

# **Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.**

## **Show Circuit Rules**

### ARTICLE I: 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 print point standings in the club newsletter and post standings on the club website to let exhibitors know their standings on points scored as the sweepstakes series progresses.

#### SECTION 4:

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

### ARTICLE II: RULES

#### SECTION 1:

- A. Any All Breed Club, State, County, or Community Fair affiliated with the M.S.R.B.A. may become a member of the M.S.R.B.A. Show circuit by paying a \$10.00 Sanction Fee to the MSRBA Secretary and securing an A.R.B.A. Show Sanction and abiding by all A.R.B.A. show rules. State or Regional Specialty clubs who have paid the \$10.00 affiliation fee will receive a complimentary blanket sanction.
- B. Show dates need to be filed 30 days in advance of the date of the show for the \$10.00 sanction fee described in sub-section A. From the 29<sup>th</sup> day down to the 10<sup>th</sup> day there will be a \$15.00 late fee that will be required to process the sanction. Late fee funds will go to the sweepstakes funds account.
- C. A head tax assessment of eight cents per head entry for rabbits and cavies– (i.e. class, fur, meat pen) entered in each club's show shall be levied. Entries of non-recognized breeds or varieties are exempt from the Head Tax fee. These assessed funds shall be used solely for the purchase of sweepstakes annual trophies. The Head Tax payment shall be mailed to the MSRBA Treasurer and must be postmarked no later than 30 days following date of show. Specialty Clubs and Fairs not sponsored by local clubs are exempt.
- D. All sanctioned show secretaries and superintendents must be members in good standing of the M.S.R.B.A or our Junior Association, Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Youth Association.
- E. Sanction forms must contain the name of the show secretary that is actually processing the show reports.
- F. Any club whose Head Tax payment is postmarked 31 or more days following date of the show will be penalized in accordance with the All Breed Affiliated Club Show Report Policy for show reports.

#### SECTION 2:

- A. Only members in good standing of the M.S.R.B.A., 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.
- C. Partnerships
  - 1. Two members may show as a partnership as long as both are members in good standing.
  - 2. If both partners reside in Michigan then they will compete for sweepstakes points.
  - 3. If one or both partners reside outside of Michigan they shall compete for the Out of State award.
  - 4. Partnerships must be declared, in writing, to the current sweepstakes chair prior to accumulating points.
  - 5. If any persons in a partnership show under single names, their points will be accumulated under their single name(s). The points will not be transferred or combined to the partnership name.
  - 6. Partnerships that dissolve will need to notify the sweepstakes chairperson of this fact and the date on which the partnership was dissolved.
  - 7. Points will not be split or transferred if the partnership is dissolved.

#### SECTION 3:

- A. Sanctioned sweepstakes show secretaries are required to furnish the Show Circuit Chairperson a list of all breed winnings, all meat class winnings and all fur/wool class winnings, also a list of exhibitors’ names and addresses. This report must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days following date of show. All show reports must be filed no later than December 30<sup>th</sup> for any show held in December.
- B. This report to be mailed or emailed to the Show Circuit Chairperson.
- C. Specialty Clubs must file a modified M.S.R.B.A. Show Report listing number shown, the Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex winners with the Show Circuit Chairperson. Report to be postmarked no later than (thirty) 30 days following date of show.
- D. Any club whose report is postmarked 31 or more days following date of the show will be penalized in accordance with the All Breed Affiliated Club Show Report Policy.

#### 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, the Show Circuit Chairperson of the same prior to the specified show entry.

#### 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 the 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 or Reserve in Show = 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 one (1) show. Points cannot be compiled on an animal. There must be three (3) breeders and five (5) rabbits/cavies in the breed for to receive Best of Breed quality points. There must also be three (3) breeders and five (5) rabbits/cavies in the breed for to receive Best of Breed quality points. There must also be three (3) breeders and five (5) rabbits/cavies 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 (1) breed will win.

#### SECTION 11:

Sweepstakes show year will start on January 1<sup>st</sup> and will conclude on the following December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. If there is a New Year's Eve show held, the sweepstakes points will be counted in the following calendar year.

#### SECTION 12:

- A. Awards will be presented at the Annual Convention to the Rabbit Sweepstakes Winners for the previous year for the following:
  - 1. Total Points – An award for the top five (5) largest number of total points, all breeds combined.
  - 2. Top Breed Points – An award for the highest point winner in each of the top ten (10) breeds.
  - 3. An award for the highest point winner in each of the remaining breeds exhibited, provided the point winner has exhibited at a minimum of fifteen (15) M.S.R.B.A. sanctioned shows. There must be three (3) M.S.R.B.A. member exhibitors within the breed during the current calendar year.
  - 4. Meat Pens – Award for the largest number of points on meat pens.
  - 5. Fur/Wool Class – Award for the five (5) largest number of points, any one breed fur/wool.
  - 6. Quality Points – Award for the top five (5) largest number of quality points.
- B. Awards will be presented at the Annual Convention to the Cavy Sweepstakes Winners for the previous year as follows:
  - 1. Total Points – An award for the top three (3) largest number of total points, all breeds combined.
  - 2. Top Breed Points – An award for the highest point winner in each of the top five (5) breeds.
  - 3. An award for the highest point winner in each of the remaining breeds exhibited, provide the point winner has exhibited at a minimum of twelve (10) shows sanctioned by the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association. Additionally, there must be three (3) M.S.R.B.A. members exhibiting the breed.
  - 4. Quality Points – Award for the top three (3) largest number of quality points.

- C. An Award will be presented at the Annual Convention to the Out of State member acquiring the largest number of sweepstakes points, all breeds combined. Award for both rabbits and cavyes.

#### SECTION 13:

All local associations must print in their catalog, or flyer, a statement that the show is an Officially Sanctioned Show of the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. and include the membership information.

#### 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.
- C. Specialty Cub shows shall not be counted in the M.S.R.B.A. sweepstakes point tabulations.

#### SECTION 15:

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

### ARTICLE III: COMPENSATION

#### SECTION 1:

The Show Circuit Chairperson shall receive the following compensation:

- \$4.00 for each open sanction processed
- \$4.00 for each completed report for the rabbit portion of each sanctioned show
- \$2.00 for each completed report for the cavy portion of each sanctioned show
- \$2.00 for each modified report completed
- \$5.00 for each sweepstakes update posted on the club's website

#### SECTION 2:

To receive compensation, a monthly detailed list of sanctions processed, rabbit reports processed, cavy reports processed, modified reports created and sweepstakes updates must be sent to the club secretary and treasurer no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month of activity. The club Treasurer shall verify posting of the reports on the website on the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month and forward compensation to the Show Circuit Chairperson. (Per direction of the Board vote). Completed reports are to be sent to be webmaster no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month with activity – the webmaster must have the reports posted and sweepstakes updated by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

### ARTICLE IV: ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

#### SECTION 1:

- A. The Show Circuit Rules shall not be amended or changed except at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting or at the discretion of the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Any recommended changes must be made by Resolution in writing, and signed by ten (10) or more members of the Association in good standing and be received by the Resolutions Committee no later than 1 July of the current year. All resolutions to be confined to one subject.
- C. Any recommended changes must be printed in the State Publication at least 30 days prior to being acted upon.

- D. Any Show Circuit Resolutions adopted at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting will take effect on January 1 of the following year, discretionary necessary changes at the annual Board of Directors meeting shall take effect immediately.

## SECTION 2:

Any changes or alterations shall require a 2/3 vote of the general membership present to pass, or a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at the annual Board of Directors meeting.

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