

4-H & OPEN RULES AND REGULATIONS – RABBIT DIVISION

1. 4-H Entries must be completed and Online by June 30th. Entry fees are \$15 per project (plus GST). Open Entries are accepted up until August 15th.
2. Only registered 4-H unit animals may be entered and shown in 4-H Classes.
3. 4-H Rabbits are housed in BC Ag Expo cages where possible. All open entries must provide their own cages.
4. All 4-H rabbits must be in the stall area by Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and remain in the barn until Sunday following the club presentations.
5. All animals must be healthy. Members must advise the Leader of any rabbit that is currently receiving medication. Complaints of sick animals will be investigated by two Leaders. A sick animal will be removed. This animal will not be considered as successfully shown for achievement. If a vet is required, BC Ag Expo can assist in providing one at the owner's expense.
6. Animals are to be treated with respect. Except in an emergency, animals are only to be handled by their owners or leaders. Members are responsible for providing their own supplies and for feeding and watering their own rabbits. Grooming must be done in the designated area. Care should be taken with blow dryers and other grooming equipment.
7. Members are responsible for fulfilling their stall duty when it is their shift. This includes:
 - Being well groomed and on time
 - Wearing club uniforms
 - Grooming animals and keeping animal cages clean
 - Making sure animals have water
 - Speaking to the public about the projects, yourself and your club
 - It is the member's responsibility if he or she can not work their stall duty shift to arrange for someone to replace them.



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8. All cage cleaning will be done before 8:00 a.m. each morning.
9. It is the member's responsibility to appear in uniform and on time with their animals for competition.
10. For meat projects to sell at BC Ag Expo's sale animals must be registered 4-H projects (NO OPEN PROJECTS PLEASE) and meet the age requirements for either fair sale day or the member's achievement day. Members must complete and present record book at the fair to ensure the proper weighs and work involved in the meat project. The member must also participate in judging, showmanship and unit work at BC Ag Expo.

4-H & Open Rabbit Classes

Exhibitor to carry their own rabbit to the table. Exhibitors will compete in Unit work, Judging, Showmanship, Agility, and Costume.

Age of members to be determined as of December 31st of the year prior to the Expo for all classes.

Open Youth under 9 (as of previous Dec 31st)

4-H Junior 9-11 years **4-H Intermediate** 12-14 years **4-H Senior** 15 years and older

All units are judged on the 4-H/Youth members ability to show husbandry, knowledge of their rabbits' breed, as well as nutrition and handling skills. Members will judge two classes.

4-H RABBIT UNIT WORK

Unit 1 – Beginner Rabbit Project

Unit 2 – Commercial Type Breeding Stock

Unit 3 – Fancy Type Breeding Stock

Unit 4 – Wool Type Breeding Stock

Unit 5 – Doe with Litter

Unit 6 – Market Rabbit

Unit 7 – Pen of Three

Unit 8 – Replacement Project

4-H Rabbit Judging 4-H Jr, Int and Sr.

4-H Rabbit Showmanship 4-H Jr, Int and Sr.

4-H Rabbit Agility 4-H Jr, Int and Sr.

4-H Rabbit Costume Class Judged as one class

OPEN RABBIT CLASSES

Open Fancy Breeds

Open Wool Type

Open Doe with Litter- over 6 weeks old

Open Meat Doe – over 8 months old

Open Meat Buck - over 8 months old

Open Meat Replacement Doe – under 8 months old

Open Meat Replacement Buck – under 8 months old

Open Pet Rabbits

Open Youth (Husbandry)

Open Youth Agility