



Rabbit Shows

Arrival: Saturday September 28, 2024

Check-In: Saturday September 28 from 8:30-9:30am

Judging: Saturday September 28 at 10am

Release: After animal is shown

All rabbits must enter online.
There will be no registration the day of show.

| <u>Show Order Starting at 10am SATURDAY</u> | <u>Entry Fee 8/01-9/11</u> | <u>Entry Fee 9/12-9/18</u> |
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| Junior Breeding Rabbits | \$8 | \$16 |
| Single Fryers | \$8 | \$16 |
| Open Breeding Rabbits | \$8 | \$16 |

RULE 1. ELIGIBILITY: Participation in the Rabbit Division is limited to members in good standing with their 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must reside or attend school within the Southwest District to enter. Exhibitors must be 5 years of age and cannot have reached their 20th birthday by the opening day of the Southwest District Fair, Tuesday September 24, 2024. Exhibitors may not show in a Junior Show no later than the fall after graduating high school or receiving a GED certificate or its equivalent regardless of age. Participation in the Open Rabbit Division is open to anyone who does not fall in the Junior Show's guidelines.

RULE 2. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS: To be eligible for competition, animals must be the sole property of the exhibitor. All animals entered for competition in the breeding classes must be entered in the name of the owner. Original registration certificates of ownership must be presented at time of check in.

RULE 3. ENTRY DEADLINE: Early entries will be August 1st-September 11th. Late entries will be September 12th-18th. **NO** entries will be accepted after September 18th. Substitutions may be made, if possible, for \$15 with the Show Chairman's approval.

RULE 4. ARRIVAL & RELEASE: Arrival will be Saturday September 28th with Check-In from 8:30-9:30am. Release will be after animal is done showing.

RULE 5. GATE PASSES/ ENTRANCE: All exhibitors will receive 1 back gate pass to be used by the **EXHIBITOR ONLY**. Parents, other relatives and visitors can purchase their own discounted pass on-line or pay the regular gate fee. Two-Day discounted passes are presale **ONLY** and available on the ShoWorks entry website until September 22nd. Discounted passes will be not be sold on the grounds. Passes are not required for the Rabbit Show.

RULE 6. CODE OF BEHAVIOR/ RULES: All exhibitors, parents of exhibitors, county extension agents, vocational agriculture instructors and any others involved with exhibitors are expected to adhere to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. A copy is available to view under Rules and Regulations on the website.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

1. If an exhibitor in any way, whether in person or by agent or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication or shows any disrespect to them or the Southwest District Fair Officials, such person and agents will be subject to penalties as detailed in rules 3 and 4 below.
2. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Southwest District Fair officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents or sponsors will disqualify exhibitor from the contest and the owner shall forfeit their entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties or who shall make any false statement in regard to any animal exhibited or shall interfere with official's and/or judge's books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.
3. **PENALTIES:** An exhibitor, exhibitors' parent, agent, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructor or other person associated with an exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to such penalties as the management shall order, including but not limited to:
 - a. Such animal being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest District Fair event.
 - b. The exhibitor being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest District Fair event.
 - c. The exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representatives or agents of the exhibitor or all of these, being barred from any further participation.
 - d. Violator's name and address being reported to the National Association of Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association Rule Infraction Database. Being reported in the database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If you are listed in this database, you may not be allowed to participate in any event held at the Southwest District Fair or any associated event.
 - e. Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or premiums have been given by the Southwest District Fair to animal or exhibitor in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the Southwest District Fair, immediately return all awards and premiums given to such animal or exhibitor.
 - f. Exhibitor being liable to the Southwest District Fair shall indemnify and hold the expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, Southwest District Fair management labor and expenses, consultant

legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Southwest District Fair rules and regulations.

4. Penalties for violations in junior shows – See above penalties in rule #3. In addition, the following penalties apply:
- a. If an exhibitor, the parent(s) or other family of a junior exhibitor, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructors or any other agent associated with said exhibitor is charged with behavior that is not in accordance with the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, the result will be that the individual will be banned from future shows conducted by the Southwest District Fair for at least, but not restricted to one year.
 - b. In the event that the individual who is found to be in violation of the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, is a county Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, that person will not be allowed to sign entry forms, nominations forms or any other official paperwork submitted to the Southwest District Fair office and they too will be banned from Southwest District Fair Grounds during competitive events held at this facility for at least, but no limited to one year.
 - c. If action must be taken toward a County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor documentation of this action will be reported to his/her supervisor at the discretion of the Southwest District Fair Management.
 - d. The Southwest District Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine.
 - e. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the management may order.
 - f. The decisions of the Southwest District Fair management are final and not subject to protest.

RULE 8. CARE OF ANIMALS: All owners of livestock or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same, as the Southwest District Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the others thereof. Failure to abide by any rule, regulation or decision may result in removal of animal from the grounds and all entries will be forfeited.

RULE 9. HEALTH REGULATIONS: The Southwest District Fair reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for any market animals at the fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of any animal producing an analysis indicating presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristics of an animal will be required to return all premium money and could be banned from further competition in the Southwest District Fair. Their name and lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA and FDA for further investigation and possible prosecution. All livestock for exhibition or any other purpose shall conform to the following rules and regulations of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commissions.

RULE 10. LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS: No animals (pets) will be allowed on the Midway. No unauthorized vehicles of any kind will be allowed on the Midway after 3pm Monday through 11am Sunday. All property of every character entered for competitive play, or for any other purpose, or brought into the fairgrounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Directors. In no case shall the Southwest District Fair or any of its officers/directors, be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury or death by disease, theft or from any other cause of any character, to any property while staying in the fairgrounds, or any other time or place. The management hereby assumes no responsibility, either as bailee or otherwise, for any property being brought and kept upon said grounds. If the property owners or others interested in the property, desire protection against loss, damage, injury from fire or other cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees, stalls, space or exhibitor's tickets/passes.

RULE 11. JUDGING/ AWARDS: Only animals that are credible from the standpoint of type, quality and finish shall be eligible for judging. The judge may, at his/her discretion, award placing according to the animal's quality; therefore, a single entry is not automatically awarded first place. No exhibitor shall be permitted to win more than 2 prizes in any one class. All protests shall be made to the Livestock Chairman in writing immediately following the conclusion of judging. Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint and be accompanied by a \$250 deposit. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Decisions of the Livestock Show Chairman are final, pending a complete investigation.

RULE 12. EXHIBIT SALE: In the interest of furthering the livestock business of the area and in the interest of producing and providing food, all animals exhibited in the Southwest District Fair may be sold privately on the fairgrounds.

RULE 13. CONTROL OF ANIMALS: All open and junior exhibitors must have complete control of their animals in the show ring and on the fairgrounds at all times.

RULE 14. PROHIBITED ACTS: The act of artificially filling animals internally which would include stomach pumping, is prohibited. Silicone injection or other injection for cosmetic purposes shall be prohibited. Anabolic steroid use shall likewise be prohibited and any animal testing positive for anabolic steroid or diuretic use shall be presumed to be altered or modified.

RULE 15. SHOWING ANIMALS: All animals entered are to be shown by the owner, unless unavoidable circumstances forbid the owner's presence, in which case the animal may be shown by another youth who is also a junior exhibitor. Prior approval by Livestock Chairman is necessary for this substitution.

RULE 16. Any violation of these rules will cost a forfeiture of all premiums earned by the exhibitor. In the interest of improving the Junior Show, the Southwest District Fair requests that the County Agents, and Ag. teachers certify as to the eligibility of both the exhibitor and the animal.

OPEN AND JUNIOR BREEDING RABBITS

- NO ANIMAL MAY BE SHOWN IN BOTH OPEN AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS.** Be aware of which category you are entering on the website. See RULE 1 for eligibility.
- Rabbits must be in good health and free of abscesses and ear mites.
- All entries must be permanently tattooed.
- Date for age calculation is September 28, 2024.
- A best of breed will be chosen from each breed and then a best opposite sex will be selected. All best of breeds will compete for overall grand champion and reserve grand champion.
- 1st-5th place awarded in each class.

BREEDS:

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| American | Cinnamon | Harlequin | Rex |
| American Chinchilla | Commercial | Havana | Rhinelander |
| American Fuzzy Lop | Crème d'Argent | Himalayan | Satin Angora |
| American Sable | Dutch | Holland Lop | Satin |
| Angora | Dwarf Hotot | Jersey Wooly | Silver |
| Argente Brun | English Angora | Lilac | Silver Fox |
| Belgian Hare | English Lop | Lionhead | Silver Marten |
| Beveren | English Spot | Mini Lop | Standard Chinchilla |
| Blanc de Hotot | Flemish Giant | Mini Rex | Tan |
| Britannia Petite | Florida White | Mini Satin | Thrianta |
| Californian | French Angora | Netherland Dwarf | Velveteen Lop |
| Cavies | French Lop | New Zealand | |
| Champagne d'Argent | Giant Angora | Palomino | |
| Checkered Giant | Giant Chinchilla | Polish | |

CLASSES:

- CLASS 01 - Broken -Senior buck, over 8 months of age
- CLASS 02 - Broken -Senior doe, over 8 months of age
- CLASS 03 - Broken -Intermediate buck, 6-8 months of age
- CLASS 04 - Broken -Intermediate doe, 6-8 months of age
- CLASS 05 - Broken -Junior buck, under 6 months of age
- CLASS 06 - Broken -Junior doe, under 6 months of age
- CLASS 07 - Solid -Senior buck, over 8 months of age
- CLASS 08 - Solid -Senior doe, over 8 months of age
- CLASS 09 - Solid -Intermediate buck, 6-8 months of age
- CLASS 10 - Solid -Intermediate doe, 6-8 months of age
- CLASS 11 - Solid -Junior buck, under 6 months of age
- CLASS 12 - Solid -Junior doe, under 6 months of age

Meat Rabbit Show

1. Rabbits must be in good health and free of abscesses and ear mites.
2. All entries must be permanently tattooed.
3. Meat rabbits must weigh between 2.5lbs. and 5.5lbs.
4. 1st-5th place awarded.

CLASS:

CLASS 01 - Single Fryer