

2023-2024 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

Pee Wee Rabbit Show Rules & Regulations

1. (A) All Pee Wee Exhibitors must be **under** 8 years of age as of September 1, 2023 to show in the Pee Wee Rabbit program. Exhibitor must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association.

(B) Entry Form and Non-Refundable Entry Fees must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, February 9, 2024. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date. **There will be 1 class of cavies. An entry in this class will count as of one of your 2 rabbit entries.**

\$5.00 per Rabbit

(C) The Livestock Committee will present at least **two** educational meetings during the project period (August through February). **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. Pee Wee Exhibitors are encouraged to attend the Youth Educational meeting.**
2. **It is recommended but not required that your rabbits be tattooed prior to Fair check-in. Go to ARBA.net for list of breeders available in Florida.**
3. There will be no advertising or “For Sale” signs for animals at the educational meeting or during the Fair.
4. Exhibitors must own their animal and all animals must be **3 months of age** by the Registration date. Pee Wee exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare and show their own animals during the rabbits stay at the Citrus County Fair.
5. Exhibitors cannot compete against themselves, only one animal per class / per breed with a total of two rabbits.
6. **NO SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED.** They will be checked for ear mites and additional health issues. All animals will be inspected.
7. (A) All rabbits must be delivered to the Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 28, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Exhibitor’s responsibility to check Fair website for updated information. Show schedule subject to change. All exhibitors must bring enough feed for the duration of the animals stay at the fair. All Livestock Exhibitors will be admitted Free for the duration of your project through the Livestock Gate. **ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW A FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.**

(B) Normal release time is Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 10:00 pm., 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.
8. All Pee Wee Exhibitors must be present for showing, to assist in handling their animals if asked by the judge. All exhibitors must be able to safely handle animals by himself/herself at all times while at the Fair.
9. Rabbits may not be bred while at the Fair. Expecting doe will not be allowed in the show.
10. The show superintendent, due to limited space available, may need to enforce limitation of entries.
11. **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.
12. The show superintendent will create the classes upon final Registration. In the event the exhibitor does not know what breed of rabbit they have or a rabbit that does not conform to the ARBA Standards of Perfection it is recommended that they enter the rabbit under the Pet Class. The Pet Class winner however will not be eligible for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion.

13. Any exhibitor winning an award is required to write a Thank you letter to the sponsor. Thank you letters can be given to show superintendent, prior to picking up your animals on Saturday night, April 1, 2023 or you may bring your letters to the Fair Office. Thank you letters for Award Sponsors, Skill-a-thon or Belt Buckle must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Thank You letter deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up)**. Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your return address on the envelope**. All money will be withheld until letters are written. Should deadline be missed your premium money will be forfeit and Exhibitor will become ineligible to Show for the following Fair year. Sponsor address label is on the bottom of all awards and a list of Sponsors with addresses is on file in the Fair Office.

14. **AWARDS & PREMIUMS: RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1st - 6th**
1st \$10, 2nd \$5.00, 3rd \$4.00, 4th \$3.00, 5th \$2.00, 6th \$1.00

AWARDS

Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Class Winners - awards will not be given out if animal isn't awarded a blue ribbon. Class Winner award will be classes with 3 or more entries in a class. In the event that there are single or double entries then they will be combined to one class and winner will be selected from them.

No Fee - Pee Wee Showmanship, exhibitors wishing to compete in the optional showmanship are encouraged to pre-register.

15. **Pee Wee Rabbit Exhibitors Dress Code during Show and Showmanship will be as follows:**
- (1) DARK BLACK SLACKS OR DARK BLACK JEANS WITHOUT HOLES (**NO SHORTS**)
 - (2) WHITE DRESS SHIRT OR WHITE BLOUSE WITH COLLAR (**NO T-SHIRTS**), TUCKED INTO PANTS.
 - (3) DARK BOOTS OR LEATHER LACE-UP SHOES (**6" UPPER**)
 - (4) NO HATS OF ANY KIND PERMITTED. NO GUM, CANDY OR OTHER MATERIALS IN THE MOUTH OF EXHIBITOR.
16. All entries must be shown by their designated exhibitor unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Board, this includes showmanship classes.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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 AND NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.