

OSRBA YOUTH RABBIT and CAVY MANAGEMENT CONTESTS

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by OSRBA 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 cavy and to prepare the Ohio youth for ARBA National Convention

RULES

1. Any OSRBA youth member is eligible to compete. Exhibitors must be members by April 1st of the current contest year. Attendance at the OSRBA convention show is not necessary.
2. Contestants must be a permanent resident of Ohio
3. **Applicants may enter 1 rabbit division AND 1 cavy division.** Be sure to provide the appropriate application when submitting either rabbit, cavy, or both rabbit and cavy.
4. Management application is to be composed and completed by the contestant.
5. **Applications will be judged based on the categories provided below:**
 - a. **Limited Rabbitry (1-20 holes)**
 - b. **Average Rabbitry (21-50 holes)**
 - c. **Unlimited Rabbitry (51+ holes)**
 - d. **Any Size Caviary**
6. Do NOT put your name, ARBA number, or any other headings on your application.
7. The two most popular, and readable, fonts are Times New Roman and Arial, using 10 or 12 point types. Applications MUST be provided as a PDF
8. Applications must be no more than 7 pages in length, single-sided, with a minimum of ½ inch page margin, and must be in the words of the applicant. Contest entry form does NOT count toward 7 page maximum
9. Contest entry form and ONE copy of your answers with the questions above each answer must be provided via e-mail submission with contest entry form
10. A winner will be selected from each division and announced at the Sunday morning ceremony of OSRBA show weekend. Contestants do not need to be present to win but attendance is encouraged

SCORING CRITERIA

CATEGORY	POINTS
Herd, Housing, & Equipment	50
Breeding & Production	50
Care, Health, & Herd Management	50
Record Keeping	30
Neatness, Clarity, & Thoroughness of Answers	20

*Failure to follow any rule as listed will result in 10 point deduction for each infraction

ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Contest entry form and application are available on OSRBA.net website under the youth portal
2. **Deadline for entry is 11:59:59 PM April 10, 2025**
3. Email entry submission is required
4. A separate entry/submission is required if entering both rabbit and cavy management application

OSRBA RABBIT and CAVY MANAGEMENT APPLICATION

CHECK ONE DIVISION:

- ☐ Limited Rabbitry (1-20 holes)
- ☐ Average Rabbitry (21-50 holes)
- ☐ Unlimited Rabbitry (51+ holes)
- ☐ Any Size Caviary

ARBA#: _____ ARBA Membership Expiration Date: _____

OSRBA Club: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Grade in School: _____

Age: _____ (as of Sunday of OSRBA weekend)

Birthdate: _____

E-mail: _____

I have read the accompanying rules for this contest and agree to abide by them.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I give my child _____ permission to participate in this contest, as well as permission for my child's picture to be taken and published for promotion for the OSRBA Youth. This includes all media types. I understand my child's name may be published on the OSRBA Website, Facebook Page, and/or other forms of media. I understand participation in this contest is strictly voluntary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

*This form may be scanned or the signature may be typed as appropriate for email submission.

Any entries missing signatures or this page will not be scored.

All applications must be emailed by 11:59 PM EDT by April 10th, 2025.

No exceptions will be made.

OSRBA YOUTH RABBIT MANAGEMENT CONTEST QUESTIONS

1. When did you join the OSRBA 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 breed(s)? Tell what other breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
3. Describe where your rabbits are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc? How does this location protect your rabbits 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 rabbits.
6. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your rabbits and how your feed is stored.
7. What type(s) of feed do you give your rabbits? 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 rabbits generate?
9. What do you do daily, weekly, monthly in the care of your rabbits? Be specific.
10. What measures do you take for biosecurity in your rabbitry?
11. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and what you did to control them.
12. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your rabbits. 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, 2023. If you had a difference between the total young born and total 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. Make a table or a list of your expenses and income since January 1, 2023. Explain any big expenditures or profit.

OSRBA YOUTH CAVY MANAGEMENT CONTEST QUESTIONS

1. When did you join the OSRBA 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 breed(s)? Tell what other breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
3. Describe where your cavies are located: barn, outbuilding, garage, basement, house, etc? How does this location protect your cavies from heat, cold, drafts or pests?
4. List or make a table of the number of cages you have and their sizes. Describe what materials they are made of and how constructed, including pans/trays/tubs. Describe how your cavies are housed: community or single.
5. Other than feed and water equipment, describe or list ALL other equipment you use in the care/management of your cavies.
6. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your cavies and how your feed is stored.
7. What type(s) of feed do you give your cavies? 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 cavies generate?
9. What do you do daily, weekly, monthly in the care of your cavies? Be specific.
10. What measures do you take to prevent parasites (lice, mites, ringworm, etc) or fungus in your caviary?
11. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and what you did to control them.
12. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your cavies. Include ages, time of year, breeding pair choices, etc.
13. Describe everything you do to prepare for farrowing, including 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, 2023. If you had a difference between the total young born and total 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. 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. Make a table or a list of your expenses and income since January 1, 2023. Explain any big expenditures or profit.