

Sweepstakes Scoring

1. The Sweepstakes year is July 1st through June 30th.
2. Points are awarded as follows:
 - a. For shows other than National Shows
 - i. BOB owner 1 point for each rabbit shown in breed
 - ii. BOS owner 1/2 point for each rabbit shown in breed.
 - iii. 1st place in class owner 6 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - iv. 2nd place in class owner 4 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - v. 3rd place in class owner 3 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - vi. 4th place in class owner 2 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - vii. 5th place in class owner 1 point for each rabbit in the class.
 - b. For National Shows (ARBA convention and the Lop National show)
 - i. BOB owner 1 point for each rabbit shown in breed
 - ii. BOS owner 1/2 point for each rabbit shown in breed.
 - iii. 1st place in class owner 12 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - iv. 2nd place in class owner 10 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - v. 3rd place in class owner 9 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - vi. 4th place in class owner 8 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - vii. 5th place in class owner 7 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - viii. 6th place in class owner 6 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - ix. 7th place in class owner 5 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - x. 8th place in class owner 4 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - xi. 9th place in class owner 3 points for each rabbit in the class.
 - xii. 10th place in class owner 2 points for each rabbit in the class.
3. Points are recorded under the name used for show entry which must match the name provided to the Sweepstakes Chair.
 - a. No Points will be issued in a Rabbitry name.
 - b. Sweepstakes points cannot be moved when an exhibitor uses a different name.
 - i. Individual member name changes due to marriage or divorce are permitted provided the new name matches the membership list maintained by the secretary.
 - c. Members who show with non-members in a joint entry are not awarded sweepstakes points or Top Lop points.
 - d. Sweepstakes points are awarded for only one show location per day.
 - i. The first show report received by the sweepstakes chair will be recorded.
 - ii. Additional show reports from different geographical locations for the same day will not be recorded or acknowledged.

- e. Husband and wife
 - i. Points are not transferred or split upon divorce.
 - ii. Points will be split only when husband and wife enter as individuals.
 - iii. Individual Points cannot be combined as husband and wife points.
- f. Youth Members
 - i. Only Youth members can receive youth sweepstakes points.
 - ii. Any points earned by a Youth Member in an open show will automatically be transferred to the Youth Sweepstakes with the following exclusions: LRCA Nationals and ARBA Conventions. Youth cannot show the same rabbit in Open and Youth on the same day.
 - iii. Youth must submit a written request to the sweepstakes chair if they want to keep their points earned in open to remain in open sweepstakes. This request must be renewed annually no later than June 1st of every year.
 - iv. Open and Youth points are never combined.
- g. Partnerships
 - i. Two members may show as a partnership as long as both are members in good standing.
 - ii. Partners must either reside in the same State or state in writing that the distance between their rabbitries is less than fifty (50) miles.
 - iii. Partnerships must be declared, in writing, to the current sweepstakes chair.
 - iv. Points are not combined when partners show as individuals.
 - v. Points will not be split or transferred if the partnership is dissolved.
- h. Family
 - i. Members all residing at the same address in any one of the following combinations
 - 1. Husband and Wife with Youth members.
 - 2. One Individual Member with Youth members
 - 3. Youth Members only
 - ii. Families showing together must be declared, in writing, to the current sweepstakes chair.
 - 1. Declaration must include the names of the family members who will show together.
 - 2. Youth points will be awarded only if the declared family consists of all youth members.
 - iii. Individual Points cannot be combined as family points
 - iv. Points will be split only when family members enter as individuals.
 - v. Points will not be split or transferred if family members decide to show as individuals.
- i. Memberships have a 45-day grace period for renewals.
 - i. No points are awarded to expired memberships.
 - ii. Accumulated points are lost for interrupted memberships.

4. The top ten (10) exhibitors in each breed open and youth will receive awards during or after the ARBA convention each year.
 - a. Members attending convention should check at the LRCA booth for their awards.

Top Lop Competition

- Top Lop points are earned at the rate of one point for each rabbit in the breed for BOB and one point for each rabbit of the same sex for BOS.
- Missing BOB or BOS ear numbers are indicated by a question mark (?) in the show results listed in the quarterly Lop Digest. Exhibitors are responsible for providing missing information with proof, such as a copy of the BOB or BOS leg.
- Show information must be corrected by September 15th following the close of each sweepstakes year and are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- At the end of the sweepstakes year, the sweepstakes chair will attempt to eliminate obvious errors, such as a junior winning for over four months, an intermediate winning for over three months, or a rabbit winning as both buck and doe.
- Top Lop points for a rabbit sold during the year will be moved to the new owner if they are current LRCA members. (Sweepstakes points do not.) Please notify the sweepstakes chair when a Top Lop rabbit is sold.
- The Top Open Lop and Top Youth Lop, both breeds, will receive awards at the ARBA Convention each year. Members attending convention should check at the LRCA booth for their awards.
- Owners of the Top 10 Lops, both Open and Youth, are encouraged to submit a short article and photo to the Lop Digest for publication in the March issue each year

YOUTH OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES

In order to recognize the accomplishments of the Lop Rabbit Club of America youth members, we have initiated a "Youth of the Year" award. All youth members under the age of 19 who have been an LRCA member for at least one year are eligible; one winner per zone, per year.

This award will be based on:

- Positive Attitude
- Good Sportsmanship
- Promotion of French/English Lops
- Involvement in the rabbit community (ramrodding, clerking, committee involvement, etc.)

This award will NOT be based on:

- Number of shows attended
- Number of BOB, BOSB wins
- Sweepstakes points

4-H leaders, rabbit leader, fellow exhibitor, judge, etc should nominate the youth in a letter. The youth cannot be nominated by a zone director or family member. Nomination must be in writing, either by letter or e-mail, stating who is being nominated and who is making the nomination.

Once the youth has been nominated and the committee receives the letter, an application will be sent out for the youth to complete. The youth **MUST** complete the application and return it to the committee to be considered for this award. The committee will then approve one (1) youth per zone for the Youth of the Year award and inform their respective zone directors. You can only receive this award once every 3 years.

The committee will approve and purchase the awards. Presentation of the award is at the discretion of the zone director, but it is preferred that a formal presentation be made at a local rabbit show or event.

As much recognition will be given the youth winner as possible.

Nomination letters are to be sent to:
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