



# The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

*Devoted to the Interest of Rabbit Raising for Commercial and Fancy*

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## YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

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## A.R.B.A. 2007 YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST

### PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by A.R.B.A. 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 cavies.

### RULES

1. Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete. Attendance at the National Convention is not necessary.
2. Application must be made using the form provided by the ARBA youth department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee.
3. Applications will be judged by ARBA District based on the number of cages/adult animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals. There will be 20 points deducted for failure to enter the correct division based on your answers to the questions.
4. National winners will be selected in each division.
5. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
6. Up to seven pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. There will be 30 points deducted for not following this rule. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
7. Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule.
8. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.
9. Send your original **Management Application Direction Form** and THREE copies of your answers! There will be 20 points deducted for not following this rule.

Applications must be received by September 1, 2007. Forms received after the deadline will have 20 points deducted. Forms received after September 10, 2007 will be returned.

**Send applications to:** Gary Michaud, Box 367, Mt. Hope, KS 67108-0367.

Scoring Rubric:	Management Methods	40 points
	Management Procedures	40 points
	Management Results	40 points
	Record Keeping	30 points
	Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
	Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
	Total possible score	200 points

# A.R.B.A. 2007 MANAGEMENT APPLICATION DIRECTION FORM

ARBA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on October 18, 2007: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE**

**DIVISION:** Limited (10 holes or less/10 or fewer adult animals)  Average  Unlimited (51 holes or more/51 or more adult animals)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

ARBA District \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Applicant's SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your OWN paper (8.5 in. x 11 in.). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Whenever possible questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives. No more than seven (7) pages in addition to this page, are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts if using a word processor. Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page.

- #0-When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- #1-Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). Also include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- #2-Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of, and how they are constructed.
- #3-Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house?
- #4-Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
- #5-Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
- #6-What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals?
- #7-Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
- #8-How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
- #9-How do you protect your animals from heat, cold, or drafts?
- #10-Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
- #11-Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for kindling.
- #12-Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
- #13-How many litters with how many total animals did you have born in the past year? How many young did you wean?
- #14-Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
- #15-Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
- #16-How many replacement animals have you added in the past year? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
- #17-Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
- #18-Did your ARBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

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Applications arriving late will have 20 points deducted. Arriving after September 10, 2007 will be returned.

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