

MICHIGAN DUTCH RABBIT CLUB

Sweepstakes Guidelines

- 1) All members holding a current MDRC membership are eligible to compete for sweepstakes awards. Members are automatically entered, and their points calculated, for every ARBA sanctioned show held in Michigan in which they exhibit. Members must fulfill the following minimum requirements for their division in order to receive a year-end sweepstakes award:
 - a. Open members must accumulate a minimum of 500 points in overall or a variety in order to qualify for a top 3 placement. There is no minimum number of shows that must be attended for open exhibitors.
 - b. Youth members must accumulate a minimum of 250 points in overall or a variety, as well as attend a minimum of 6 shows throughout the sweepstakes year, in the in order to qualify for a top 3 placement.
- 2) The sweepstakes competition runs from January 1st-December 31st every year.
- 3) Points are accumulated by the name(s) in which the show has been entered – for example, if multiple family members show, but as individuals, then they shall accumulate their points as individuals. If they show as a combined pair or group, then their points shall accumulate as a pair or group. Points for multiple individual exhibitors will not be combined.
- 4) Open & youth shall have their own competitions. If a youth chooses to enter an open show, their points earned in said show will accumulate in the open sweepstakes competition.
- 5) Awards are given for top point earners in overall, each variety, and rabbit of the year.
 - a. 1st through 3rd place in overall and each variety may be awarded if the minimum qualifications are earned.
 - b. Only 1st place in each open & youth will be awarded for rabbit of the year.

Variety and overall points to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place in a class = 6 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
- 2nd place in a class = 4 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
- 3rd place in a class = 3 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
- 4th place in a class = 2 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
- 5th place in a class = 1 point multiplied by the number of animals in the class

For years in which a National Dutch Show or ARBA Convention is held in Michigan – variety and overall points for that specific show to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place in a class = 12 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
- 2nd place in a class = 9 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
- 3rd place in a class = 8 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
- 4th place in a class = 7 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
- 5th place in a class = 6 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class

6th place in a class = 5 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
7th place in a class = 4 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
8th place in a class = 3 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
9th place in a class = 2 points multiplied by the number of animals in the class
10th place in a class = 1 point multiplied by the number of animals in the class

Scratches and no shows do not count towards class totals. Disqualifications do count towards class totals - except in situations of wrong breed, sex, or variety.

For the rabbit of the year award - point accumulation is earned by each individual rabbit based on Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex of Breed, and Above Best of Breed (such as 4-Class, Group, Reserve in Show or Best in Show) wins.

Rabbit of the year points to be awarded as follows:

Best Opposite Sex of Breed = 1 point

Best of Breed = 2 points

Above Best of Breed = 5 points

A rabbit may only receive points for the highest award won in any one show - points cannot be compiled on one rabbit. So if the rabbit wins Best in Show – it shall only earn a maximum of 5 points for that show.