

## **2016-2017 Citrus County Fair Association Youth Rabbit Show Rules & Regulations**

1. (A) All Exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 18 (as of Sept. 1, 2016) to show in the Youth program. Anyone dropping out of school shall be **ineligible** to enter or show. Exhibitor must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association. All exhibitors must be a Citrus County 4-H or FFA member for the duration of their project. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H office or School to register to show an animal.  
  
(B) Entry form and Entry fee of \$5.00 per Rabbit (non-refundable) must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, February 3, 2017. Maximum cost not to exceed \$15.00 per exhibitor. **You are limited to a total of four (4) Rabbits.**  
  
(C) **MANDATORY TO ATTEND (1) EDUCATIONAL MEETING TO SHOW**  
Educational Meeting - Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 2 pm at the Main Gate Bldg  
  
(D) Showmanship is optional - A \$5.00 (Non-Refundable) Showmanship Fee due at Registration
2. All Youth Rabbits **must** be tattooed prior to the Registration date. Go to ARBA.net for list of breeders available in Florida. Remember, just because your rabbit has a tattoo now doesn't mean it won't fade prior to Registration or show. Exhibitor is responsible for checking for tattoo prior to registration and prior to show check in. No tattooing on Fair grounds NO exceptions.
3. Exhibitors must own their animal and all animals must be **3 months of age** by the Registration date. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare and show their own animals during the rabbits stay at the Citrus County Fair.
4. The Livestock Committee will present one educational meeting. This meeting must be attended by every Exhibitor to enter the Youth Rabbit show. The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult **WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER**, in order to show. Exhibitor and Parent/ Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult must sign in and out to receive credit for attending. Additional educational meetings may be presented during the project period (September through February) and are optional.
5. Exhibitors cannot compete against themselves only one animal per class / per breed with a total of four rabbits.
6. Proof of project work in 4-H or FFA will be required. Project work is completing your record book. **IF ENTERING MORE THAN ONE RABBIT, THEN EACH RABBIT WILL NEED TO HAVE AN INFORMATION PAGE INCLUDED IN THE COMPLETED RECORD BOOK.**
7. There will be no advertising or "For Sale" signs for animals at the educational meeting, registration or during the Fair.
8. Rabbits may not be bred while at the Fair. Expecting doe will not be allowed in the show.
9. Exhibitors must be present for showing, to assist in handling their animals if asked by the judge.
10. The show superintendent, due to limited space available, may need to enforce limitation of entries.
11. All rabbits must be delivered to the Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 30, 2017 between the hours of **9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.** - Exhibitors responsibility to check Fair website for updated information. Show schedule subject to change. All exhibitors must bring in a labeled waterproof container with enough feed for the duration of the animals stay at the fair.
12. The show superintendent will create the classes upon final Registration. The need to combine breeds may be necessary from time to time and will be done at the Superintendents discretion.

13. NO SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED. They will be checked for ear mites. All animals will be inspected. **ONLY accepting ARBA recognized breeds from the 2016-2020 ARBA Standards of Perfection Book (available for purchase online @ ARBA.net) or any rabbit that has a current Certificate of Development (COD) with ARBA. If showing a rabbit that has a current COD the exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining and supplying the current COD to the Rabbit Superintendent upon registration.**

14. Any exhibitor winning a Trophy / Plaque or Belt Buckle is required to write a "THANK YOU" Letter to the sponsor. Thank you letters can be given to the show superintendent, prior to picking up your animals on Saturday night, April 1, 2017. You can also bring your letters to Barn Clean-up Saturday, April 15, 2017 or to the Fair Office before the Barn Clean-up date. Thank you letters must be stamped, addressed and unsealed with your return address on the envelopes. All monies will be withheld until all letters are written. Should deadline be missed premium money up to \$25.00 will be forfeited. (There is a sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy / plaque.)



Normal release time is Saturday, April 1, 2017 between 10:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M., subject to change. ALL Changes will be reflected on the Citrus County Fair Website. It is the EXHIBITORS responsibility to follow up for any changes. ANIMALS WILL NOT BE RELEASED BEFORE THIS TIME. WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ANIMAL LEFT AFTER THIS TIME. Other arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the show superintendent.

16. **PREMIUMS AND AWARDS:**

BLUE RIBBON \$5.00                      RED RIBBON \$3.00                      WHITE RIBBON \$1.00

Youth Rabbit Grand Champion.....\$25.00

Youth Rabbit Reserve Grand Champion.....\$15.00

**TROPHIES / PLAQUE**

GRAND CHAMPION, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION AND CLASS WINNER - **Trophy will not be given out if animal isn't awarded a blue ribbon**

RECORD BOOKS 4-H (JR., INT. & SR.) & FFA (JR. & SR.)

**YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP**

PERSONS WISHING TO COMPETE IN THE SHOWMANSHIP CLASS MUST DESIGNATE SO AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND PAY A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$5.00 PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL.

Payout for Showmanship will be a percentage of Entry Fees Collected.

1 <sup>St</sup> 25% OF THE ENTRY FEES	4 <sup>TH</sup> 15% OF THE ENTRY FEES
2 <sup>ND</sup> 20% OF THE ENTRY FEES	5 <sup>TH</sup> 12 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES
3 <sup>RD</sup> 17 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES	6 <sup>TH</sup> 10% OF THE ENTRY FEES

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED FOR PLACES 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup>

17. All Youth exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the optional Rabbit Skill-a-thon on Saturday, February 25, 2017 in the Auditorium. The age of skill-a-thon and record books will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to September 1, 2016.

Classes will be divided into Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14 and older).

18. Barn Set-up is Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 9 am **OR** you must attend Barn Clean-up which is Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 9 am. Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to set up or clean up. Failure to attend and participate in either Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a \$150.00 fine or premium monies, to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund. If you do not attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up you will not be allowed to show in the Youth Rabbit Show the following year.

19. Youth Rabbit Exhibitors Dress Code during Show and Showmanship will be as follows:
- (1) DARK BLACK SLACKS OR DARK BLACK JEANS (**NO SHORTS**)
  - (2) WHITE DRESS SHIRT OR WHITE BLOUSE WITH COLLAR
  - (3) TIES OPTIONAL FOR 4-H, REQUIRED FOR FFA OFFICIAL DRESS
  - (4) DARK BOOTS OR LEATHER LACE-UP SHOES (**NO TENNIS SHOES**)
  - (5) 4-H JACKET OR VEST OPTIONAL - FFA OFFICIAL DRESS IS REQUIRED INCLUDING JACKET AND TIE OR FFA SCARF.
  - (6) NO HATS, CAPS or BANDANAS ARE TO BE WORN.
20. ALL ANIMALS MUST CONFORM TO ALL STATE OF FLORIDA HEALTH RULES. During the FAIR at the Superintendents discretion may send home ANY Rabbit should they show signs of illness or become ill.
21. All show and sale animals will be cared for at the exhibitor's residence unless granted permission by the Livestock Board, in writing for the animal to be cared for at another location.
22. All entries must be shown by their designated exhibitor unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Board, this includes showmanship classes.
23. All exhibitors must be able to safely handle animals by himself/herself at all times while at the Fair.
24. Grooming will be done by the Exhibitors ONLY in all Youth shows. No parents or guardians/leaders will be allowed in the rabbit barn prior to show.
25. Each exhibitor **must be** present during the entering of their animal and furnish feed and care for his/her animal while at the Fair. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times. AN EXHIBITOR SHOWING NEGLECT OF THEIR ANIMAL AND/OR EXHIBIT AREA, SHALL FORFEIT ALL PRIZE MONEY.
26. The Modified Danish System will be used.
27. THE CITRUS COUNTY LIVESTOCK BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT OR ACCEPT CONDITIONALLY ANY ENTRY OR APPLICATION AT ANY TIME, OR REVOKE PREMIUMS EARNED FOR JUST CAUSE OR BAR EXHIBITOR FROM EXHIBITING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, WILL SUBJECT THE EXHIBITOR TO DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE PROJECT AND THE FAIRGROUNDS.
28. The Citrus County Fair Livestock Addendum and the IAFE National Code of Show ring Ethics applies to all Shows. See Attached.

**EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, AND UPDATED LIVESTOCK SCHEDULES AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.**