

West Coast Classic

2010 Youth Management Contest

Purpose

To acknowledge the excellence of management style by western state ARBA youth members in the areas of housing and equipment, feeding and animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding and genetics for the care and production of rabbits and/or cavyies.

Rules

- Any youth whom resides in the western states and is an ARBA member is eligible to compete. Attendance at the West Coast Classic is not necessary.
- Application must be made using the form provided by the West Coast Classic Youth Committee. These forms are available from the West Coast Classic Youth Committee members and the West Coast Classic website.
- Applications will be judged by the number of cages/adult animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals. There will be 10 points deducted for failure to enter the correct division based on your answers to the questions.
- Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words, and MUST be the work of the youth entering the contest.
- Up to seven (7) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. There will be 10 points deducted for exceeding this maximum or for submitting a form that is not filled out correctly or incomplete. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
- Include your name and page number at the top of each page of information submitted. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule.
- Winners will be announced at the banquet on Saturday.
- Send your original application directions page and three copies of your answers.
- Make sure to sign the application! Failure to sign application will result in a 10 point deduction.
- Applications must be received by March 31, 2010. Applications received after the deadline will receive a 10 point deduction. Applications received after April 7, 2010 will be returned.

Mail applications to: Kassi Sieber ~ 9684 Warnerville Rd. ~ Oakdale, CA 95361

Scoring Rubric:	Management Methods	40 points
	Management Procedures	40 points
	Management Results	40 points
	Record Keeping	30 points
	Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
	Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
	Total Possible Score	200 points

West Coast Classic 2010 Management Application and Direction Form

ARBA No. _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ (On the day of competition.)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

I HAVE READ THE ACCOMPANYING RULES FOR THIS CONTEST AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Applicant's Signature _____

Check One:

_____ Limited
(10 holes or less/10 or fewer adult animals)

_____ Average

_____ Unlimited
(51 holes or more/51 or more adult animals)

Directions

The following information must be typed, printed own written on your OWN paper (8.5 in x 11 in). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives, and **MUST be the work of the youth entering the contest.** No more than seven (7) pages in addition to this page are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts with minimum margins of ½ inch. **Please have your name and the page number on the top of each page.** Application must be received by March 31, 2010 and sent to Kassi Sieber ~ 9684 Warnerville Rd. ~ Oakdale, CA 95361.

- #0 – When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged.
- #1 – Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). Also include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- #2 – Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of, and how they are constructed.
- #3 – Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house?
- #4 – Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
- #5 – Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
- #6 – What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
- #7 – How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
- #8 – How do you protect your animals from heat, cold, or drafts?
- #9 – Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
- #10 – Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for kindling.
- #11 – Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
- #12 – How many litters with how many total animals did you have born in the past year? How many young did you wean?
- #13 - Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
- #14 - Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
- #15 - How many replacement animals have you added in the past year? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
- #16 - Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
- #17 - Did your ARBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

Questions or concerns? Contact Jennifer Ambrosino at ambrosino@gvni.com or 209-892-6589.