**Department 18H**

**Rabbits**

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**Youth must be registered for the Fair by July 1st.**

**Registration must be made on FairEntry.com.**

**This document is for informational purposes only.**

**Ionia free Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles prior to, during or after the Fair.**

1. **All rabbits must be tattooed prior to rabbit check-in.** Tattooing will be available the first Monday in June from 6pm to 8pm at the

Ionia Fairgrounds. Rabbits will arrive on 1st Saturday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The show will be held on Saturday,

 starting at 3:00 p.m. If an exhibitor has a problem bringing their animals at this time, please contact the superintendent in

 writing **before** the start of the Fair.

 2. Each member is required to do a record book. These complete books are to be turned in at check-in. **NO BOOK, MO CHECK-IN.**

 3. No diseased animals will be accepted for exhibit. If a disagreement arises over the health of an animal, a veterinarian, at the

 exhibitor’s expense, will examine the animal.

. 4. Rabbits must be in the exhibitor’s possession by May 1 and market pen does must be in exhibitor’s possession by April 1 of the current year.

 There is **NO** sharing of animals outside of immediate family; brothers and sisters.

 5. Each exhibitor may enter up to five (5) pens, this includes their market project.

 6. Only rabbits entered and shown in Youth show during the Fair will be allowed in the barn.

 7. **NO** “For Sale” signs will be allowed on show rabbits until the market sale is over. Families may not bring rabbits from home to sell.

 rabbits housed in the barn must be housed, during the entire Fair, in the barn. Youth rabbits may not be moved to another barn.

 Youth rabbits housed in the open barn must remain there for the entire Fair.

 8. Each barn duty shift must have an adult in the crew. Release time will be on the last Saturday/Sunday after the Fair at 10:00 a.m.

 with clean-up to immediately following. You or your representative must be present to pick up your rabbits and clean your share of the barn.

 9. **ALL 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year rabbit exhibitors must show in showmanship. All exhibitors must show in at least two different rabbit**

 **events, with the exception of the costume class.**

10. All classes will be judged by ARBA rules. **JUDGE’S DECISION IS FINAL!**

11. **ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED PRIOR TO EXHIBITOR LEAVING THE GROUNDS.**

 12. **Exhibitors showing in the Ionia County Youth Rabbit Show must adhere to the State Youth Dress Code Guidelines.**

13. **Any request of the Superintendent must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent by June 25. Any other request**

 **of the Superintendent must be submitted in writing 24 hours in advance.**

14. No medicating of animals will be allowed while at the Fair.

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 **Showmanship**

 **First year showmen may also show in their age division class (8-19 only)**

 Youth Barn Buddies Showmanship (ages 5&6 only)

 4955 Young Showmanship (ages 7&8 only)

 **Prize: Participation Ribbon**

4956 First Year Showmanship, ages 9-19

 4957 Novice Showmanship, all ages \*with superintendent approval only

 4958 Junior Showmanship, ages 9-11

 4959 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 12-14

 4960 Senior Showmanship, ages 15-19

 **Prizes:** 1-8 Place rosettes

 Plaques for First Year, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Winners

 **Gold Ribbon:** Each year the first-place showman with the highest score is honored to receive the Gold Ribbon.

**Four Class Breeds**

Placing ribbons, three (3) per class

**Be sure to enter the correct class number for your breed!**

Sr Buck Sr Doe Jr Buck Jr Doe

Florida White 4961 4962 4963 4964

Fuzzy Lop 4965 4966 4967 4968

Mini Satin 4969 4970 4971 4972

Polish 4973 4974 4975 4976

Dutch 4977 4978 4979 4980

Havana 4981 4982 4983 4984

Himalayan 4985 4986 4987 4988

Holland Lop 4989 4990 4991 4992

Jersey wooly 4993 4994 4995 4996

Dwarf Hotot 4997 4998 4999 5000

Mini Lop 5001 5002 5003 5004

Standard Chinchilla 5005 5006 5007 5008

Mini Rex 5009 5010 5011 5012

Netherland Dwarf 5013 5014 5015 5016

Rex 5017 5018 5019 5020

Silver Marten 5021 5022 5023 5024

Any other four class breed 5025 5026 5027 5028

Best Four Class

 **Prize:** Plaque

**Six Class Breeds**

Placing ribbons, three (3) per class

**Be sure to enter the correct class number for your breed!**

 Sr Buck Sr Doe 6-8 Buck 6-8 Doe Jr Buck Jr Doe

Californian 5029 5030 5031 5032 5033 5034

Champagne D’ Argent 5035 5036 5037 5038 5039 5040

Silver Fox 5041 5042 5043 5044 5045 5046

English Lop 5047 5048 5049 5050 5051 5052

French Lop 5053 5054 5055 5056 5057 5058

New Zealand 5059 5060 5061 5062 5063 5064

Satin 5065 5066 5067 5068 5069 5070

Flemish Giant 5071 5072 5073 5074 5075 5076

Any other six class breed 5077 5078 5079 5080 5081 5082

Best Six Class

**Prize:** Plaque

Best in Show

**Prize:** Plaque

**Costume Class**

**Prizes:**  1-8 Place Ribbons

Entries will be judged on originality, theme, and creativity.

5091 Costume, ages 9-11

5092 Costume, ages 12-14

5093 Costume, ages 15-19

5094 Costume, Barn Buddies

**Prizes:** Participation Ribbon Only

**Breed Judging**

**Prizes:** 1-8 Place Rosettes

5095 Junior Breed Judging, ages 9-14

5096 Senior Breed Judging, ages 15-19

5097 First Year Breed Judging, all ages

 (Only if this the first year you have participated in the Breed Judging Class)

**Progeny**

**Prizes:** Placing Ribbons, three (3) per class

1. Entry in this class will consist of two (2) animals owned by the same Youth exhibitor (mother and offspring).

2. **Animals cannot be shared for the Progeny Class (Junior or Senior Class).**

3. One shall be the mother (may be raised or purchased by the exhibitor) and the second animal shall be one of its offspring raised

 (not purchased) by the Youth exhibitor.

4. Offspring must be ten (10) weeks to six (6) months of age.

5. The offspring is required to stay and be housed at the Fair. It is also to be shown in its respective breed class.

6. The mother is not required to stay at the Fair or be shown in its breed class

7. **A complete pedigree must be made on the offspring and submitted upon showing. No pedigrees submitted will result in the entire project being ineligible for judging in the class. All breeds and varieties must be recognized by the ARBA.**

5098 Progeny Class, age 9-14

5099 Progeny Class. Ages 15-19

**Market Rabbits**

1. **Exhibitor may only enter only one (1) market pen. (Pen of 3 or a single fryer.)**

2. Market pens must be bred and raised by exhibitor; they cannot be purchased. Weight limit for market pen trios is 3.5

 pounds to 5.5 pounds; market fryers may weigh up to 6 pounds with an age limit of no more than 70 days old. Doe must

 be in exhibitor’s possession by April 1st of the current Fair year. Exhibitor must be the sole owner of the doe (partnerships

 outside of immediate family; brothers and sisters).

3. Exhibitors of a market project must also exhibit their records found in their project record book. **Record books must be completed**

 **and turned in at the time of weigh-in. NO EXCEPRTIONS.**

4. Any pens eliminated or disqualified from the show table will not be sold. Judge’s decision is final.

5. Exhibitors are responsible for processing and delivery to their buyer(s) within two (2) weeks after the sale or their sale check

 will be withheld.

6. A sale charge of 5% will be deducted from selling price.

7. **Only one market unit each can be sold at the auction for personal profit (rabbit market pen, poultry market pen or eggs).**

8. Grand and Reserve Champion units will sell. Should an in dividual receive Grand and Reserve Champion in more than one

 category, they must designate unit to be sold for personal profit by noon on the Sunday following judging.

9. Weigh-in will be conducted in order of arrival. **No parent may weigh-in their child’s pen.**

10. There will be no addition or subtraction of weight.

11. The decision of the weigh-in committee at the time of weigh-in is final. The first three (3) rabbits resented are the Market pens.

 Exhibitors will not be allowed to switch rabbits if one of the first three is disqualified.

12. Market pens must all be the same breed and variety (color).

13. All exhibitors/sellers of market pens must have at least three (3) photos taken by the night of the sale.

14. Exhibitors must show and sell their own animals.

15. If pedigrees are available, it will be between the buyer and the seller.

16. If a market rabbit is donated back to the exhibitor, the rabbit or is offspring must be exhibited at the next Fair.

17. Market pens will be judged by ARBA rules and standards.

18. All market pen rabbits must be tattooed. Tattooing will be held on the first Monday in June from 6 ppm to 8 pm at the Ionia Fairgrounds.

19. First year exhibitors are not eligible to exhibit market pens. A Youth member may show a rabbit and/or poultry market pen if he/she is

 nine (9) years of age AND has participated in that species showmanship for at least one year.

20. **All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year exhibitors must show a rabbit in showmanship. All exhibitors in the market rabbit project must show in at**

 **least one other class in Department H, with the exception of the Costume Class.**

21. If an exhibitor brings a market pen of three (3) rabbits and one or two rabbits do not make weight, the exhibitor may show and sell

 one rabbit as a market rabbit fryer. A single fryer entry is eligible for an A rating but will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.

 A market rabbit project book must be completed. All market rabbit rules apply.

22. An exhibitor may bring a single fryer (3.5 – 6 lbs.\_ in lieu of a pen of three (3).

23. On a Youth member’s last year as an active member, they may show and sell 2 of the 3 following market projects; a rabbit or poultry

 (chicken, duck, turkey, goose) pen and dozen eggs **IF** they have shown in that species at least one year. They will also have to sign a

 statement stating this is their last year.

24. Exhibitor must handwrite a “thank you” note and deliver their rabbit (live or butchered) to their buyers in a timely manner.

5100 Market Pen of Three (3)

5101 Market Fryer (placing ribbons only)

**Prizes:** 1-8 place Rosettes

 Grand Champion Market Pen

 **Prizes:** Special Award

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**Breed Classes**

Placing ribbons, three (3) per class

5109 Junior Boar

5110 Intermediate Boar

5111 Senior Boar

5112 Junior Sow

5113 Intermediate Sow

5114 Senior Sow

5119 Best In Show

 **Prizes:** Special Award

5120 Reserve Best In Show

 **Prizes:** Rosette

**Costume Class**

**Prizes:** 1-6 Place Ribbons

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5115 Costume, all ages

5116 Costume, Barn Buddies

 Participation Ribbon Only

**Exhibitors are required to purchase one-day parking pass at the reduced rate of only $5.00 at the time of entering their exhibit or project.**

**This pass will be good for one day at the Fair scheduled for July 13-22. Or, Exhibitors can purchase an exhibitor season parking pass for only $18.00 good for all 10 days. Parking fee proceeds are directed to facility maintenance and enhancements.**

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