

**Loudoun County 4-H Rabbit Hopping
2017 FAIR PARTICIPATION CLUB RULES**

1. Exhibitors must be a registered member of Loudoun County 4-H and the Loudoun County 4-H Rabbit Hopping Club, or FFA by January 1, 2017.
2. Exhibitors, if a member of the club by January 1 of the previous year, must have submitted to the Extension Office a Rabbit Hopping Project Book earning a score of 75 or above by the October due date imposed by the Extension Office.
3. Exhibitors must participate in Rabbit Hopping Showmanship, Competition or Demo at the Fair.
4. Exhibitors must help with the fairgrounds clean up before and after the fair or make approved arrangements in advance with the Fair Supervisor for a special exception.
5. Exhibitors must help with the Rabbit Hopping Barn set up and clean at fair or make approved arrangements with the club leader in advance for a special exception.
6. Exhibitors must participate in at least 1 fair qualifier, 1 club sponsored community service activity, and 1 club sponsored fundraiser; and they must attend at least 4 club meetings or educational workshops.
7. Exhibitors are expected to participate and aid the Loudoun County 4-H Rabbit Hopping Club each day during the Fair. This includes fair and club activities: working the ice cream shack, trash pickup, helping with club activities such as working in the barn, greeting the public and answering their questions, monitoring rabbits' health and participating in educational presentations.
8. Exhibitors must turn in a completed fair show entry to the show registrar by the club due date in July. Deletions, substitutions and additions of up to the 2 rabbit limit per member per class may be made until 1 week prior to the start of the fair. Additional judge approved deletions or substitutions, as needed for rabbit health and safety, can be made up until the start of the event.
9. All rabbits shown must be at least 4 months old by show date, have been owned by the member prior to June 1st of the current fair year, and have demonstrated at a meeting, clinic, or mock competition that they can be safely handled.
10. Exhibitors will be responsible for the daily care and feeding of their rabbits or for making arrangements for their care. This includes ice bottles and/or fans, if necessary. Only approved bedding material provided by LFA or the club will be used in trays, and disposal is restricted to the approved manure site.
11. All rabbits exhibited in the barn must be entered in Rabbit Hopping Showmanship, Competition or Demo at the Fair. Rabbits must be in the barn by 10:00AM on Monday and must remain until close of fair on Saturday night. (Exceptions due to excessive heat or any illness may be made by appropriate club and/or fair officials).
12. Rabbits for Individual Sale must be at least 12 weeks old. All money is payable to the owner as all transactions must be with the club member or his/her designate. It will not be the responsibility of other club members to facilitate the sale of rabbits. Care instructions, travel accommodations, and sample feed must be provided for the buyer.
13. Single Sale Auction Rabbits: Must be entered in the Single Sale Auction Class. They may be sold in the same manner as a meat rabbit – by the pound; this does **not** mean they are being sold for meat, they can be a pet/hopping rabbit. Rabbits must be between 12 and 52 weeks of age and tattooed for proper identification. If donated back to the club by auction purchaser, they will be returned to the 4-H'er who owned them prior to the auction.

*I have read the above guidelines and understand that I must follow them to the best of my ability in order to participate in the 2017 Rabbit Hopping Show Activities at the Loudoun County Fair.

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____