

ARBA Charter

**TO ALL FAIRS AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS:**



**Enclosed is your charter application.**

**Please follow the guidelines below when completing the application.**

Phone: 814-797-4129

Fax: 814-797-0221

email: [info@arba.net](mailto:info@arba.net)

**1**

ALL charter applications MUST include the following items:

- Charter Fee of \$25.00
- All sanction requests including appropriate fees MUST be submitted along with charter application.
- Name and Location of Fair or Agricultural Association.
- Actual date(s) judging is to occur.
- Contact information to be published on the ARBA Website.

**2**

The following information MUST be published in the Fair Catalog or Premium Book:

OFFICIAL AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED SHOW

PO BOX 400, KNOX, PA

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

ADULT: \$20.00 PER YEAR, 3 YRS \$50    YOUTH: \$12.00 PER YEAR, 3 YRS \$30

COMBINATION HUSBAND/WIFE: \$30.00 PER YEAR, 3 YRS \$75.00

SINGLE ADULT FAMILY: \$20.00 PLUS \$5.00 PER YOUTH PER YEAR, 3 YRS \$50.00 PLUS \$10.00 PER YOUTH

HUSBAND/WIFE FAMILY: \$30.00 PLUS \$5.00 PER YOUTH PER YEAR, 3 YRS \$75.00 PLUS \$10.00 PER YOUTH

**3**

The fees for charters, sanctions, and supplies are as follows:

CHARTER: \$25.00

OPEN SANCTION: \$25.00

REMARK Cards: \$13.00 (per 250)

\*YOUTH SANCTION: \$20.00

ENTRY FORMS: \$15.00 (per 100)

OPEN / YOUTH COMBINATION: \$40.00

\*Note: Only those persons under the age of 19 are eligible to exhibit at an ARBA Youth Sanctioned show.

**4**

All charters expire January 1 of each year. All chartered clubs and fairs are listed on the ARBA website at [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net). It is to the fair's benefit to renew your charter and purchase your sanctions as soon as possible each year so that our members know which fair shows are sanctioned and may plan on attending. Your charter provides you the benefit of hosting ARBA sanctioned shows. *However, you MUST secure a sanction for each show no later than 30 days prior to the show date.*

**5**

**SEND COMPLETED FORM ALONG WITH ALL FEES TO:**

**ARBA  
PO BOX 400  
KNOX, PA 16232**

Please forward the completed application to the address listed above. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the charter application, do not hesitate to contact the ARBA office for assistance.

**Thank You!**

Sincerely,

ARBA Charter Department

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# ARBA OFFICIAL SHOW RULES, SECTION 71:

## COUNTY AND STATE FAIR SHOWS AND AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITIONS

**Section 71. County and State Fair Shows: Article II, Section 7 of the ARBA By-Laws provides for county or state fairs or agricultural expositions to become chartered with the ARBA by submitting proper fees and complying with the ARBA Show Rules. Fair shows are exempt from the ARBA Show Rules in the following instances only:**

- (a) Fairs may limit their entries with respect to the number of animals and/or the region or county of exhibitor residence.
- (b) Fairs may combine recognized breeds or varieties for purposes of judging. Legs of grand championship may not be issued for any combined class. Animals advancing from combined classes will be eligible for grand championship legs, however, provided the leg requirements are met within a recognized class.
- (c) Youth may enter the same rabbit or cavy in both open and youth fair shows, as long as the shows are not judged on the same date(s).
- (d) Youth exhibitors may enter sanctioned youth shows through the age of eighteen (18) years only, upon their 19th birthday they are ineligible. Youth exhibitors may be required, however, to conform to minimum age requirements as established by the fair.
- (e) Fairs may provide premium listings or entry summaries to exhibitors in lieu of Official Show Reports.
- (f) The availability of an ARBA registrar is not required, but is encouraged.
- (g) Fair shows are exempt from the 100 mile radius rule.
- (h) The publishing of information concerning the next ARBA National Convention is not required, but is encouraged.
- (i) The judging of animals may occur before, during, or after the fair, provided all judging is started and completed no more than four (4) days prior to or following the published fair dates.
- (j) The designated show secretary must be a member of the ARBA at the time of sanction application. It is also recommended that the designated show superintendent be a member of the ARBA.
- (k) Fairs may require all entries in any specialty breed show held in conjunction with them, be entered in the open or youth all breed show.

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## ARBA BY-LAWS: ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 2 AND 7:

### Section 2. General Rules Applying to all Chartered Clubs:

- (a) All chartered clubs and associations of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., must operate within the basic framework of all rules and regulations of this association and are autonomous to the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., by virtue of being governed by their own constitution and by-laws (self-governing).
- (b) Chartered clubs and associations operating under their own constitution and by-laws within the basic framework of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., shall be responsible for any and all problems arising that pertain to the operation of their own club or association.
- (c) No club or association shall have rules or regulations that are in conflict with the constitution and by-laws of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the officers and directors of all ARBA-chartered clubs and associations to see that its members abide by the constitution and by-laws of the club or association. Failure to do so may be cause for probation or loss of charter.
- (e) A copy of the constitution and by-laws of all clubs or associations seeking an ARBA charter shall accompany the charter application and all amendments approved by the membership (after being chartered) shall be filed with the renewal fees.
- (f) A charter, once issued, shall be in force forever unless revoked by this association for just cause, or being voided for failure to pay a renewal fee. Failure to pay the renewal fee within sixty (60) days of January 1 of each year shall result in the charter being declared null and void.
- (g) All officers and directors of all clubs and associations, chartered with the American Rabbit Breeders Association Inc., must be members of this association or join before taking office. Delinquent membership of any officer or director, unless renewed or replaced by another member in good standing in this association within sixty (60) days after notification, may result in the forfeit of the charter of any club and association chartered with this association.
- (h) A charter that has been forfeited cannot be renewed. Members of the club or association may make application for a new charter under a different name in accordance with the rules and regulations of this association.
- (i) No charter shall be renewed unless all requirements of the original charter have been complied with.
- (j) No charter will be issued without the specific type club's outlined procedures being adhered to, and any charter questioned must have the approval of the ARBA Board of Directors.
- (k) No ARBA-chartered club shall issue charters.
- (l) Any and all fees so stated in this article must be remitted in United States funds.

### Section 7: Fairs, Agricultural Associations and Show Circuits

- (a) Any county or state fair, agricultural association or show circuit, composed of ARBA-chartered clubs, may secure a charter by complying with the show rules and paying an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for fairs and agricultural associations and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for show circuits without meeting the membership requirements of this association.
- (b) Any county or state fair agricultural association or show circuit may conduct all-breed, ARBA sanctioned shows by remitting a sanction fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for an Open sanction, twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a Youth sanctions, or forty dollars (\$40.00) for a combination of Open and Youth if applied for at the same time, to the Executive Director of this association.
- (c) County or state fair charters may be paid for at the time of applying for a show sanction to allow them to work within their allotted budget.
- (d) A show circuit must pay an annual renewal fee.
- (e) County and state fairs, if dictated to by their governing bodies, may offer classes other than the official classes of the ARBA. No legs can be awarded to any class that is not recognized by the ARBA. Combining a number of varieties or breeds together for one class does not constitute a recognized class and is not eligible to receive legs.

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## ARBA BY-LAWS: ARTICLE V, SECTION 1:

- (a) Members acting either in an individual capacity or representing chartered clubs to resolve disputes must utilize internal processes and should resolve not be reached, agree to mandatory arbitration.

*This is interpreted to be in reference to resolving disputes within the ARBA. All clubs are autonomous in their governance and will determine their means by which to resolve their own disputes.*

**ARBA Charter Application**



**FAIRS AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**FOR ARBA USE ONLY**

**This is your charter application.  
Please read and follow the instructions found on the reverse side of this form before completing the application.**

*(PLEASE PRINT USING BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY)*

**ALL CHARTER RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1st OF EACH YEAR**

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

CHARTER #: \_\_\_\_\_

AMT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: 814-797-4129

Fax: 814-797-0221

email: info@arba.net

**1** Name of Fair or Agricultural Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
City of Charter:/Show Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Actual Date(s) judging is to occur: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE # AND EMAIL</u>
<b>3</b>	Show Manager or Superintendent:		
	Show Secretary: (Must be current ARBA member)		
	Person & address to send sanction to:		
	Person & address to list on ARBA web-site:		

**If needed, please indicate the format of Grand Champion legs that you require:**

CUT (to fill out by hand)

COMPUTER (For computer show programs)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FEE SCHEDULE</u>	<u>QUANTITY DESIRED</u>	<u>ACTUAL FEES</u>
CHARTER FEE ▶	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
OPEN SANCTION ▶	\$ 25.00 EACH		
YOUTH SANCTION ▶	\$ 20.00 EACH		
OPEN & YOUTH COMBINATION ▶	\$40.00 EACH		
REMARK CARDS ▶	\$ 13.00 PER 250		
ENTRY FORMS ▶	\$ 15.00 PER 100		
POSTAGE (required on supply orders) ▶	Please contact ARBA office for rate quote.		
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FEES</b>			

**5** SIGNED (Responsible party): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_