

## TRBA BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD RULES

ADOPTED BY MEMBERSHIP AUGUST 6, 2011

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADULT AND YOUTH BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### NOMINATIONS:

1. To qualify, the individual must be a member of the TRBA, a resident of the state of Texas, breed and show rabbits.
2. Must exhibit devotion to recruiting, teaching, and helping new breeders, including the adult and youth.
3. Should be a willing and cheerful TRBA worker.
4. Must demonstrate a willingness to promote rabbits by reliably breeding and selling good quality stock.
5. The recipient shall be a current member of the TRBA in good standing for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years.
6. Should promote the local and national as well as the State organization.
7. A member should be selected as TRBA Breeder of the Year only once.
8. It is not mandatory to present this award each year.

#### NOMINATIONS RULES FOR ADULT AND YOUTH BREEDER OF THE YEAR:

1. Each TRBA Affiliated Club in good standing may nominate one adult and/or one youth breeder from the current membership of the TRBA. A nomination letter containing qualifications must be submitted and must be signed by two (2) officers of the club.
2. An individual TRBA member in good standing may nominate one (1) adult and/or one (1) youth breeder from the membership of the TRBA. A family member may not nominate another family member. A signed nomination letter must be submitted with the qualifications of the nominee.
3. No TRBA member may solicit nominations for either adult or youth TRBA Breeder of the Year.
4. No member of the TRBA Executive Board may submit a nomination for TRBA Breeder of the Year.
5. Adult and youth nomination letters must be submitted to the TRBA Secretary office, postmarked (post office postmark) no later than **December 31st**. No electronic letters of nomination may be submitted. The TRBA Secretary will verify eligibility of nominees and members making nominations.

#### ADULT TRBA BREEDER OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE:

1. The committee to be five (5) in number. The previous TRBA Breeder of the Year recipient is automatically the chairperson. The remaining four (4) committee members to be chosen by the Executive Board from the previous recipients, who are still active members in raising and showing rabbits throughout the state. Selection committee members may not serve for more than one (1) consecutive year. Committee shall meet in person if necessary, at the discretion of the chairperson.
2. The TRBA Secretary shall mail copies of nomination letters, along with a ballot, to all members of the selection committee.
3. Ballots are to be returned to the chairperson by a specified date.
4. The nominee who best qualifies according to the rules as previously stated shall be selected.

#### YOUTH TRBA BREEDER OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. The TRBA President shall contact the Youth Advisory Committee Chairperson to submit names for committee members. Previous Youth Breeder of the Year recipients shall be considered as committee members. The committee to be five (5) in number. The President shall choose a chairperson from previous Youth Breeder of the Year recipients, when possible or from current active TRBA members. The remaining four (4) committee members to be chosen by the Executive Board no later than January 15th, prior to the State Show. Selection committee members may not serve for more than one (1) consecutive year.
2. The TRBA Secretary shall mail copies of nomination letters, along with a ballot, to all members of the selection committee.
3. Ballots to be returned to the chairperson by a specified date.
4. The nominations shall be held in confidence within the committee.
5. Committee shall meet in person if necessary, at the discretion of the chairperson.
6. The chairperson shall inform the previous Youth Breeder of the Year of the name of the new recipient *prior* to the TRBA banquet. The previous Youth Breeder of the Year will announce the new honoree.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADULT & YOUTH CHAIRPERSON

The nominations shall be held in confidence within the committee. After thoughtful and serious consideration is given to all nominees, the committee members shall submit their ballot to the chairperson. If there is a tie, another ballot shall be cast by the committee members. After selection, the ballots are to be destroyed. The chairperson shall announce the new honoree at the TRBA banquet.

\*It is not mandatory that this award be presented every year.