

SAN ANTONIO RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION  
STANDING RULES

REVISED 19 Jun 2006

1. The President will appoint the newsletter editor.
2. Newsletter: The SARBA Newsletter, HARE RAISING TALES, is to be published and sent to the membership bimonthly unless otherwise approved by the Executive Committee or general membership. A copy will be sent to ARBA District IV Director and the TRBA secretary.
3. Shows:
  - a. SARBA-sponsored shows will be held in the spring and fall of each year.
  - b. SARBA will purchase sanctions for those breeds of rabbits that meet one of the following requirements.
    - 1) At either of the previous two shows, fifteen or more showed
    - 2) A free sanction is received
    - 3) Cost of the Breed sanction is donated
  - c. Trophies will be purchased for the top 10 breeds in attendance.
4. SARBA General Membership meetings will normally be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Kirby Herman Sons Association, unless otherwise approved by the executive committee or membership. SARBA agrees to pay Herman Sons \$330 per year.
5. SARBA secretary is allocated \$50.00 per calendar year to purchase and send birthday, anniversary, get-well cards, etc. In the case of deaths, the members' family will be contacted to determine if a donation is preferred.
6. SARBA equipment and supplies are to be inventoried at least annually and written report of findings presented to the Executive Committee
7. Support of County and 4-H and FFA shows:
  - a. SARBA will support the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show by loaning show tables, equipment, and donating up to \$125 for the purchase of a belt buckle for the rabbit division and other activities; items as decided by the Executive Committee or membership.
  - b. SARBA will support other county 4-H and FFA shows/projects by loaning show tables and equipment as requested and if appropriate control can be maintained of the tables and other loaned equipment. The executive committee or general membership will consider requests for financial assistance on an individual basis.
8. Guidelines for selecting Breeder of the Year. Anyone who was a member of SARBA from 1 Jan - 1 Dec for the award year and raised rabbits for meat, lab, fur, pet, show, or breeding stock during the award period. Awardee of the previous year will act as chairperson of the selection committee for the next selection. Recommendations will be submitted to the chairperson by 1 Dec of the award year. Points to be considered follow:
  - a. Years of membership
  - b. Number of breeds raised
  - c. Must have shown rabbits in the award year, have attempted to improve his/her stock, and have a proven record of involvement in the recruiting, teaching, and helping new breeders and special consideration including youth 4-H and FFA programs
  - d. Everyone should be considered with the only exception being that the recipient of the previous year is ineligible
  - e. There is no limit to the number of times a member may be awarded this honor.

9. Management of non-sufficient funds (checks) or nonpayment received by the SARBA:
  - a. Treasurer, as appropriate, will contact first offense--individual. The President (or Vice President, if the President cannot be reached) will be notified immediately. If payment is received within 10 days of notification, no further action is required. If no payment is received and the person is a nonmember, all future transactions will be on a cash basis (no checks). If the person is a member, the Executive Committee will consider this action a grievance and process the action under Article V of the SARBA Constitution and by-laws.
  - b. Second offense--the first offense must have been satisfactorily resolved. If a nonmember, they will be notified as in the first offense. After the payment is not received, the person will be notified that they will not be allowed at future SARBA shows. Should payment be eventually satisfied, all future transactions will be only in cash. If a member has a second offense, the Executive Committee will consider the action a grievance and process under Article V of the Constitution and by-laws.
  - c. Member's not honoring just debts to SARBA, TRBA, ARBA, or related activities and associations are not considered members in good standing. Show secretary will maintain a list of those persons to only participate on a cash basis. This applies to the Club Secretary and Treasurer.
  
10. Suspension of a member: GV is suspended from SARBA effective 7 Mar 90. The suspension is in force until such time as he pays his just debt of \$57 for a NSF check given to SARBA by him and for his rabbit entries on 19 Nov 89. Payment must include the \$2 bank charge. Once the \$59 is obtained in cash, the suspension remains in force for one complete year after receipt of monies (same date the following year). He will not be allowed to show rabbits in any SARBA shows until the NSF money is received. All future actions involving money will be cash only. Until further notice/action the SARBA disassociates itself in all aspects toward, for, or with GV.
  
11. The Election Committee chairperson will collect election ballots and the ballots will be opened and counted at the December General Membership meeting (Christmas Party).
  
12. The candidate(s) for President may be appointed to the Election Committee, but may not hold the position of Committee Chairperson.
  
13. Criteria for selecting Scholarship Awardees:
  - a. Must be a member in good standing and raised and shown rabbits for over one year prior to starting college or vocational school.
  - b. Provide a copy of transcripts (report cards, etc.) showing passing grades and attendance records in high school or prior school history to SARBA President by May 31.
  - c. Recommendations by two adult members in good standing (SARBA) indicating what the youth has accomplished in relation to rabbits and their recommendations to SARBA President by May 31.
  - d. Letter from youth as to why he/she should receive the award to SARBA President by May 31.
  - e. Provide written proof that youth is registered in a college or vocational school (prior to receiving money) to SARBA President or his designated representative by Sep 1.
  - f. President will appoint three adult members to select the awardee by May 1. Scholarship committee will convene and forward all related paperwork and notify the president of their recommendation by Jun 30. The Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee will state the reasons the awardee was selected in the recommendation. The selection must be approved by the Executive Committee by 31 Jul
  - g. Announcement of the award selection will be made at the Sweepstakes Banquet.
  - h. Money must be provided to the youth prior to the month of October and, if possible, at a general membership meeting.