



# AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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## ARBA 2026 NATIONAL TEAM JUDGING CONTESTS

### 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, ONE team per age division. Age divisions will be: 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 must create an account in the online entry portal and acknowledge the publicity release and indicate t-shirt size by September 1, 2026.**

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 and there **MUST** be at least 2 different states within the district represented to form a district team.

### RULES

- 1 Teams consist of four with up to 2 alternates. Selection of the four members who's scores will determine the team score will be made by the Team Coordinator at check-in.
- 2 Team members 12-14 years old may participate on a Senior Team, but can only be a member on one state team. Members younger than 12 years of age may not participate in the Team Judging Contest. Teams with members of mixed ages will compete in the age division matching the oldest member on the team.
- 3 All counting team members must judge at the same time and agree to be available for all events scheduled. In the event of a team call-back only those whos scores counted for the preliminary will be allowed to judge.
- 4 Once judging has started there will be no substituting of team members.
- 5 Only the team members on the application will be permitted. No substitution of members will be allowed after submitting the application.

### CONTEST PROCEDURES

- 1 Team judging order will be posted by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the convention in the contest area.
- 2 Each team member will be required to place two classes of four animals per class. (Each team must have each animal class judge a by a total of two different contestants) This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. Placements will be made on forms provided. The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged.
- 3 Judging classes may involve rabbits (including meat classes), cavies, fur and wool.
- 4 Team score will be the sum of the four individual member scores on the team.
- 5 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, 2026 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 1, 2026 and should be mailed/e-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 JUDGING APPLICATION

State Team:

District Team:

State: State

District: District

Age Division: Age Division

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (representing the team): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members: (4-6 members per team)

Name:	Birthdate:	ARBA #:	T-shirt Size:
1. _____	_____	_____	Size
2. _____	_____	_____	Size
3. _____	_____	_____	Size
4. _____	_____	_____	Size
5. _____	_____	_____	Size
6. _____	_____	_____	Size

**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 August 1, 2026.**

**Application must be postmarked to your ARBA District Director by September 1, 2026. Applications arriving late will be considered invalid.**

Application Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

District Director: \_\_\_\_\_