



AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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Parent Body of All Chartered Local and Specialty Clubs / One National Judging and Registration System

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ARBA 2017 NATIONAL TEAM BREED IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding group critical thinking skills, demonstrate group initiative and provide problem solving and decision making activities in a small group. This is provided through a state represented team identification competition of ARBA recognized breeds at the ARBA National Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

Each state may submit, through their ARBA District Director, as many teams per age division as they wish. Age divisions will be: 5-11 years; 12-14 years; and 15-18 years. The age of a team member is determined as of the last day of the national convention. A team must consist of four members and may have two alternates named. A team must have four members present at the ARBA National Convention. All team members must be ARBA Youth members and current members of an ARBA chartered club in the state they are representing. All team members participating on a state team must be residents of said state. **Contestants not already entered in an individual contest must submit an Entry & Publicity Release Form with this form.**

Your ARBA District Director has the option of submitting a team in each age division consisting of members from within their district. Participants residing in a state without enough participants to form a state team are eligible to participate on a district team. Each district is permitted one district team in each age division.

RULES

- 1 Teams consist of four to six members. Selection of the four members who's scores will determine the team score will be made by the Team Coordinator at check-in.
- 2 There is no limit to the number of four to six member teams that may be formed from each state in each age division.
- 3 Team members must participate in their true age group **and may only be a member on one team.**
- 4 All team members must report to the Breed Identification area as a group and go through the contest at the same time.

CONTEST PROCEDURES

- 1 Team members must check into the contest area together. The team will be placed in a supervised area until ALL members of the team have completed the contest. If a team member leaves the contest area without official supervision, they will not be allowed to return to the area and the team will be withdrawn from the competition.
- 2 Each team member will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, listing the complete breed name as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. They will also identify the showroom variety/classification, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. A separate question or animal will act as a tie-breaker. No abbreviations are accepted.
- 3 Team score will be the sum of the four individual member scores on the team. In the event of a tie, the team's tie-breaker scores will be added to the total score.
- 4 Winners will be announced and awards presented at the ARBA Youth Banquet at the National Convention.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Application must be made on 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. State organizations are required to inform their ARBA District Director by September 1, 2017 of their intent to participate in this contest. The number of teams from each state must be declared at this time.

Application must be postmarked by September 15, 2017 and should be mailed to your District Director.

- Proof of membership in an ARBA chartered club within the state being represented must be included with the application for each team member and alternate. This can be a copy of a membership card showing the expiration date or a letter from a club secretary verifying membership.

ARBA NATIONAL TEAM BREED IDENTIFICATION APPLICATION

STATE _____ ARBA DISTRICT _____
 AGE DIVISION (circle one)

AGES 5-11

AGES 12-14

AGES 15-18

TEAM NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON (representing the state) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TEAM MEMBERS: (minimum 4 members)

NAME	BIRTHDATE	ARBA NUMBER	T-Shirt Size	Individual Contests*
				◇ Skill-A-Thon/ Showmanship /Judging*
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A signed Contest Participation Release Form and proof of membership in an ARBA chartered club within the state being represented must be included with the application for each team member and alternate. Applications submitted without the above information will be considered invalid. ARBA memberships must be current by September 15, 2016.

Application must be postmarked to your ARBA District Director by September 15, 2016. Applications arriving late will be considered invalid.

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY: _____

DISTRICT DIRECTOR: _____

- * **Individual Contests:** All team members are automatically entered in Individual Breed ID as well.
- * **Individual Contests:** Ages 5-8 are eligible for the National Skill-A-Thon Contest(Pre-junior Division)
- * **Individual Contests:** Ages 9-11 are eligible for the National Showmanship Contest(Junior Division)
- * **Individual Contests:** Ages 12-18 are eligible for the National Judging Contest(Intermediate or Senior Divisions)