



AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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ARBA 2026 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 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.

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the contest area without official supervision, they will not be allowed to return to the area and the team will be withdrawn from the competition.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 rabbit and cavy, listing the complete breed name as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. They will also identify the showroom variety/classification, whether a 4 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, 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 BREED ID 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: _____