

American Cavy Breeders Association

ACBA 2017 YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by ACBA Youth Members in the areas of housing and equipment, feeding and animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding and genetics for the care and production of cavies.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be current members of the ACBA at the time of entry and participation. Membership status will be confirmed by the ACBA Youth Chair with the ACBA Secretary.

RULES

1. Any ACBA Youth Member is eligible to compete. Attendance at the ACBA Specialty Show is **NOT** necessary.
2. Application must be made from the form provided by the ACBA Youth Committee. These forms are available from the ACBA Youth Chairperson, members of the Youth Committee, and the ACBA Website.
3. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words. Youth under the age of nine may choose to have some help in filling out the application.
4. Up to seven (7) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. These should include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
5. Applications will be judged by district, and age within district; up to 9 yrs, 9-11 yrs, 12-14 yrs and 15-18 yrs. Age is determined by age on the last day of 2017 ACBA Specialty (April 30, 2017). A National winner and Runner-up will be selected for each age division.
6. Winners will be announced at the ACBA Banquet at the ACBA Specialty Show. Contestants need not be present to win.
7. Applications may be submitted in one of the following two ways:

Option 1) Send your original application page (filled out completely) and **THREE** copies of your answers! Also, send a current photograph of yourself. There will be a 10 point deduction for incomplete applications.

Option 2) Email your application in a Word document: original application page (filled out completely) and **one** copy of your answers! Also, send a current photograph of yourself (these items will need to be scanned and attached to the email).
8. Make sure to sign the application! Failure to have signature will result in a 10 point deduction.

9. Do not place your name on your application other than on the signature sheet! Placing your name on any of your application pages will result in a 10 point deduction. Mailed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2017, emailed applications must be received by midnight (EDT) March 15, 2017.

Scoring Rubric:

Cages, Housing & Equipment	50 points
Breeding & Production	50 points
Care, Health & Herd Management	30 points
Record Keeping	20 points
Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
Neatness & Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
Total possible score	200 points

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or by March 15, 2017 and addressed to:

Stacy Scott Berteau
7629 Kapok Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34241

Email applications must be received by Midnight (EDT) on March 15, 2017 and sent to:

ACBAyouth@yahoo.com

ACBA 2017 Management Contest Application

Date of Birth: _____

Age on April 30, 2017: _____

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your OWN paper (8.5"x11"). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. No more than seven (7) pages (single sided), excluding this page, are allowed. Thirty (30) points will be deducted if you exceed this requirement. Use 12-point reader friendly fonts if using a word processor.

1. When did you join the ACBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
2. Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). Also, include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
3. Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of, and how they are constructed.
4. Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, garage, basement, house, etc.
5. How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
6. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
7. What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, what and why?
8. How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
9. Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
10. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
11. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for pups and sows.
12. Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
13. How many litters with how many total animals did you have born since January 1, 2016? How many young did you wean?
14. Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
15. Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
16. How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2016? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
17. Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
18. Did your ACBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.