

## 4-H & OPEN RULES AND REGULATIONS – RABBIT DIVISION

1. **All 4-H Rabbits are required to be tattooed for identification purposes.**
  - a. Open projects are not required to be tattooed; the Division Rep reserves the right to temporarily mark un-tattooed Open rabbits for identification at fair time.
2. 4-H Entries must be completed online by June 30th.
3. Only registered 4-H unit animals may be entered and shown in 4-H Classes. Registered 4-H Animals may not be entered in Open classes.
4. Open exhibitors may not enter the same rabbit in multiple project classes. (Open project classes are: Open Fancy Breeds, Open Wool Type, Open Doe with Litter, Open Meat Doe, Open Meat Buck, Open Replacement Meat Doe, and Open Replacement Meat Buck)
  - a. Open Youth Pet Rabbit, Open Youth Agility, and Open Youth Costume are not considered project classes and may all be entered by the same rabbit in addition to one project class.
5. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of one rabbit per class.
6. 4-H Rabbits are housed in BC Ag Expo cages where possible. All open entries must provide their own cages unless prior arrangements with the Division Rep have been made.
7. **All 4-H rabbits must be in the stall area by Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** and remain in the barn until Saturday following the club presentations.
8. 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.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. All cage and floor cleaning must be done before 8:00 a.m each morning.
12. It is the member's responsibility to appear in uniform and on time with their animals for competition.
13. For meat projects to sell at BC Ag Expo's sale animals must be registered 4-H projects (NO OPEN PROJECTS PLEASE) and be 8+ weeks of age. The member must also participate in judging, showmanship and unit work at BC Ag Expo.
  - a. **Meat rabbits not meeting the minimum weight of 3.5 lbs may not be allowed to show.**
14. All rabbits being shown must be over 6 weeks of age as of the first day of the fair.



# BC Agricultural Expo

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North Thompson Agriplex  
Barriere, BC



## 4-H & Open Rabbit Classes

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

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

**Open Youth under 9 (as of previous Dec 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**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 2 – Commercial Type Stock

Unit 3 – Fancy Type Stock

Unit 4 – Wool Type 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 Youth Pet Rabbits

Open Youth Agility

Open Youth Costume