

## IMPORTANT SHOW RULES FOR BEGINNERS

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OFFICIAL SHOW RULES OF THE AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. may be found at the above link. Excerpts of the Show Rules are listed below for those who are just starting to show. However, reading the entire list of Show Rules is very informative, and is highly recommended. In addition, it is extremely important to read the show catalog for each show that you attend as individual club rules and information changes for each club. Show catalogs may be found on the ARBA website under <https://arba.net/showsSearch.php#showsearch>

SECTION 9. There must be ten (10) or more animals judged before the sponsoring club is required to pay the awards required by the Specialty Clubs.

SECTION 11. All ARBA licensed rabbit judges shall award Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex of Breed, Best of Group, Best Opposite Sex of Group, Best of Variety, and Best Opposite Sex of Variety, when applicable. All licensed cavy judges shall pick Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex of Breed, Best of Group, Best Opposite Sex of Group, Best of Variety, and Best Opposite Sex of Variety, when applicable.

SECTION 26. All animals must be permanently and legibly earmarked in the left ear. The tattoo is to only contain numerals 0-9 and/or letters A-Z. The tattoo is to contain no language of a profane or sexual nature.

(A) An exhibitor may not enter more than one animal in the same class with the same ear number or ear tag number.

(B) Rabbits not legibly earmarked must be disqualified from the class. Legibility of the earmark is at the discretion of the judge. This ruling also applies to rabbits with leg bands. In addition to a leg band they must also have a legible earmark in the left ear.

(C) Cavies not legibly earmarked or tagged with an ear tag must be disqualified from the class.

(D) Animals possessing an ear number that does not match the ear number on the exhibitor's entry form must be disqualified from the class and the class number reduced.

SECTION 36. The show secretary of a sanctioned ARBA show is required to furnish each exhibitor an Official Show Report within thirty (30) days after the close of their show for each animal exhibited.

SECTION 45. Exhibitors or guardians of exhibitors attempting to, or actually interfering with, annoying, molesting, or influencing the judge or judges, or acting in a manner unbecoming an exhibitor(s) shall have all their stock disqualified by the judge and shall be ejected by the show superintendent and barred from the show room.

SECTION 47. Each animal must be exhibited in its natural condition. An exhibitor in violation of this rule will have their animal disqualified, and the remainder of their entry may be disqualified from competition and not be judged. Examples include dyeing, plucking, trimming, or any other action designed to deceive.

## YOUTH

SECTION 51. Youth may not enter their rabbit or cavy in both open and youth classes at the same show, which is sponsored by the same club. Youth may make entries in both open and youth classes with different animals. (A) When more than one ARBA sanctioned all breed or specialty show, not having a youth sanction, are held in conjunction on the same day, youth exhibitors may enter all additional shows with the same animals.

SECTION 52. Youth exhibitors may enter sanctioned youth shows between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) years. An adult cannot show in youth classes at any time. Youth exhibitors must be able to handle their own animals. Youth exhibitors are not required to carry their own animals to the table. If stated in the show catalog, a show committee may require all youth entries be carried by a youth.

SECTION 53. All youth exhibitors must use their own individual name, but may add a rabbitry name when entering youth shows. Entries will not be accepted in family or rabbitry names. If owned in conjunction with another youth, the names of all owners must be listed.

