

SHOW CIRCUIT
Revised - March 2009

ARTICLE 1 – OBJECT

SECTION 1

To conduct official shows of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

SECTION 2

To conduct and maintain a Sweepstakes Point recording system for all Standard Breeds, recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

SECTION 3

To post points standings in the Michigan Rabbit Breeders Association Official Publication to let exhibitors know their standings on points scored as the sweepstakes series progresses.

SECTION 4

All State Convention show catalogs to mailed first class to all members and all non member exhibitors from the previous year.

ARTICLE II – RULES

SECTION 1

A. Any State, County, or Community Fair affiliated with the MSRBA may become a member of the M.S.R.B.A. Show circuit by paying \$10.00 Sanction Fee to the Show Circuit Chairperson and securing an A.R.B.A. Show Sanction and abiding by all A.R.B.A. show rules.

B. All show dates must be filed at least 90 days in advance and the dates must be printed in the State Rabbit Publication. All shows must have an A.R.B.A. sanction number prior to applying for the MSRBA sanction.

C. An additional assessment of eight cents per head entry (i.e. class, fur, meat pen) entered in each club's show shall be levied. Only these assessed funds shall be used in the purchase of sweepstakes annual trophies. The funds shall be payable when show report is submitted to Show Circuit Chairperson. Fairs not sponsored by local clubs are exempt. Youth assessments to be sent to Youth Chairperson.

D. All sanctioned show secretaries and superintendents must be members in good standing of the MSRBA or our Junior Association: Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Youth Association.

SECTION 2

A. Only members in good standing of the MSRBA, Inc. shall compete for sweepstakes points.

B. All associate members must be members in good standing and will only compete for the "Out of State" award.

SECTION 3

A. Sanctioned sweepstakes show secretaries are required to furnish the Show Circuit Chairperson a list of all breed winnings, and all meat class winnings and all fur/wool class winnings, also a list of exhibitors' names

and addresses. This report to be filed within thirty (30) days following date of show. All show reports must be filed no later than December 30th for any show held in December.

B. Any club or association whose show report is filed thirty-one (31) or more days following date of show, will be issued a probationary sanction for the following year. Failure to file the probationary show report within thirty (30) days following date of show will result in forfeiture of a show sanction for the next year. The Show Circuit Chairperson will notify, in writing, any club or association of their probationary status. Following the one (1) year forfeiture period, the club or association may apply for a regular show sanction.

C. This report to mailed Certified Mail or “Handed in Person” to the Show Circuit Chairperson.

SECTION 4

Only rabbits that are handled by the judge in each class constitute the number in the class. Rabbits entered, but not appearing in the show will not count in their respective classes.

SECTION 5

All members showing under a rabbitry name must notify, by Certified Mail, the Show Circuit Chairperson of the same.

SECTION 6

All breeds of rabbits officially recognized by the A.R.B.A., Inc., will be counted for sweepstakes points, regardless if sanctioned by the local club or not.

SECTION 7

Under no condition will exhibitors be allowed to consolidate their winnings after sweepstakes series starts.

SECTION 8

A. Sweepstakes points will be governed by official A.R.B.A., Inc., point system. First award, six (6) points; second award, four (4) points; third award, three (3) points; fourth award, two (2) points; fifth award, one (1) point. All points multiplied by number in class (actually judged).

B. Quality points to be in addition to our already established sweepstakes points.

1. Points to be set up as: Best in Show – 10 points, Best 4 or 6 Class – 8 points; Best of Breed – 4 points; Best Opposite of Breed – 2 points. When the four (4) group system is used for selecting Best in Show, each group winner will be awarded 8 (eight) quality points.

2. Animals will only receive points for the highest award won in any (1) show. Points cannot be compiled on an animal. There must be three (3) breeders and five (5) rabbits in the breed for Best of Breed. There must also be three (3) breeders and five (5) rabbits in Best Opposite of Breed to receive quality points for Best Opposite of Breed.

SECTION 9

Pre-juniors are not to be counted for sweepstakes points.

SECTION 10

In case of a tie, the exhibitor showing at the most shows will win. In case there still is a tie, the exhibitor winning the most points on any one breed will win.

SECTION 11

Sweepstakes show year will start on December 16th, or the day following the MSRBA Fall Show, whichever is first. The sweepstakes year will close on the following December 15th, or the day of the MSRBA Fall Show, whichever is first.

SECTION 12

The following trophies will be awarded at the Annual Convention, to the Sweepstake Winners for the previous year for the following:

- A. Total Points – A trophy for the top five (5) largest number of total points, all breeds combined.
- B. Top Breed Points – A trophy for the highest point winner in each of the top ten (10) breeds.
- C. A trophy or plaque for the highest point winner in each of the remaining breeds exhibited provided the point winner has exhibited at a minimum of ten (10) shows sanctioned by the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association.
- D. Meat Pens – A trophy for the largest number of points on meat pens.
- E. Fur/Wool Class – Trophy for the top five (5) largest number of points, any one breed fur/wool.
- F. Quality Points – Plaques to be given to the top five (5) largest number of points.
- G. Cavy Sweepstakes Awards: Total points – a trophy or plaque will be awarded for the highest point winners in total sweepstakes points, and/or quality points in cavies.
- H. Out of State Award: One trophy for out of State Members acquiring most sweepstakes points, all breeds combined.

SECTION 13

All local associations must print in their catalog a statement that the show is an Officially Sanctioned Show of the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., Show Circuit.

SECTION 14

- A. All meat pen points will not be counted in Breed Exhibitor's points, only as a Meat Pen Trophy.
- B. All fur/wool class points will not be counted in breed exhibitor's points, only in fur/wool trophies.

SECTION 15

Above show circuit rules subject to interpretation by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 16

The Show Circuit Chairperson shall receive \$35.00 per month as compensation for their time.