

# 2025 IRBA MARCH SHOWS

*Two Shows on Saturday, March 22nd - One Show on Sunday March 23rd -*

*National Rhinelander and Checkered Giant shows on Saturday*

*Various Breed Specialty Shows on Sunday*

*Interstate Center - 2301 W Market St., Bloomington, IL 61704*

*Judges: Saturday and Sunday: Dakota Manning, Mark Jacobs, Danny Long, Todd Naragon, Ron Riddle and Ashley Sweeney*

*More judges may be added on Saturday*

**SHOW ROOM OPENS TO ACCEPT RABBITS FRIDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND CLOSSES FRIDAY NIGHT AT 9:00 P.M.**

**SHOW ROOM OPENS AT 6:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

*Judging will begin on both days at 9:00 a.m. or as close as possible to that time..*

*Specialty shows to be held on Sunday.*

**\*\*\*\*\*THIS IS A PRE-ENTRY SHOW\*\*\*\*\***

**Entry Fee: \$4.00 per entry, per show. Fur Class: \$2.00 per entry, per show**

**Coop rental fee (if desired): \$1.50 per coop (see information about coops below)**

**USPS Mailed pre-entries need to be postmarked by Tuesday, March 11, 2025 and Emailed pre-entries need to be emailed by 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025 to:**

Jane Meyer, 1795 N 1800 East Rd; Thawville, IL 60968 or email at [floridawhitesec@gmail.com](mailto:floridawhitesec@gmail.com)

Payment of fees will be accepted at the show room when you check in. If entering by email, please bring a copy of your entry check-in sheet that will be emailed to you. Remark cards not needed with pre-entries.

**\*\*\*\*\*DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES\*\*\*\*\***

*Entries will be accepted the day of the show. Day of show entries will need remark cards!*

**Entry fee will be \$6.00 per entry, per show. Fur Class: \$2.00 per entry, per show.**

## **ALL COOP RENTAL RESERVATIONS**

FOR THE IRBA SHOWS MUST BE MADE BY Thursday **MARCH 13TH** AND SENT TO:

Jane Meyer, 1795 N 1800 East Rd; Thawville, IL 60968 or email at [floridawhitesec@gmail.com](mailto:floridawhitesec@gmail.com)

All SANCTIONED breeds will receive an award for BOB & BOS provided 10 or more are shown.

Breeds sanctioned: Am. Fuzzy Lop O; American Sable O; Californian O&Y&IL; Champagne O&Y; Checkered Giant O; Dutch O&Y; Dwarf Papillon O; English Spot O; Flemish Giant O; Florida White O&Y&IL; Harlequin O&Y; Havana O&Y; Himalayan O; Holland Lop O&Y; Jersey Woolly O; Mini Lop O&Y&IL; Mini Rex O&Y&IL; Mini Satin/Satin O&Y; Netherland Dwarf O; New Zealand O&Y&IL; Polish O&Y (youth Saturday only); Rex O; Rhinelander O&Y; Silver O&Y; Silver Fox O; Silver Marten O;

If you wish to sanction a breed that is not listed above, please contact Jane Meyer at

[floridawhitesec@gmail.com](mailto:floridawhitesec@gmail.com)

**HOST HOTEL AND BANQUET INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE**

# HOST HOTEL

Here is the information for the Host Hotel group rate and Banquet for the March 21-23, 2025 IRBA Spring convention for anyone attending the IRBA all breed shows, Checkered Giant and Rhinelander National shows.

Host Hotel:       Holiday Inn Bloomington-Normal  
                      8 Traders Circle  
                      Normal, Illinois 61761  
                      309-862-0101

Host Hotel group rate is \$124/night. Includes vouchers for the breakfast Buffet for both Saturday and Sunday for the group block. Group block is under the name Illinois Rabbit breeders association. Rooms need to be booked by 2/21/25 in order to get group rate.

# BANQUET

IRBA BANQUET is in the Hickory Room at the host hotel on Saturday 3/22/25 at 6:30 pm. **Reservation only.**

## **MENU:**

Garden salad and a tomato Caprese salad

Beef tenderloin (mushroom gravy on side) and southern fried chicken.

Garlic mashed potatoes

Green beans with bacon.

Includes a dessert cookie tray, water, ice tea and lemonade.

Cost is \$30/ person.

Cash bar in lobby.

Kids age 12 and under can get chicken nuggets/fries/ fruit cup for \$10/person.

**\*\*Banquet reservations need to be made and paid for by Thursday 3/6/25 11:59 PM CST to the IRBA Vice President Mary Henry via PayPal or Venmo. These are non-refundable.**

Any questions with alternate payment options can be emailed to Mary Henry at: MARYHENRYRN@YAHOO.COM **OR** called to her cell# 815-954-2113.

PayPal address: MARYHENRYRN@YAHOO.COM

Venmo address: @maryhenryrn

Banquet activities includes door prizes, games and a Mystery Box auction. Always a fun time. Anyone wishing to donate a Mystery box is always welcomed and appreciated. Mystery box item needs to be worth minimally \$25, wrapped, and a clue to its contents attached to the box. Proceeds go to the IRBA to offset costs of banquet hall and costs.

## RAFFLE

The IRBA will have their annual raffle with the drawing sometime Saturday afternoon. All non-alcohol (see rule 18) donations are welcome. There may be some breed club raffles on Saturday.

## EQUIPMENT DEALER

### Moeller's Small Animal Equipment

Roger Moeller, 866 Crain Rd., New London, WI 54961

920-493-5568

moellerssmallanimalequipment@outlook.com

## SPECIALTY SHOWS

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

Illinois New Zealand RB Spec Club: Martha Hills, marthahills62180@gmail.com

Land of Lincoln Satin RBA: Mandy Johnson, minichocs78@gmail.com

Illinois Mini Rex Rabbit Club: Amanda Marquardt, ilminirex@gmail.com

Illinois-Indiana Checkered Giant Rabbit Club: Jean Thomas

Midwest Champagne D'Argent: Greg Wauthier, gwauthier89@yahoo.com

Rhinelanders we have no contact information

Check the ARBA website for info uploaded by the individual specialty clubs for the specialty shows listed.

### **Official American Rabbit Breeders Association Sanctioned Show**

Eric Stewart, Executive Director, PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232

www.arba.net

Membership Dues: Individual \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 for 3 years; Youth \$12.00 per year, \$30.00 for 3 years

2025 ARBA Convention: Indianapolis, IN November 14-19, 2025

### **Official Illinois Rabbit Breeders Sanctioned Show**

Charles Wiltgen 620 East Mann St Gilman, IL 60938 815-200-0156

ILRBAsec@gmail.com

Dues Paid Thru an IRBA Affiliated LOCAL Club: Adult \$7.00 - Youth \$5.00 Dues Paid Individual: Adult \$8.00 - Youth \$8.00 Dues Paid after July 1st are 'Half Price'

# SHOW RULES

1. This show will be governed by the latest revised rules of the ARBA. Filing of entry indicates your acceptance of these show rules and those listed below.
2. The Illinois Rabbit Breeders Association will not be responsible for accidents; this includes but is not limited to loss in case of fire, theft or providential destruction. However, every precaution will be taken to prevent same.
3. Cash, a good check or a money order are acceptable methods of payment for your entry. (There will be a \$25.00 service fee charge on all returned checks). Make all checks payable to the Illinois Rabbit Breeders Association (IRBA). The IRBA reserves the right to reject ANY entry for due cause.
4. All entered animals must be permanently and legibly earmarked.
5. Day of show entry forms and remark cards are to be filled out completely and legibly by the exhibitor. Please check and double check your entry form against your remark cards. An animal at the table that does not appear on your entry form will be scratched.
6. Fur class entries are to be noted on your entry sheet, and must also be on a separate remark card for day of show entries.
7. Fur classes will be provided for: Breed Fur/Normal White Fur & Wool/Normal Colored Fur & Wool. Unless otherwise noted on the entry form, all fur class animals will be entered in Breed Fur.
8. Open & Youth Judging will begin as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible on Saturday and Sunday. The IRBA reserves the right to substitute, add or remove judges as deemed necessary.
9. Other than official show personnel, Youth MUST carry youth entered animals.
10. There will be no placement ribbons given.
11. All sweepstakes will be governed by the latest rules. (IRBA show exhibitors who are current members of the IRBA will receive credit for double sweepstakes points earned, only towards the IRBA Sweepstakes).
12. Any/All animals exhibiting signs of sickness will be removed from the showroom, or otherwise isolated at the show official's discretion.
13. There must be ten (10) or more animals shown in the breed sweepstakes in order to warrant required specials by specialty clubs. The IRBA is not responsible for any donated awards.
14. Specialty Club shows will be held as prearranged between the specialty show host and the IRBA Show Superintendent. Contact the specialty show secretary for information regarding that breed specialty show.
15. If deemed necessary, the sponsoring club reserves the right to ask for proof of ownership for animals entered.
16. Unless otherwise specified within the catalog, any breeds NOT SANCTIONED will receive awards for BOB and BOS provided ten (10) or more animals are shown in the breed
17. Parents and/or guardians will be held responsible for their own actions as well as those of their own children and/or those children that accompanied them.
18. There will be no smoking inside the show building, and no alcoholic beverages are allowed anywhere on the Inter-state property.
19. ALL CARRIERS MUST HAVE SOLID BOTTOMS.

## IRBA COOP RENTAL RESERVATION

Coop rental available for **entered animals only**. Detach and send to: Jane Meyer, 1795 N 1800 East Rd, Thawville, IL 60968 prior to March 13, 2025.

Number of Coops requested: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.50 per coop = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Coop rental is for the entire weekend. You pay only one fee PER ANIMAL for the weekend. Shavings will be provided for cooped animals.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# YOUTH

## Illinois Youth Guidelines

All youth contests will be held at the Spring Illinois State Show. All efforts will be made to have royalty, showmanship, judging and breed ID contests.

To participate in these contests, a youth must be a member of the IRBA, reside in the state of Illinois and must participate in the proper age category the day of the contest.

Contest age breakdowns will be as follows: King and Queen-15-18. Duke and Duchess-12-14. Prince and Princess-9-11. Lord and Lady-5-8. Judging-Junior 12-14, Senior 15-18. Breed ID-Junior 5-11, Intermediate-12-14, Senior 15-18. Showmanship-9-11.

Contest rules- No entry fee. Pre-entry desired but day of contest entry is allowed. Royalty will involve a written test. Tests can be read to any youth that needs assistance. The youth committee will provide writers for entrants that need help with writing their answers for breed ID. AR-BA youth standards and scoring will be used for all contests.

All attempts will be made to form teams for the ARBA National Convention. If there is a larger number of participants than there are spots on the team, scores from the contests will be used to determine who will be on Team Illinois. Any other participants can possibly still compete as members of a District 5 team if the district forms a team.

No parents will be allowed in the area of the royalty test or the breed id while their child is participating. This rule will be strictly enforced.

### Illinois Youth Convention Funds

Funds will be provided to all team members attending the convention as long as funds are available. Funds will be allocated as no more than \$250.00 per participant.

To receive funds, participant or parent must do the following: assist with fundraising by either baking items for baked goods sale or working at the table during the raffle. Failure to help with any fundraising will forfeit the stipend even if the person is on the team. Participants and/or parents must also assist in some way with any benefit shows that are held for the youth fund. Some of the ways to help will be assisting with running the show, raffle, writing for judges, helping check in, helping set up or tear down.

Funds will be provided to the participant after the contests have concluded at the convention.

**We will not have a raffle at the state convention this year, but we ask that you bring items for the regular raffle and assist with that or selling 50/50 tickets to be eligible to receive the funds for convention.**

# Entry form for youth contests

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

ARBA Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check what you will be participating in**

## **Royalty**

15-18

King \_\_\_\_\_ Queen \_\_\_\_\_

12-14

Duke \_\_\_\_\_ Duchess \_\_\_\_\_

9-11

Prince \_\_\_\_\_ Princess \_\_\_\_\_

5-8

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_

## **Breed ID**

Senior 15-18 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate 12-14 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior 5-11 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Showmanship**

9-11 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Judging**

Senior 15-18 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior 12-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Please email information to Wendy Wauthier at [bolensbunnies@yahoo.com](mailto:bolensbunnies@yahoo.com) by March 15<sup>th</sup> so we can plan accordingly.