

## **SWEEPSTAKES RULES AND GUIDELINES**

The NJWRC Sweepstakes Committee shall consider all suggestions and concerns expressed by its members, however the NJWRC Board shall have final determination in approving the rules and regulations by which the Sweepstakes Contests are governed. Any item not covered in the guidelines shall be directed to the committee for its recommendation to the NJWRC Board.

1 - All members holding current membership in the NJWRC, or whose membership has expired for no more than 60 days shall be eligible to compete in the Sweepstakes Contest. Any person whose membership has been expired for more than 60 days shall forfeit all Sweepstakes points earned at that time. No points will be reinstated if a person rejoins after allowing their membership to expire past the 60 day period.

\* All points won during competition are to be recorded and count as the points for each category of the Sweepstakes Contest, for each Exhibitor. [“Exhibitor” shall be determined by the name/s in which an entry is made. IE: The name/s appearing as the Exhibitor on the official entry form for a show is how the Sweepstakes points will be recorded for that show]. At no time will points for multiple Exhibitors be combined.

\*\* Should multiple members combine together for the purpose of exhibiting, they shall be considered as one “Exhibitor”. If any one of those members allows their membership to expire for more than 60 days, all points for that “Exhibitor” shall be forfeited.

2 - Separate contests shall be held for both Open and Youth exhibitors. Points earned in Open shows shall count towards the Open Sweepstakes, and points earned in Youth shows shall count towards the Youth Sweepstakes. (A Youth member showing in an Open show shall have their points count in the Youth Sweepstakes. A youth exhibitor wanting their Open show points to count in the Open Sweepstakes must notify the Sweepstakes Chairperson by July 1<sup>st</sup>.)

3 - Points earned towards the Sweepstakes Contests shall be awarded based on class placements, as well as any additional “bonus” points determined by the NJWRC Board.

Class Points to be awarded as follows:

1st place in class = 6 points times the number of animals in the class.

2nd place in class = 4 points times the number of animals in the class.

3rd place in class = 3 points times the number of animals in the class.

4th place in class = 2 points times the number of animals in the class.

5th place in class = 1 point times the number of animals in the class.

\*\* ARBA National Convention and National Jersey Woolly Show Class Points to be awarded as follows:

1st place in class = 12 points times the number of animals in the class.

2nd place in class = 9 points times the number of animals in the class.

3rd place in class = 8 points times the number of animals in the class.

4th place in class = 7 points times the number of animals in the class.

5th place in class = 6 points times the number of animals in the class.

6th place in class = 5 points times the number of animals in the class.

7th place in class = 4 points times the number of animals in the class.

8th place in class = 3 points times the number of animals in the class.

9th place in class = 2 points times the number of animals in the class.

10th place in class = 1 point times the number of animals in the class.

Bonus points:

Best of Breed = 1 point times the number of animals shown in the breed.

Best Opposite Sex of Breed = 1 point times the number of animals of the same sex as the BOS winner.

Best In Show = 1 bonus point times number of total rabbits in show. Applies to All Breed shows only.

4 - There shall be multiple categories of the NJWRC Sweepstakes Contest. Categories shall include:

\* Overall Sweepstakes:

This shall be an accumulation of all class points and bonus points won for BOB, BOS, and BIS.

\* Award of Excellence:

This shall be an accumulation of only those bonus points won for BOB or BOS for each Exhibitor.

\* Rabbit of the Year:

This shall be an accumulation of only those bonus points won for BOB or BOS for each individual animal for each Exhibitor.

\* Herdsman:

This shall be an accumulation of points won by individual animals for each Exhibitor as follows:

2 points for each BOB win

1 point for each BOS win

Points awarded ONLY if the criteria for an ARBA Leg of Grand Champion are met. A maximum of 5 points per animal may be obtained during the Sweepstakes year.

\* Wool:

This shall be an accumulation of points won in Colored or White Wool (listed separately) classes for each Exhibitor.

\* District:

The top placing open and youth in each district according to Overall Sweepstakes.

5 - The Sweepstakes Year shall be from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year. Show reports, to count, must be received prior to September 1 of the year in which the Sweepstakes Contest ends.

6 - Fees for sweepstakes sanctions shall be \$10.00 for Open and \$10.00 for Youth. No points will be awarded for any sweepstakes sanction, for which fees are not received by the Sanction/Sweepstakes Chairperson, in an outer envelope postmarked prior to the show date.

7 - The most current Sweepstakes standings possible shall be included in each issue of the club newsletter. The most current Sweepstakes standings shall be sent to the NJWRC Webmaster for updating on or about March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st of each year, however may be sent more often if feasible.

8 - Sweepstakes sanctions for shows which are cancelled or have a date/location change, will be honored if held within the end of that same calendar year. Any change due to the above must be received prior to the original show date.

9 - Sweepstakes Awards shall be awarded in each category as allowed in the awards committee budget with final approval by the NJWRC board.