

## SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR & RODEO

### Junior Market Rabbits

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This is an unsanctioned rabbit show, however, an attempt to secure a licensed ARBA judge will be made but not guaranteed. All entries will be judged in accordance with the ARBA Standard of Perfection. A copy of the standard is available to look at through the Superintendent.

I. See General Livestock Rules

II. Health: See General Rules: Livestock Health Requirements

### RABBIT SHOW SPECIAL RULES

#### Entries:

- I. Exhibitors who meet the division requirements can show in more than one division. Divisions are classified as follows:
  - A. Division JMR (Junior Market Rabbits) - current/active 4-H/FFA members 9-19 years of age (see livestock general rules B-1)
  - B. Division YBR (Youth Breeding Rabbits) - current/active 4-H/FFA members 5-19 years of age (see livestock general rules B-1). Cloverbuds can enter YBR.
  - C. Division PWS (Pee Wee Showmanship) - Exhibitors from 3-8 years of age. No entry required and no fee; just inform the Superintendent of intent. PWS will be held after the JMR show. Rabbits can be borrowed. No buckles are awarded; this is a learning opportunity. Everyone will receive a ribbon.
- II. All entries must be completed on-line. The fee is \$8.00 per class. Each rabbit can only be entered in one division, then in a single class in that division. Rabbit date of birth is required.
  - A. JMR Classes: Limit of 5 entries per exhibitor in each of the Fryer, Pen of Three (considered a single entry), Roaster and Stewer classes. If an exhibitor exceeds 5 entries at check-in because of weight changes then one entry can either be moved within the JMR, or to the YBR. Pen of three is considered a single entry so only one rabbit will move and the other two will be sent home with the exhibitor.
    - Fryer: One rabbit not over 70 days of age. 3 ½ lbs to 5 ½ lbs
    - Pen of Three: Pen shall consist of three rabbits all the same breed and variety, under 70 days of age. 3 ½ lbs to 5 ½ lbs
    - Roaster: One rabbit under 6 months of age. 5 ½ lbs to 8 lbs
    - Stewer: One rabbit 6 to 8 months old. Over 8 lbs. Opening date of show shall govern maximum age.
  - B. YBR Classes: Rabbits are required to be an ARBA recognized breed and include variety/group (if applicable). Breeds can be found at ARBA.net. The

Superintendent is NOT responsible for determining a rabbit's sex, breed, variety/group.

1. No entry limits for YBR.
  2. There shall be separate classes for Bucks and Does in each of the following classifications and opening date of show shall govern age of rabbits:
    - Juniors: under 6 months of age
    - Seniors: over 6 months of age
  3. Rabbits in YBR determined to be of mixed breed or not recognized by ARBA will be placed in a separate class and judged on the health and care of the rabbit. This class is NOT eligible for Best of Breed, Best of Show, or Reserve Best of Show ribbons, buckles, banners, or any ribbons.
- C. Any rabbit that has been previously sold in a non-premium sale (including SNMSF&R) CANNOT be entered in the SNMSF&R rabbit show. (see general rule livestock rule Section A.9)
- D. Rabbits that have been determined to be neutered or spayed will be disqualified.
- III. Showmanship competition entry must be completed online and the entry fee is \$5.00. The exhibitor must have a rabbit entered in a division to be eligible for showmanship.
- IV. All rabbits must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor for 90 consecutive days immediately prior to the opening of the fair. Exhibitors entering Meat Pens/Fryers in the JMR division must have owned and cared for the DOE of those entries at least 90 consecutive days immediately prior to the opening day of the fair.
- V. Each rabbit shall be tattooed at least one week prior to the show. Tattoos must be legible, permanent and in the left ear. ARBA rules for tattooing will apply. If there is a tattoo issue please see the Superintendent on check-in day.

#### Check-in:

- I. All rabbits must be checked-in with the Superintendent or Assistant. Once checked-in no rabbits can be removed from the fair until a release is obtained from the Superintendent.
- II. **Rabbits showing signs of disease, infection, parasite, runny noses, or open sores will not be accepted and/or will be released if issues arise anytime during fair week.**
- III. All rabbits will be weighed at check-in. (See JMR Classes for weight rules). There is a two ounce allowance but final determination of class is up to the Superintendent.
- IV. Substitutions will be allowed in both market (JMR) and youth (YBR) with prior approval/notification of the Superintendent at check -in of the fair week. Substitutions in YBR must be the same breed, age, variety and class.
- V. Feeding equipment, and shavings will be provided by the Fair Management but the exhibitor is responsible for the care of their animals. Exhibitors will be required to clean under their pens by Friday of fair week and again when checking out.

- VI. Cages will be assigned by the Superintendent and rabbits are not to be moved once assigned.. Zip ties are required on all cages. Locks are discouraged for emergency reasons.
- VII. Each exhibitor's family is required to sign up to monitor the barn for a 2 hour block.

### **Judging & Showmanship:**

- I. Exhibitor will put his/her own rabbit on the table for the Judge. Exhibitors may have help if showing another market animal at the same time or under special circumstances by another 4-H or FFA exhibitor.
- II. The exhibitor must have a rabbit entered in a division to be eligible for showmanship.
- III. Showmanship will be held on Wednesday of the fair week after the judging of JMR.
- IV. The Superintendent may, at his/her discretion, disqualify any exhibitor for violations of the show. The disqualification may extend beyond the violated show.

### **Awards:**

- I. First Place rabbits from the JMR classes will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion (2nd place can pull in for Reserve Grand by discretion of the judge). Best of Breed winners in the YBR classes will compete for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.
- II. Only Junior Market Rabbits (JMR) will be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale. (See Livestock Sale rules)
  - A. Junior Market Rabbits that will go to sale are as follows:
    - JMR Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit
    - JMR Fryer - 2 placings go to sale
    - JMR Pen of Three - 2 placings go to sale
    - JMR Roasters - 2 placings go to sale
    - JMR Stewers - 2 placings go to sale
- III. YBR show Best of Breed ribbons, Best of Show, and Reserve Best of Show ribbons/buckles will be awarded during the show. 1st through 6th ribbons will be distributed by the close of the fair on Sunday.

### **Check-Out:**

- I. Rabbits will remain in place until the official check-out time of the exhibitor's county. Rabbits MUST be picked up by 3 pm on Sunday of the fair week.
- II. In order to be released, the exhibitor must clean under all cages their rabbits have occupied. Also, all equipment needs to be returned to appropriate storage tubs.
- III. A release form must be signed by the Superintendent or the Assistant before the exhibitor can remove the rabbits from the barn.
- IV. Rabbits that have sold can not be removed until Sunday of fair week and a release must be signed. Rabbits sold to another exhibitor must be included on the buyer's release.