# OPEN AND YOUTH RABBIT SHOWS

**Livestock Chairmen:** Dr. Howard Acree, Jr. and Mike Sweat

**Livestock Coordinator:** Shelly Terrell

**Barn Superintendents:** Shelly Terrell & Joshua Rivers

**Superintendent**: Wanda Simmons

**Secretary:** Matthew Simmons

**Entry Deadline:** Wednesday, October 1, 2026

**Entry Fee:** Youth: $1.00 per rabbit, Open: $3.00 per rabbit

**Click Here To Register Online**

**Location:** Livestock Arena

**Receiving**: Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Show:** Thursday, November 5, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

**Youth Showmanship:** Thursday, November 5, 2026, immediately following the show

**Release:** Sunday, November 15, 2026, 8:00 p.m

***Rabbit Feed Courtesy of North Florida Feed and Farm Supply***

If you have questions, please contact Wanda Simmons at: wsim831880@aol.com

**REFER TO GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION & POULTRY HEALTH REGULATIONS.**

# RULES

Completion of the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care workshop is required for all youth exhibitors. Ethics courses can be found here: **2026/2027 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS & ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP**

**RECEIVING:** Exhibitors must make their own arrangements for delivery and pickup of rabbits. Entries will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, November 4th, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Exhibitors wishing to change or cancel a rabbit entry must contact the show secretary at matthewsimmons904@gmail.com. This must be done the Friday before rabbits are received. NO CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED THE DAY OF RECEIVING.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All rabbits must be of purebred stock with a legible, permanent tattooed earmark in the animal's left ear. If your rabbit does not have an ear tattoo, you may call Wanda Simmons, 904-879-2646, for assistance. No bred does will be permitted in the show nor will rabbits under 12 weeks of age be allowed to enter. Youth must not be over 18 years of age on the day of the show (not graduated from high school). Date of birth must be shown on the entry form. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to the show. Youth may show in the Open Show. The same rabbit cannot be shown in both shows.

**JUDGING:** Takes place before the fair begins on Thursday, November 5th, at 2:00 p.m. The Modified Danish System of Judging will be used. Only rabbits receiving a blue ribbon will qualify for special awards. Judging will be conducted in a designated area. No one will be permitted inside the judging area except officials of the show and their helpers. Mixed breed rabbits will receive a white ribbon. Animals may not be removed from their cages/pens, except for judging or with the permission of the Superintendent. The decision of the judges after being ratified by Fair Management shall be final.

**NOTE:** Entries will be limited to breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Due to limited space the fair reserves the right to limit entries, if all available spaces have been filled. Only entries from counties surrounding Duval County will be accepted. Large entries may be limited at the discretion of the Superintendent. Adults may not show in the Youth Category.

**SPACE LIMITATIONS:** There are only 96 allotted cages for the Rabbit Show. If that number is exceeded, the Superintendent will set a limit on the number of rabbits each exhibitor may enter and notify the exhibitor by phone.

**SICK ANIMALS:** Sick rabbits will not be admitted to the showroom. During the fair, if any rabbit shows signs of illness or disease, the owner will be notified to come and pick up the rabbit.

The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair will not be responsible for loss by accident, fire, theft or providential destruction. The fair reserves the right to reject or accept conditionally any entry or application at any time, to revoke premiums earned or terminate any exhibit for just cause, and such decision shall be final. The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair will not be responsible for damages done by animals or injuries to animals.

**BREEDING OF ANIMALS:** There will be no breeding of rabbits in the showroom.

**CAGES:** Hay for bedding will NOT be permitted in ANY rabbit cages. No toys or other paraphernalia in cages with rabbits. Hay Cubes will be allowed – 1 cube at a time. Compressed Hay Cubes only.

**RELEASE / REMOVAL DATE AND TIMES:** All rabbits will be released Sunday, November 15th, from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All exhibitors must sign out with the Show Superintendent or Secretary. Any animal removed prior to this time without the consent of the Show Superintendent and the Fair Officials will forfeit all awards and premiums on all contests. The Jacksonville Fair will not be responsible for any animal not picked up by the above stated deadline.

**PASSES:** Each exhibitor will be given five (5) one-day admission tickets. If there is more than one exhibitor from the same family, those exhibitors will receive two (2) one-day admission tickets.

**PARKING**: See General Rules.

**SHOWMANSHIP**

Youth who wish to compete for Showmanship must indicate this on the registration.
Exhibitor must use their own rabbit and must be entered in the youth rabbit show.
Showmanship will begin immediately following the rabbit show.

**AGE DIVISIONS**

(Youth's age on the day of the show)
Pee Wee: Ages 5-7
Juniors: Ages 8-10
Intermediates: Ages 11-13
Seniors: Ages 14-18 (must not have graduated from high school)

Premiums and awards will be given in the top three places in each age category.
1st Place…..$20.00
2nd Place…..$15.00
3rd Place…..$10.00

**PREMIUMS - YOUTH & OPEN DIVISIONS**

Blue: $7.00
Red: $6.00
White: $5.00

**AWARDS - YOUTH & OPEN DIVISIONS**

Best of Breed
Best Opposite of Sex Breed Award
Best in Show Award
1st Runner up Award
2nd Runner up Award

**AWARDS**: A list of winners will be posted on the bulletin board of the Poultry/Rabbit Office. The Show Judge will award all ribbons, rosettes, and special awards. Awards will be presented when rabbits are picked up. Awards will not be mailed.

**Photography Release**

Photographs will be taken during these events and the images will be used to help promote the fair and educate the public about our different programs and competitions.

I authorize the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child if under 18) for use in research, educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair.

If anyone has an objection to the use of their child's image please send a request to livestock@jacksonvillefair.com.

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