 10 a.m.
 Exhibitor Meeting.....Feb. 9, 12 noon
 Showmanship Test.....Feb. 9, 12:30 p.m.
 Skilathon/Record Book Skills Test.....Feb. 9, 1 p.m.
 (Seniors -1 p.m./ Intermediates -2 p.m./ Juniors -3 p.m.)
 Vol. in Ask Me Booth.....Feb. 9, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Judging of Youth Rabbits Feb. 10, 10 a.m.
 Vol. In Ask Me Booth..... Feb. 10, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.



Vol. in Ask Me Booth.....Feb. 11, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Showmanship.....Feb. 11
Seniors - 9 a.m. - 12 pm
Intermediates & Juniors - 1 pm

Vol. in Ask Me Booth.....Feb.12, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Announce Champion YouthFeb. 13, 5 p.m.
 Youth Rabbit BOB Photos.....Feb. 13, 5 p.m.
 Youth Rabbit ReleaseFeb. 13, 5 - 7 p.m.

Individuals are limited to entering a maximum of 2 Youth Livestock Shows at the 2012 Florida State Fair.

Official A.R.B.A. Sanctioned Show

Brad Boyce, Executive Director, P.O. Box 426, Bloomington, IL 61702

Sanction Fees: *Open \$25.00/Youth \$20.00, Open & Youth in conjunction \$40.00*

Membership Dues: *Adult \$20.00 (\$50.00 for 3 year); H/W \$30.00 (\$75.00 for 3 years); Single Adult Family \$20.00 plus \$5.00 per Youth (\$50.00 plus \$10.00 per Youth for 3 years); H/W Family \$30.00 plus \$5.00 per Youth (\$75.00 plus \$10.00 per Youth for 3 years); Individual Youth \$12.00 (\$30.00 for 3 years); Life Membership \$300.00 plus \$200.00 for spouse.*

Florida State RBA Sanctioned Show

Jaimie Thompson, Secretary, 44655 Clay Gully Road, Myakka City, FL 34251 (941) 322-8557

Email - CLTJRT@aol.com

Membership Fees: Hauband/Wife \$15.00; Single Adult \$10.00; Youth \$5.00 + \$3.00 in newsletter desired.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All exhibitors entering this show shall agree to abide by the following rules and regulations.

Each exhibitor entered will be required to bring in their own rabbits upon arrival, unless special written permission is granted from Show Superintendent.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All animals must be in the possession, ownership and care of the exhibitor as of January 3, 2012. Per ARBA, an exhibitor must be specified as an individual. Please Note: A chapter can be specified as an exhibitor but the individual name of the student responsible for the animal must be included.
2. Youth Rabbit Exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 18 (as of Sept. 1, 2011). Anyone having currently graduated or dropped out of high school shall be **ineligible** to enter or show.
3. **Exhibitors must be present at check-in of rabbits unless special permission has been requested in writing by January 20th and granted by Show Superintendent.**
4. Entries received without ear numbers or complete information will be returned to exhibitors.
5. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

Please note: The Florida State Fair will furnish a 16% Rabbit feed that will be fed to all animals while they are cooped in the Rabbit Barn during the 2012 Florida State Fair Youth Rabbit Show.

CHAPTERS/CLUBS PLEASE NOTE: Chapters/Clubs must designate student(s) that will enter and compete in all events. That student will be the representative for the Show, Skilathon, Record Book Skills Test, Showmanship and all other competitions. The age of the student(s) will determine the division of their competition (Junior, Intermediate or Senior). Chapters/Clubs must designate student(s) by January 11, 2012 (hand delivered or postmarked – Metered Mail will not be considered as valid or legitimate postmark). If name is not received by January 11, 2012 the animal(s) will be allowed to show and compete for animal premiums ONLY. The Chapter/Club will not qualify for Achievement Premiums or participation in the Champion of Champion program. All Chapter/Clubs must have a Federal ID number to enter. Appropriate form is located on website.

ENTRIES

1. Entry Due Date - All entries must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before January 3, 2012. It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website at www.floridastatefairag.com.

Entry fee will be determined by date entries are postmarked or hand-delivered to the Agribusiness Office. Hand delivered entries will be accepted in the Agribusiness Office up to office closing at 5:00 pm on the day of deadline.

Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

The 1st Late Entry Period for entries postmarked between January 4th & January 10th, 2012 is subject to space availability and will be charged double entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries postmarked January 11th, 2012 is subject to space availability and will be charged double entry fees plus a \$100.00 fee (Youth).

2. If your animal needs tattooing contact the Fair Office or indicate on your entry form.

3. Entry fee for Youth Rabbit Show categories are as follows: \$3.00 for each rabbit and \$3.00 Meat Pen. Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.

4. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on pen availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the postmark.

5. All changes must be made to the Show Secretary at (941) 322-8557 or email Cher2Lvn@aol.com on or before January 20, 2012. There will BE NO CHANGES made after this date. Substitutions/Changes, if necessary, must be ear number only and being of the same breed, sex and classification. Substitutions /Changes till January 20, 2012.

6. All entries must be made on Official Florida State Fair Entry Form, which is available on website. Xerox copies will be accepted. All entry forms must be completed in full to be accepted. Entries received without ear numbers or complete information will be returned to exhibitor. Only one Exhibitor per entry form. Send all entries and fees to: Youth Rabbit Show, Florida State Fair, P.O. Box 11766, Tampa, Florida 33680.

6. All rabbits entered in the Youth Show must be permanently and legibly tattooed for entry purposes in the left ear before bringing to Show Room. Tattooing will not be allowed in the Showroom or on Fairgrounds except when done by the designated ARBA register during designated times for ARBA registration purposes. Non-compliance with this rule will result in elimination of the animal from show and forfeiture of entry fee. **Note: This rule will be strictly enforced.**

7. Exhibitors **MUST** indicate on Entry Form whether or not they plan to keep their animal(s) at a location other than the home place of the exhibitor or the Land Lab for FFA Chapter animals. Failure to provide this information may result in disqualification.

8. Youth exhibitors may also enter the Open Rabbit Show. Youth exhibitors cannot show rabbits that are entered in the Open Show under another name. A separate entry form and fees must be submitted per Open Show rules and regulations (See website for information).

9. For Entry Verification purposes, the Fair suggest sending a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

ASSISTANCE

1. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

2. Adults (other than parents) or similar unauthorized persons are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in preparation or showing of youth animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

3. All preparation will be done in a designated area.

4. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the committee and be in writing before the Fair.

5. Violations can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all premiums, Achievement premiums, etc. will be forfeited.

HEALTH

1. All animals must meet health requirements as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

2. No sick or diseased stock will be allowed in Showroom. The Show Superintendent & Asst. Superintendent have the authority to refuse animals. Every animal must be checked for disease at the check-in table prior to being cooped. Any entry rejected on entry day for sickness or disease will not be allowed to return to Showroom during this show.

3. Any rabbit showing signs of disease or pregnancy after arrival will be quarantined and cared for by an experienced rabbit breeder at owner's expense. Owner will be notified to pick up.

4. No refunds will be made on rejected animals.

GENERAL

1. Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash hands after handling animals.

2. Rabbits may not be bred in Showroom, except with both owners and Show Superintendent present.

3. Any rabbit which is obviously a cross breed and which does not conform to a Breed Standard will not be accepted in Showroom.

4. All rabbits entered in meat pens will be cooped in one single coop and may be entered in Pre-Junior Class or Junior Class with additional regular entry fee.

5. Rabbits will be fed and watered daily. If your animal requires special feeding, then you must take care of this yourself. Extra passes will NOT be given for you to return for special feeding.

Special Do Not Feed signs can be picked up from Show Secretary when rabbits arrive. Only Florida State Fair signs can be on cages.

6. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.

7. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as posted in this premium list will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

8. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.

9. Failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.

10. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.

11. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the barns and livestock area.

12. No dogs allowed in barns.

13. No toys or other paraphernalia in cages with rabbits.

ARRIVAL

1. Rabbits will be received on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. only.

2. All possible care will be taken in receiving, cooping, feeding, caring and returning animals.

3. Management reserves the right to reject any entry.

TICKETS

1. Each youth exhibitor will be provided: Ten (10) daily admission and one (1-Day) parking passes per exhibitor (For Release) ** IF MORE THAN 1 EXHIBITOR FROM THE SAME FAMILY – 2nd Exhibitor gets five (5) daily admission. 3rd exhibitor gets five (5) daily admission.

Please Note: All passes will be single day passes. Be sure to utilize your tickets to cover every day you are at the Fair. NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED.

2. Tickets will be picked up at check-in.

Parking pass is only for release day. All other days, exhibitors should enter the Martin Luther King Entrance and park in the Lot J. Parking is Free. Admission tickets must be presented at walk-in gate for entrance. (See Map on website)

3. Additional tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. See Advance Ticket Form on website for details.

Tickets will be for sale at the gate.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.

2. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

JUDGING

1. Judging date is February 9 and 10, 2012

2. Judging and entry classifications of the American Rabbit Breeders Association will prevail; check A.R.B.A. Standards of Perfection for class and weight.

3. A remark card with the judge's remarks, special awards, etc. will be posted as soon as possible after the judging.

4. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.

5. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see Protests).

6. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

7. All animals must be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

Please Note: Disqualified animals will not be judged but will receive a participation ribbon.

GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

With respect to any disputes which may occur with respect to an exhibitor at the show, such disputes shall be handled by the appropriate Livestock Committee (the "Committee") in accordance with the following:

1. An exhibitor may file a protest with respect to another exhibitor for violation of the rules and regulations of the Committee and/or the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics by submitting a written protest (a "Protest") on a form (the "Protest Form") which will be available at the Agribusiness Department. The Protest must include the exact basis, cause and description of the dispute, the name of the protesting exhibitor, the name of the exhibitor being protested, and any materials in support of the Protest as well as any other matters which may be required in the Protest Form, and shall be accompanied by payment of \$50 which shall be refunded only if the Protest is sustained by the Committee. The Protest Form must be signed by the exhibitor (as the protesting exhibitor), and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available under circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. Failure to properly sign the Protest Form shall deem the Protest Form incomplete and a nullity, and in such event, the Protest will not be considered. Any Protest

must be submitted (and received by the Agribusiness Department) at least two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur in order to be considered prior to the show. If a Protest is submitted less than two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur ("a "Late Submittal"), then the Committee will handle the Protest after the show in accordance with its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, but the Late Submittal shall not affect the award of ribbons for the show. In order to minimize disruption to the show, an exhibitor who intends to file a Protest should do so at the earliest feasible time. In any event, a Protest must be filed with the Agribusiness Department prior to the scheduled release hour for the protested exhibitor's animal in order to be considered.

2. The Agribusiness Department will forward any Protest Form which is duly signed (by an exhibitor as the protesting exhibitor, and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent), and any accompanying materials submitted by the protesting exhibitor in support of the Protest to the Committee for its consideration. The Agribusiness Department will also notify the exhibitor being protested of the Protest as soon as reasonably practicable after the Protest has been duly submitted, and make available a copy of the written Protest to the exhibitor being protested. The exhibitor being protested may, but shall not be required to, provide a written response to the Protest (a "Response") by submitting a Response to the Agribusiness Department, including any materials in support of the response to the Protest, and the Agribusiness Department shall provide the Response to Committee. A Response shall be on a form obtained from the Agribusiness Department, and must be signed by the protested exhibitor, and if the protested exhibitor is a minor, the Response must also be signed by the protested exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available due to circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. The Agribusiness Department shall make available a copy of the Response to the protesting exhibitor upon request by the protesting exhibitor, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and to obtain a copy of the Response. The Agribusiness Department will attempt to notify the protesting exhibitor and the exhibitor being protested of the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest by calling their respective cell phone numbers if provided on the Protest Form and/or the Response Form, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor and protested exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and obtain the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest and to be available at the time scheduled for the Committee's consideration of the Protest. For any Late Submittal, the Committee will handle the process for review of the Protest after the show.

3. The Committee members present will review the Protest and the Response, if any, in the context of its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, and will make a decision to resolve the Protest by a majority of the Committee members present. In the event of a tie vote, the Protest shall be deemed denied by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

4. The Committee also may apply and enforce its rules and

regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, with respect to exhibitors at the show.

5. By entering the show, all exhibitors, and their respective parents and/or guardians, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this General Disputes Policy.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and by the department superintendent or clerk.

2. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form. Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after April 1, 2012. All Premium checks must be cashed within sixty days of issuance or they become void.

3. If a Social Security Number or Federal Id Number is not provided, the Fair will not issue a premium check.

SECURITY

1. Members of the Show Committee will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

RELEASE

1. Rabbits will be released at 5 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2012. All rabbits must be removed between 5 - 7 p.m., February 13, 2012, or they will be disposed of by the committee. Release times will be strictly enforced.

2. No animal may be removed from the showroom before 5 p.m., February 13, 2012. (unless rabbit has been sold and has appropriate Release Form.) Exhibitors violating this rule will forfeit all premiums won, all fees paid and the right to future participation in the fair. If the Rabbit Show Officials deem it necessary, entire family members future entries will be rejected.

3. Animals will be released only to the Youth Exhibitor unless special written permission has been requested and granted by Show Superintendent.

4. **Release Procedure** - Vehicles will not be permitted to line up for release until 4:30 p.m. At that time, vehicles can line-up at the security station along the perimeter road. A limited number of vehicles will be allowed behind the barn at a time. As soon as you are finished loading your animals, please move your vehicle so that others can load out. If you arrive prior to 4:30 p.m., you must park in the Red Lot or outside the gate until 4:30.

SALES

1. **There will be a minimum sale price of \$20.00.**

2. The Show Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent has the authority to screen all animals for sale and disqualify any that are questionable.

3. **Animals must meet ARBA Junior minimum weight for each breed and a maximum age of 30 months of age.**

4. No rabbits will be sold unless they are entered in the show. Buyer has option of obtaining a refund if animal is disqualified.

5. All animals for sale must be specified on a separate sheet of paper.

6. **SALES WILL BE HANDLED BY THE SHOW COMMITTEE AT A CHARGE OF 10% PER SALE, (10% to go to the Florida State Fair Youth Rabbit Scholarship). All animals sold will receive Florida State Fair Receipt.**

7. **A three generation pedigree must accompany each**

animal offered for sale upon arrival and each animal must be entered in the show.

8. Release of **PURCHASED** animals will not be allowed prior to judging. Release after judging will be allowed.

9. A release form must be obtained for sale animals.

10. Do NOT send pedigree or sales sheet to Florida State Fair. **Bring on arrival.**

11. All sales will be on a "cash only" basis.

12. Any Youth rabbit for sale and showing in the Open Show, cannot be released until it has shown in the Open Judging.

13. Any exhibitor or their representative discussing sales of their rabbits to interested buyers will be subject to all of their sale animals being removed from sales unless prior permission from the Show Superintendent been granted. Repeated offense will have exhibitor subject to entire entry removed from competition and premiums forfeited at the discretion of the Sales Committee.

Youth Herdsman Award

A special award will be awarded to a deserving youth that has assisted in duties in the Rabbit Barn. Recipient will be selected by Show Superintendents.

ANIMAL PREMIUMS

CASH PRIZES AND CLASSIFICATION

Number of Entries

in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
11 or more	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
6 thru 10	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
2 thru 5	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
1 animal	\$3.00				

BEST OF BREED AND BEST OPPOSITE SEX

The Florida State Fair will present premiums for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex for all breeds with 10 shown in breed.

Best of Breed - \$5.00 & Plaque

Best Opposite Sex - \$2.50 & Plaque

Ribbons will be given for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex breeds with less than 10 shown.

BEST IN SHOW

The Florida State Fair will present an award for the Best In Show winner. There must be at least 50 animals entered to qualify for Best In Show Premiums.

Best In Show - \$20.00 & Award

1st Runner-Up - \$15.00 & Award

2nd Runner-Up - \$10.00 & Award

LIVE MEAT PENS

1st=\$25, 2nd=\$20, 3rd=\$15, 4th=\$10, 5th=\$5

All Meat Pens shall consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit 6 - 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3 pounds each. Maximum weight 5 pounds each.

First place trophy, second thru fifth place ribbons presented in all classes.

OFFICIAL SWEEPSTAKES SANCTIONS

Breed sanctions are not required for Grand Champion Legs. Legs will be awarded per ARBA rules.

American Dutch Rabbit Club, Inc.

Rick Billups, 488 Pratt Road, Blanchester, OH 45107

(937) 655-8657 E-mail: amdutchclub@aol.com

Membership: (1 yr.) new *Adult \$15.00 renew \$10.00, new Youth \$13.00 renew \$8.00, new H/W \$19.00 renew \$14.00, new Family \$25.00 renew \$20.00*

Sanction Fees: *Open \$12.00, Youth \$10.00*

American Himalayan Rabbit Association

Errean Kratochvil, 7715 Callen Court, New Port Richey, FL 34654

(727) 847-1001 E-mail: himi1@yahoo.com

Membership: (1 yr.) *Adult \$10.00, H/W or Family \$12.00, Youth \$8.00, (3 yr.) Adult \$25.00, H/W or Family \$30.00, Youth \$20.00, Sanction Fees: Open \$7.00, Youth \$7.00, Open & Youth Combined \$10.00*

American Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club

Susan Clarke Smith, 864 Barkers Creek Rd, Whittier, NC 28789

(828) 586-9698 E-mail: andrcsecy@yahoo.com

Membership: (1 yr.) *Adult: new \$15.00, renew \$13.00, 2 member family: new \$20.00, renew \$15.00, Youth: new \$10.00, renew \$8.00, 3+ member family: new \$25.00, renew \$20.00, (3 yr.) Adult: new \$40.00, renew \$35.00, 2 member family: new \$45.00, renew \$37.00, Youth: new \$25.00, renew \$20.00, 3+ member family: new \$50.00, renew \$42.00*

Sanction Fees: *Open \$15.00, Youth \$10.00*

Holland Lop Rabbit Specialty Club

Pandora Allen, 2633 Seven Eleven Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322-3144

(757) 421-9607 E-mail: HLRSCSec@aol.com

Membership: (1 yr.) *Adult: \$15.00, H/W: \$19.00, Youth: \$12.00, Family: \$22.00*

Sanction Fees: *Open \$15.00, Youth \$10.00*

National Mini Rex Rabbit Club

Jennifer Whaley, P.O. Box 712499, Santee CA 92072

(619) 933-6505 E-mail: minirexsecretary@yahoo.com

Membership: (1 yr.) *Adult \$15.00, Youth \$15.00, H/W \$20.00, Family \$30.00, (3 yr.) Adult \$40.00, Youth \$40.00, H/W \$50.00, Family \$75.00*

Sanction Fees: *Open \$10.00, Youth \$10.00*

CHAMPOIN OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM!!

The Florida State Fair believes in the value and importance of exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. The Champion of Champions program is the means to which exhibitors can take advantage of these opportunities. By taking part in the various activities listed below exhibitors may earn additional monies which we call Achievement Premiums. Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums, and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in the educational events listed below. Participation in the Champion of Champions Program is optional. Points will be accumulated by each exhibitor throughout the program for each event they participate in and Achievement Premium monies will be rewarded proportionately for their involvement.

The point system will be as follows:

- Entry correct & complete 0 or 10 points
- Attend Sept. Seminar or Pre-Fair Talk 0 - 30 points*
- Record Book – Mandatory..... 0 - 100 points
- Record Book Skills Test - Mandatory..... 0 - 100 points
- Skilathon - Mandatory 0 - 100 points
- Educational Poster..... 0 -30 points
- Volunteer in Ask Me Booth 0 - 90 points
(1 hour - 30 points - up to 3 hours)
- Showmanship..... 0 - 100 points
 - 1st Place (Jr., Int., & Sr.)..... 20 points
 - 2nd Place (Jr., Int., & Sr.)..... 15 points
 - 3rd Place (Jr., Int., & Sr.)..... 10 points
 - 4th Place (Jr., Int., & Sr.)..... 5 points
 - Blue Award..... 80 points
 - Red Award..... 70 points
 - White Award..... 60 points

560 TOTAL POINTS possible

*Please Note: Exhibitors can only do one of these two events.

-All points will be totaled and exhibitors will be ranked in order of points totals.

-Available achievement premium dollars will be allocated based on total points earned. (All points will be totaled and divided by total achievement premium dollars - thus determining a dollar value per point).

PLEASE NOTE: Only Senior Exhibitors will be eligible to qualify for the Champion of Champions contest. Intermediate and Junior Exhibitors will only complete the segments of the Skilathon and Record Book Test that are designated for their age levels. See “Champion of Champion” section on web-site for additional information.

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT

Exhibitors will be mailed, after the Fair, a recap of the total Achievement points earned during the 2012 Florida State Fair. Along with the recap, they will be provided with the names and address of two (2) Achievement Premium Sponsors. To receive payment for these points, exhibitors will be required to:

1. Write and mail a Thank You letter to the sponsor.
2. Send a copy of each Thank You letter to the Fair.

Checks for Achievement Premiums will be issued when a copy of the Thank You letters to the sponsors has been received. **Achievement Premium checks will be null and void as of July 1, 2012, if copies of the Thank You letters have not been received.**

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS -
POINT CATEGORIES**

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR - Optional

1. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be one (1) Educational Seminar session offered this year.

2. Educational Pre-Fair Seminar will be held as follows:

September 24th – Florida State Fairgrounds

1st Year Exhibitor Orientation

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Specie Specific Seminar

(First Time & Returning Exhibitors)

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Beef (Steer), Dairy, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog & Llama

3. Exhibitor can receive up to 30 points toward Achievement Premiums for attending the Educational Seminar listed above.

4. **Please Note: Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to sessions.**

PRE-FAIR TALK - Optional

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium points by presenting an educational talk on their project prior to the Fair.

2. The talk must be to an organized group. (Including: 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau, etc.)

3. Exhibitors must submit a letter from the organization (on their letterhead) indicating that the exhibitor did make a presentation, the date and the number of people in attendance.

4. Letters and a written copy of the script for their talk must be submitted with the Record Book upon Arrival/Check-in at the Fair. Script will be worth up to ½ of the points. **DO NOT INCLUDE THEM IN THE RECORD BOOK.**

RECORD BOOK - MANDATORY

1. Exhibitors must present their record book at check-in. If Exhibitor is a member of a 4-H Club or Agriculture Class, the completed record book must be approved and signed by the 4-H Club Leader or Agriculture Teacher.

2. A Record Book is available on the website, at the seminar or upon request.

3. All Record Books will be scored on a basis of 0 - 100 and points will be added to Achievement Premium points.

4. **A Record Book is mandatory in order to qualify for Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors that do not turn in a record book will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.**

5. Record Book will be returned by mail after the Fair.

RECORD BOOK SKILLS TEST - MANDATORY

1 Exhibitors will be given a Record Book Skills Test. The test will cover all aspects of record keeping on their animal project.

2. Junior exhibitors will answer the first 10 questions, Intermediate exhibitors will answer the first 20 questions and Senior exhibitors will answer all segments of the test.

3. **The Record Book Skills Test is mandatory in order to qualify for Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors that do not take the test will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.**

4. It is advised that exhibitors bring a small calculator to use.

SKILATHON - MANDATORY

1. A Skilathon will be held in conjunction with the Record Book Skills Test.

2. The Skilathon is a series of "hands on" stations where students will be asked to perform specific tasks.

3. A Skilathon study guide is available on the website, at the seminar or upon request.

4. Junior exhibitors only need to do Junior level skills, Intermediate exhibitors only need to do Junior &

Intermediate level skills. Senior exhibitors must do ALL level skills.

5. The Skilathon is mandatory in order to qualify for Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors that do not participate in the skilathon will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.

EDUCATIONAL POSTER - Optional

1. Exhibitors can earn additional points toward Achievement Premiums by entering an Educational Poster.

2. The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.

3. Posters must be turned in during designated arrival/check-in.

4. Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times.

5. Acceptable poster size:

a. 22" x 28"

b. 20" x 30"

6. Acceptable material for poster:

a. Poster board

b. Foam board

7. No attachments to poster to extend the acceptable size of poster.

8. Poster attachments must be within the poster size not exceed 1' in width.

9. Posters must relate to the 2012 Skilathon topic of Reproduction. Posters are not to be on showmanship.

10. Posters are not to be reused for another animal division in current year or future years. Once poster is judged/displayed it is disqualified for additional competition within the current year or future years. Posters are either photograph or marked submitted. Decision of the judge is final.

11. Other requirements:

a. Poster must have a title

b. Poster must have your name on the back

c. If poster is a game/activity it must have instructions and an answer key

d. If other resources (such as journals, website) are used, they must be cited on the back of the poster

12. Judging will be based on the following:

Required Elements 5 points

Labeling 5 points

Content 5 points

Attractiveness 5 points

Grammar 5 points

Effort 5 points

Possible 30 points

13. Posters will be disqualified for:

a. Incorrect Poster Size

b. Not on current year Skilathon topic

c. Plagiarism (use of complete article from web or sourcebook)

VOLUNTEER IN ASK ME BOOTH – Optional

The purpose of the Ask Me Booth is to offer the public an opportunity to meet and speak with Youth Livestock Exhibitors.

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium points by volunteering in the Ask me Booth.

2. Exhibitors can sign up for a time-slot at Arrival/Check-in or at the Ask Me Booth when time/space is available.

3. Exhibitors must complete a one hour segment in order to

earn points.

4. Exhibitors will be evaluated on their participation and interaction with the public for a range of 0 - 30 points.

5. Exhibitors are required to be in Official Show Attire or State Fair T-Shirt when manning booth. No food or drinks allowed in booth.

SHOWMANSHIP -Optional

1. A Youth Rabbit Showmanship Contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11

Seniors 9 am – 12 noon

Intermediates & Juniors – 1 p.m

2. **The Showmanship Test will be held before the Skilathon on Feb. 9th at 12:30 p.m.**

3. Exhibitors must sign up during check-in/arrival times or no later than 9 am on Thursday.

4. Exhibitors will demonstrate showmanship skills on an individual basis to a judge.

5. Exhibitors must use their own rabbit. Rabbit must be entered in the Show.

6. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red or White Award. Rosettes will be awarded for the 1st – 4th place in each division.

7. Age Divisions:

Junior Division (between ages of 8 and 10 as of Sept. 1, 2011)

Intermediate Division (between ages of 11 and 13 as of Sept. 1, 2011)

Senior Division (14 and over as of Sept. 1, 2011)

8. Showmanship guidelines can be found in the Skilathon manual.

9. **In case of tie for Top Score, the Top Scores will do a tie breaker. Tie Breaker time will be announced at beginning of contest. Exhibitors must be present.**

10. **ATTIRE:** Required Dress Code: All exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat and dressed in white, green, blue or black jeans or slacks with a solid white shirt with a white collar. FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.

IMPORTANT!!!!

SENIOR CHAMPION YOUTH

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The top four (4) Senior Exhibitors based on points will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions competition. See "Champion of Champions" section on website for additional information.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in affect for the 2012 Florida State Fair. Certification is valid for a three (3) year period.

The requirements are as follows:

- All students that were entered in the Florida State Fair from 2006 to 2011 must have completed the Ethics training to show an animal at the 2012 Florida State Fair.
- YOUTH EXHIBITING AT OTHER FLORIDA FAIRS SHOULD CHECK THAT SPECIFIC FAIR'S RULES FOR ETHICS QUALIFICATION.
- PLEASE NOTE THIS RULE RELATES TO FLORIDA STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS ONLY: Youth that are exhibiting for the first time at the 2012 Fair will have a one (1) year grace period to complete the Ethics training.
- Workshops will be offered around the state. Check our website for updated dates and times.
- **THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2012 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE JANUARY 16, 2012 AT RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS).

Please note even though you have attended an Ethics workshop in the past, your certification number may have expired. Be sure to check your certification number to be sure it is still valid.

You may check your current certification number by going to our website – www.floridastatefairag.com and clicking on the Ethics Lookup tab. You must have given us your name and city to be able to check for your certification number on the website.

Check our Florida State Fair Agribusiness website for information, times, dates on Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops that will be held around the state. Please check website periodically for newly scheduled workshops.

ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP, THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK GRANT PROGRAM
See Rules & Application on website

Contestants can receive ARBA information by contacting:
ARBA
P.O. Box 426 Bloomington, IL 61702

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

An official photographer will be designated by the Florida State Fair. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with him through the Livestock Office. Photographs of winners and participants will be taken by the Official Photographer for official use in Public Relations. All owners, exhibitors, and herdsman handling such animals are required to cooperate with the photographer.

CAMPGROUND

1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.
2. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on our website.

SHOWERS

1. Shower facilities are available on the grounds for use by exhibitors only!
2. Shower permits will be issued, upon request, to Livestock Exhibitors from the Agribusiness Office.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Florida State Fair.
2. All animals are subject to testing at anytime:
 - A. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.
 - B. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.
 - C. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.
3. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, (Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).
4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair, will be construed as tampering.

5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitor and/or family at the Florida State Fair.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or irritant substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only

and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in anyway be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person or property. AUTHORITY, its officers or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES & PRIZE LIST and same are incorporated by reference herein.

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