

JR. FAIR RABBIT SHOW

Committee

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SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT ACTIVITIES

Friday, 12:00nn – 7:00pm – Rabbit Royalty written test given
Friday, 12:00nn – 9:00pm – Weigh meat pens and poster contest entries due
Friday, 6:00pm – 9:00pm – Rabbit Royalty Interviews
Saturday, 9:00am – Jr. Fair Guinea Pig Show (carry in)
Saturday, 9:00am – Jr. Fair Rabbit Show
Sunday, 12:30pm – Jr. Fair Rabbit Showmanship
Tuesday, 11:00am – Rabbit Skillathon
Wednesday, 6:00pm – Rabbit & Poultry Sale, Swine Barn
Thursday, 12:00nn – Jr. Fair Showman of Showmen Contest

EXHIBIT RULES

1. Refer to “Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation”, “Code of Practices”, and “Junior Fair Livestock General Rules” sections in the front portion of the Jr. Fair section of the fairbook for general information that applies to all Jr. Fair departments.
2. Junior Fair rabbit projects must be pedigreed & purebred, except meat rabbits. Members must have breeding rabbits in their possession by May 15.
3. All Junior Fair rabbit projects will be exhibited in the space allotted for Junior Fair.
4. Each Junior Fair rabbit exhibitor must show his/her project unless excused by advisor.
5. Rabbit cages must be cleaned daily by 11:00am (not during show) or premiums will be forfeited.
- 6a. Breeding rabbits must be graded on cleanliness of animal, condition of rabbit and conformity to breed type.
- 6b. Meat pen rabbits will be graded on cleanliness of animal, condition of rabbit and conformity to meaty type. In addition, meat pen of 3 will be judged on uniformity of rabbits.
7. All Junior Fair rabbit projects will be judged according to reed, except meat rabbits.

8. All breeds will be shown separately. 4 class and 6 class.
9. Substitutions that must be made because of illness or death of rabbit can only be made in the same class and sex. Any changes must be made by 9:00pm Friday evening. No change in breeds permitted. No substitutions will be permitted Saturday – NO EXCEPTIONS.
10. Order of show by breeds will be posted in the Show Arena.
11. Ask advisor to help determine class variety and breed for rabbits to be shown by August 1.
12. Any 4-H or FFA member showing rabbits in Junior Fair classes at the Darke County Fair may enter one of the rabbit showmanship classes and show their own rabbits.
13. Rabbit showmanship will be judged on ability to answer questions and on handling, posing and cleanliness of animal.
14. Each rabbit can be shown in one class only with the exception being Home Grown Single Rabbit.
15. All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting are responsible to help set up and tear down for all shows.
16. All Jr. Fair exhibitors must handle and [place their entries on and off the table for judging. NO ADULT ASSISTANCE IS PERMITTED.
17. Meat entries must consist of rabbits weighing no less than 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 pounds each and **not over 81 days old**. Exhibitors must have **meat rabbits in their possession by July 15**.
18. Meat entries will be weighed in the Rabbit Barn from 12:00nn to 9:00pm on Friday.
19. Each exhibitor may enter two single meat pens and one meat pen of three. Exhibitors may bring no more than five meat rabbits to the weigh in.
20. Each meat rabbit must have a permanent tattoo in its ear. Each meat rabbit must have a different tattoo.
21. Exhibitors may decide at the time of weigh-in which of their five meat rabbits will be single meat rabbits and which three rabbits will be their meat pen of three. This will be noted in the ring book.
22. After the winner of the Showman of Showmen Contest is announced, all rabbits will be released. All rabbits must be removed from the barn by 1:00pm on Friday.

JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT CLASSES AND SHOW ORDER

Any class changes must be approved by show committee

A. Four Class Rabbits

Seniors – 6 months of age and older

Juniors – under 6 months of age

B. Six Class Rabbits

Seniors – 8 months of age and older

Intermediates – 6 months of age and under 8 months of age

NOTE: No animal 8 months of age or over is eligible to show in an intermediate class.
No animal 6 months of age or over is eligible to show in junior class.

4 Class Breeds:

American Fuzzy Lops	Florida White	Polish	Havana
Angora – English	Harlequin	Rex	Rhineland
Angora – French	Himalayan	Sable	Belgian Hare
Britannia Petite	Lilac	Jersey Woolly	Satin Angora
Chinchilla – Standard	Lop – Holland	Silver Marten	Dutch
Dwarf Hotot	Mini Lop	Tan	English Spot
Mini Rex	Netherland Dwarf	Silver	

There shall be separate classes for bucks and does in each of the classifications.

6 Class Breeds:

American	Chinchilla – Giant	New Zealand	Beveren
Cinnamon	Palomino	Californian	Crème D'Argent
Satin	Champagne D'Argent	Flemish Giant	Silver Fox
Checkered Giant	Giant Angora	French Lop	Hotot
Chinchilla – American		Lop – English	

C. *BEST OF SHOW*: Selected from winner of Best 6 Class and Best 4 Class.

D. Meat entries – all breeds

1. Entries limited to one (1) pen of three and two (2) singles per exhibitor.
Single Meat Rabbit (cannot be part of pen of three)
Meat Pen of Three
2. Home grown single meat rabbit
 - a. Entries limited to two single meat rabbits chosen from your five meat rabbits.
 - b. Doe must be owned by exhibitor before being bred.
 - c. Litter must be born and raised on homestead.

E. *Show order will be posted in the show ring.*

SHOWMANSHIP

All ages as of January 1, current year.

Sr. First Year – ages 12 & over – open to members showing rabbits for the first time in Jr. Fair.
Jr. First Year II – age 10 & 11 – open to members showing rabbits for the first time in Jr. Fair.
Jr. First Year I – ages 8 & 9 - open to members showing rabbits for the first time in Jr. Fair.
Jr. Showmanship I – ages 9 & 10 – open to experienced showmen
Jr. Showmanship II – age 11 - open to experienced showmen
Intermediate I Showmanship – age 12 - open to experienced showmen
Intermediate II Showmanship – age 13 - open to experienced showmen
Sr. Showmanship I – ages 14 & 15 - open to experienced showmen
Sr. Showmanship II – ages 16-19 - open to experienced showmen
Professional Showmanship – current winners of First Yr., Jr. Int. and Sr. classes.

RABBIT SKILLATHON

Tuesday, 11:00am

Open to all Jr. Fair rabbit exhibitors. See your advisor for more information.

POSTER CONTEST

Open to all Jr. Fair members exhibiting rabbits. Use regular size poster paper and theme must pertain to rabbits. Place name and age on back of poster. First and second place awards selected from ages 8-10, 11-14 and 15 & over as of January 1, current year. First place winners will each earn \$8.00. Second place winners will win \$5.00. Posters must be turned into a rabbit advisor or Jr. Fairboard member on the 1st Friday of the fair. Posters will be judged Friday night.

RABBITRY AWARD

Award given to a family or individual involved in Jr. Fair displaying OUTSTANDING sportsmanship, cooperation, attitude, cleanliness of pens/are, assistance to other Jr. Fair exhibitors or barn visitors and miscellaneous exhibitor related areas. A representation of committee members will select a recipient for award. The award will be presented at the sale on Wednesday evening. A permanent plaque will be displayed in the Rabbit Barn during the fair.

JR. FAIR RABBIT ROYALTY CONTEST

1. Anyone entering the King and Queen contest must be 14 or over as of January 1. Prince and Princess must be 13 and under January 1.
2. Contestants must own and exhibit a rabbit at the fair.
3. Contestants must be a Darke County Junior fair exhibitor.
4. An interview and short test will be given on the first Friday of the fair by a selected committee.

5. The King, Queen, Prince and Princess will be chosen on the first Saturday morning of the fair.
6. The Reigning Court is expected to be present for all rabbit shows and activities and participate in the parade on Thursday.
7. King & Prince hats donated by Engelhaupt Embroidery. Tiaras donated by the Junior Fair Rabbit Committee.

RABBIT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Open to all Junior Fair exhibitors showing in Darke County that have shown rabbits 3 or the last 4 years and who are showing rabbits the current year.
2. The applicant has been accepted to a technical school, 2-year college or 4-year college.
3. The applicant has graduated the current year from high school with at least a 2.0 GPA (grade point average).
4. Applications may be picked up at the Extension Office, beginning July 1st.
5. Completed applications are due back to the Extension Office on August 1st.
6. Please attach a high school transcript.
7. Payment will be made when winner(s) is/are announced during the Junior Fair Rabbit Showmanship competition on the first Sunday of the fair.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

Each exhibit will be graded A, B, or C and will receive premiums as follows: A - \$2.50; B - \$2.00; C - \$1.50. Premiums will be paid on a maximum of eight exhibits. Additional entries may be made, but no further premiums will be paid. Ribbons and placings will be awarded on all entries.