

United Angora Rabbit Club Wool, Skein, Garment Contest
Michigan Fiber Festival
Allegan, MI Sunday, August 16, 2020

Official WSG Rules & Sweepstakes, National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club, Inc.

The NARBC, Inc. provides awards once a year for Best Wool, Best Skeins, and Best Garments. Best-In-Show winners will receive special certificates. Winners must be a member of the NARBC, Inc. or join before the end of the show.

National WSG CONTEST Sweepstakes will run from August 1 through July 31, with the awards given at or before the ARBA National Convention for the top 5 in each category (Wool, Skein, and Garment) and Best Overall Fiber Arts.

Sweepstakes points are valued as follows: 6 times number in class for 1st, 4 times number in class for 2nd, 3 times number in class for 3rd, 2 times number in class for 4th, 1 times number in class for 5th. Best Wool, Best Skein, and Best Garment receives an additional one-point bonus times the number entered in the category. Judges Choice receives an additional half point bonus times the number entered in the category. An additional 100 points will be awarded for any Best-In-Show. Please note this is a separate judging than rabbits entered in Wool (fur) classes in breed shows. This refers to raw wool only.

Event rules & information:

1. Check-in entries will be taken at the Angora Rabbit area on Friday, August 14 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 15, 2020 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., at which time entries will be closed. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

2. Mail-in entries will be accepted. Postmarked by August 5, 2020. Send to:
Bonnie Havlicek
1897 E. Edgar Road
Edmore, MI 48829

Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and/or email, entry forms and entry fee (make check payable to Michigan Fiber Festival). Be sure to include return postage, for mailed items, if you want the item(s) returned.

3. Entry fee is \$3.00 (US dollars) per item.

4. The following number system must be used to number entries. This will ensure the exhibitors can match up the sheet to the item should they be separated. Example: If Exhibitor #9 enters 10 items of wool for Class A1 then the label on the item should be: Exhibitor # 9, Class: A1, Item Number: 1/10 (indicating this is 1 of 10 items in the class entered by that exhibitor) **This MUST be entered on the label on the items as well as on the judging sheet.** If the exhibitor only enters one item in the class then it would be: Exhibitor #8, Class: A1, Item Number: 1/1. The judging sheets may then be placed back in the bag or placed in an envelope with the exhibitor number. (The envelope is similar to ARBA Convention checkout envelope).

- 5.** Judging will be on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. The Show committee reserves the right to adjust the judging date/time however, entry deadline remains the same.
- 6.** All entries must be the work of the exhibitor(s). Youth Entries are reserved for ages 18 and younger.
- 7.** Judging location will be posted in the booth. Interested persons are welcome to watch the judging, but are instructed not to talk to, or question judge(s) during judging.
- 8.** After judging, wool, skeins, and garments, will be released unless other arrangements are made. Checkout procedures must be followed by all exhibitors. Exhibitors are to collect their items, verify with show staff, and sign entry form upon receipt of all items returned. Items are welcome to remain on display but Michigan Fiber Festival/United Angora Rabbit Club is not responsible for theft, damage, or return of items unless return postage is paid in advance. Entries which have had return postage paid will be postmarked no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the contest and will be stored securely. Winning items are encouraged to be displayed at the exhibitor's consent (initial entry form).
- 9.** The Fiber Committee will make every effort to display and care for the items entered, but assumes no responsibility for loss or damage. If you would like your item covered, please provide a garment bag, container, etc. *Please note birds occasionally are present in buildings.
- 10.** Absolutely no identifiers may be attached to entries (i.e. name, business card) and no prices may be attached. No photos of animals. These will disqualify an entry.
- 11.** All entries are to be unscented. Perfumed and scented entries will be disqualified.
- 12.** Entries must make the minimum weight posted. Underweight entries will be disqualified.
- 13.** Entries must be picked up no later than Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m. If no return postage was provided and the item is not picked up it becomes the property of United Angora Rabbit Club.
- 14.** Results will be announced and posted in the booth, reported in the newsletter, and posted on the club website(s).

Raw Wool Contest Rules –

1. Weight of wool is to be at least 1/4 oz. excluding packaging. Samples under ¼ ounce will be disqualified. There is no maximum.

2. Spinner’s Sample Wool (1/4 ounce) should be presented neatly lined up and placed in tissue paper then inserted into a clear, gallon size zipped bag. Whole Fleeces are to be placed loosely in a large clear zipped bag as removed from the animal. Fleece should be skirted and presented clean and free of vegetable matter. The fleece should contain only prime wool and not include legs, feet, tail or belly wool. No demerits for wool that needs to be folded into the bag. Points are given for clean, neat presentation. No color restrictions. White and colored wool are to be judged together.

3. English, French, Giant, and Satin angoras are four separate breeds and must be judged separately from each other according to the ARBA Standard of Perfection (excluding color restrictions).

4. Wool may be plucked or clipped, with no preference to either.

5. Classes as follows:

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| A. English | B. French | C. Giant | D. Satin |
| ___1. Spinner’s Sample | ___1. Spinner’s Sample | ___1. Spinner’s Sample | ___1. Spinner’s Sample |
| ___2. Fleece | ___2. Fleece | ___2. Fleece | ___2. Fleece |
| E. German | F. Jersey Woolly | G. Hybrid | |
| ___1. Spinner’s Sample | ___1. Spinner’s Sample | ___1. Spinner’s Sample | |
| ___2. Fleece | ___2 Fleece. | ___2. Fleece | |

Skein Contest Rules –

1. Weight of skein should be at least 1 oz., except for class A-1, which should be at least ½ oz. Underweight skeins will be disqualified.

2. All skeins must be handspun and be tied in at least 2 places.

3. Classes as follows:

- A. 100% angora- white or natural color
- ___1. Singles, fine and even as possible
 - ___2. Two-ply, fine, medium or bulky
 - ___3. Other ply or novelty
- B. 100% angora- dyed
- ___1. Single-ply: fine and even as possible
 - ___2. Two-ply, fine, medium or bulky
 - ___3 .Other ply or novelty
- C. Blended angora (must be at least 50%)-natural or dyed
- ___1. Singles, fine and even as possible
 - ___2. Two-ply, fine, medium or bulky
 - ___3. Other ply or novelty

D. Angora plied with other fiber (must be 50% angora, may use commercial yarn for plying)

___1. Two or more ply

___2. Go Wild!

E. ___ Novice spinner-spinning 1 year or less, or under 16 years of age. Anything Goes!

Garment Contest Rules –

1. All entries must be at least 50% angora, except where noted (Woven/Felted/Novelty/Cottage).

2. If an item is made by more than one person, it should be entered in all persons' names.

3. Classes as follows:

A. Large wearable (sweater, vest, shawl, etc.)

___1. 100% angora

___2. Combination

B. Small wearable (mittens, scarf, hat, collar, etc.)

___1. 100% angora

___2. Combination

C. ___ Baby/children's article

D. Woven – minimum 25% angora

___1. Large wearable

___2. Small wearable

E. Felt – minimum 25% angora

___1. Large wearable

___2. Small wearable

F. ___ Other Novelty or household item (toys, crafts, doll clothing, jewelry, wall hanging, afghan, pillow, etc.) – minimum 25% angora

G. ___ Cottage - A commercially spun yarn with a minimum of 25% angora wool that has been raised by the person entering the garment.

