

Rules and Regulations

ARTICLE 1:

Section 1: These Rules and Regulations shall describe the duties and responsibilities of appointed committee positions and describe other guidelines within the American Mini Lop Rabbit Club (AMLRC) that are not incorporated into the Constitution or the By Laws of the Club.

ARTICLE 2: Sweepstakes Contests

Section 1: This article shall define the Sweepstakes Contests of the AMLRC.

Section 2: The sweepstakes year runs from June 1 st through May 31 st of each calendar year.

Section 3: July 31 st of each year shall be the cut-off date for all completed sanction forms and/or correspondence from the Show Secretaries to be received by the Sweepstakes Chairperson for inclusion in the previous sweepstakes year.

Section 4: Sweepstakes shall be tracked as the membership is identified on the AMLRC membership application. All members must enter the ARBA sanctioned shows as the membership is identified to the AMLRC in order for the points to be accounted for correctly. Showing under Rabbitry names will not be allowed.

Section 5: A member must hold a current membership in good standing at the time of the show in order for the sweepstakes points to be tracked in the AMLRC sweepstakes systems. New and renewal memberships must be postmarked to the AMLRC Secretary prior to the show. Allowances will only be made if the AMLRC Secretary has not processed the membership application at the time of the show.

Section 6: AMLRC will employ three (3) individual sweepstakes systems in two divisions. The two divisions shall be Open and Youth. Year end awards will be issued at the ARBA National Convention. The three (3) systems are as follows: National Points, Quality Points and Top Mini Lop Points.

Section 7: The National Points system shall be calculated, tallied and tracked as follows:

Class winner points of 6 points X the number shown in the class for the 1 st place animal

Class winner points of 4 points X the number shown in the class for the 2nd place animal

Class winner points of 3 points X the number shown in the class for the 3rd place animal

Class winner points of 2 points X the number shown in the class for the 4th place animal

Class winner points of 1 point X the number shown in the class for the 5th place animal

Best of Breed points of 1 point X the total number of Mini Lops shown

Best opposite sex of Breed points of 1 point X the number of opposite sex Mini Lops shown

Section 8: The Quality Points system shall be calculated, tallied and tracked as follows:

Best of Breed shall receive 2 points for each Best of Breed awarded

Best opposite sex of Breed shall receive 1 point for each Best opposite sex of Breed awarded

Best in Show (All Breed show only) shall receive 5 points for each All Breed Best in Show awarded

Reserve in Show (All Breed show only) shall receive 2 points for each All Breed Reserve in Show awarded

Best 4 Class in Show shall receive 2 points for each All Breed Best 4 Class in Show awarded

Best in Group (All Breed show only) shall receive 2 points for each All Breed Best in Group awarded

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Section 8: The Quality Points system continued:

An animal awarded Best in Show and Best 4 Class or Best in Show and Best in Group in the same show shall only receive the Best in Show and Best of Breed Quality Points.

Section 9: The Top Mini Lop Points system shall be calculated, tallied and tracked for individual Mini Lops as follows:

Best of Breed points of 1 point X the total number of Mini Lops shown

Best opposite sex of Breed points of 1 point X the number of opposite sex Mini Lops shown

The annual tally of the Top Mini Lop Points will stay with the rabbit in the event it is sold and will transfer to the new Owner. When a Mini Lop that is competing for the Top Mini Lop points system is sold the new owner shall notify the AMLRC Sweepstakes Coordinator in writing which shall include written endorsement from the previous owner. Top Mini Lop points earned on sold animals shall remain in the division which the points were initially awarded.

Section 10: The National Points system identified in Article 2, Section 7 shall be adjusted for the ARBA National Convention and the National Mini Lop Show (NMLS) as follows:

Class winner points of 12 points X the number shown in the class for the 1st place animal

Class winner points of 10 points X the number shown in the class for the 2nd place animal

Class winner points of 9 points X the number shown in the class for the 3rd place animal

Class winner points of 8 points X the number shown in the class for the 4th place animal

Class winner points of 7 points X the number shown in the class for the 5th place animal

Class winner points of 6 points X the number shown in the class for the 6th place animal

Class winner points of 5 points X the number shown in the class for the 7th place animal

Class winner points of 4 points X the number shown in the class for the 8th place animal

Class winner points of 3 points X the number shown in the class for the 9th place animal

Class winner points of 2 points X the number shown in the class for the 10th place animal

Best of Breed points of 1 point X the total number of Mini Lops shown

Best opposite sex of Breed points of 1 point X the number of opposite sex Mini Lops shown

No other Sweepstakes Systems shall be adjusted for the ARBA National Convention and the NMLS.

Section 11: Youth showing in Open will not be allowed to then transfer those points earned in Open to the Youth sweepstakes division. In addition, all points earned in the Youth sweepstakes division shall remain in that division, even if the Youth member graduates to Open division during the sweepstakes year.

Section 12: The returned sweepstakes report must furnish a complete list of Mini Lop exhibitors along with their city and state or province. The show report must include the Best of Breed, Best Opposite of Sex of Breed, Best of Variety and Best Opposite Sex of Variety along with those rabbits tattoo numbers winning Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed along with the name and address of those exhibitor(s). The report must also include the top 5 placements in each class (top 10 if ARBA National Convention or NMLS), along with the number shown in the class and the exhibitors first and last name. The sweepstakes report must include if a Mini Lop was awarded Best in Show, Reserve in Show, Best 4 Class or Best in Group.

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ARTICLE 3: Show Rules

Section 1: This article shall define the Show Rules of the AMLRC.

Section 2: An ARBA chartered club wishing to hold a Mini Lop Sweepstakes show shall request a sanction post marked at least ten (10) days prior to show date from the AMLRC Sweepstakes Chairperson, or at the discretion of the Executive Board. This request must include the ARBA sanction number(s), name of sponsoring club, address and date of show, and name, address, e-mail and phone number of the Show Secretary(s). It is not required that the clubs utilize the AMLRC prescribed form as long as the required information is included in the sanction request.

Section 3: The sanction request shall include the appropriate sanction fees. All fees shall be in US funds.

Section 4: To qualify for Sweepstakes points, exhibitors must be a member of the AMLRC, in good standing, and have paid their dues at the time of the show.

Section 5: The completed sweepstakes report shall be returned to the Sweepstakes Chairperson within thirty (30) days of the show. This shall be done even if no Mini Lops are shown.

Section 6: In the event the hosting club fails to submit the returned completed sweepstakes report to the AMLRC Sweepstakes Chairperson within thirty (30) days from the date of the show the AMLRC shall issue correspondence to the Show Secretary advising them that the AMLRC has not received their show report and advising the host club that if the sweepstakes report is not received by the AMLRC Sweepstakes Chairperson within sixty (60) days from the date of the show, the host club is prohibited from applying for any future sanctions until the sweepstakes report is received.

Section 7: A listing of late show reports will be maintained on the AMLRC Sweepstakes website. (Rev. 10/2025)

ARTICLE 4: National Mini Lop Show Guidelines

Section 1: The annual national Mini Lop specialty show shall be known as the National Mini Lop Show (NMLS). This show shall be sanctioned by both the ARBA and the AMLRC with the Host Club paying the appropriate sanction fees. This show shall be governed by the ARBA and AMLRC Show Rules and the AMLRC Constitution and By Laws. If there are any discrepancies or inconsistencies between these governing documents the ARBA Show Rules shall govern and be followed.

Section 2: The NMLS shall be held approximately six (6) months prior to the ARBA National Convention. Show dates extending too late into the summer are to be discouraged, and with all other qualities being equal, the bid with the most attractive date shall be given preference.

Section 3: The President shall appoint from the membership at large, and receive Executive Board approval, a National Specialty Show Coordinator (NSSC) who's duties shall be act as liaison between prospective and actual Host Club(s) and the Executive Board, be readily assessable to any Host Club and/or prospective Host Club to advise them in the preparation of their show bids to the completion of the NMLS, and shall review all bids of prospective Host Clubs, before they are finalized and make suggestions for improvement, if necessary.

Section 4: The prospective Host Club(s) final version of their bid shall be presented to the NSSC, President and Vice President at least forty five (45) days prior to the preceding NMLS. The NSSC shall in turn present the bids to the Executive Board no later than ten (10) days before the preceding NMLS. Bids for the NMLS shall be two (2) years in the future.

Section 5: The NSSC shall present the final bids to the Executive Board and membership present at the preceding NMLS in the event that a representative of the prospective Host Club(s) is not available to do so.

Sections 6 and 7 were removed from the Rules and Regulations, all subsequent sections were re-numbered (Rev. 10/2025)

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Section 6: Bid prepared and presented by the prospective Host Clubs shall contain at a minimum the following:

- a) Show dates and tentative schedule indicating showroom hours, time for General Membership meeting, Executive Board meeting, Youth Royalty contests, etc.
- b) Show location
- c) Lodging and camping facilities in the area (estimated prices, proposed Headquarters hotel, other hotel options, etc.)
- d) Proximity of restaurants to the show site and proposed headquarters hotel
- e) Accessibility of show location (car, airlines, shipping of animals, shuttle service for those traveling by air, etc.)
- f) Proposed show committee: Chairperson, Superintendent, Show Secretary and Youth Chairperson (names to be included if possible)
- g) Show facilities (lighting, building square footage, restrooms, concessions, ventilation/air conditioning, feeding, etc.)
- h) Additional show provisions (feed, bedding, food and water cups, cage or supply vendors, etc.)
- i) Cooping (must be adequate cooping for all animals entered)
- j) Photocopy of Host Club's current ARBA Charter
- k) Plan for showroom security
- l) Proposed number of judges
- m) Proposed banquet facility and approximate meal prices
- n) Projected budget for show (catalog, insurance, entry fees, building, cooping, etc.)
- o) Summary of tourist attractions available in show area
- p) Any other facts felt necessary for presenting a complete overview of the proposed NMLS

Section 7: Finalized show bids shall be presented to the General Membership at the General Membership meeting at the NMLS in which the bid is to be considered. The General Membership present may review the bids and make a recommendation for acceptance of a bid, but the Executive Board reserves the right to accept or refuse a bid, while at all times considering the best interests of the AMLRC. Providing a quorum is present, a vote shall be taken among the Executive Board and the Host Club of the accepted bid shall be notified before the end of the NMLS. If a quorum is not present, all voting Executive Board members shall be polled promptly and the Host Club of the accepted bid shall be notified within thirty (30) day of the close of the NMLS.

Section 8: In the event that a member of the Executive Board is involved in a prospective Host Club's bid by being listed as the Show Chairperson, Superintendent, Show Secretary, Youth Chairperson or hold an office with the Host Club, that member of the Executive Board shall forfeit their right to vote on all bids presented at the NMLS at which that Board member's Host Club's bid is being considered.

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Section 9: The awarded Host Club shall be given a free one (1) page ad in the Mini Lop Gazette to advertise for the upcoming years NMLS.

Section 10: The Host Club shall choose the Mini Lop judges for the NMLS; however, a poll of the AMLRC membership should be taken and considered. Compensation for judge services at the NMLS shall be at the discretion of the Host Club.

Section 11: At the start of the NMLS the AMLRC President, Vice President and/or NSSC shall tour the show facilities with the Host Club General Chairperson or Show Superintendent and inspect the showroom, judging facilities, cooping and show site to ensure that the NMLS is set up in accordance with the approved bid. The Host Club is to immediately remediate any noted deficiencies that are not in accordance with the bid. Once the show site has been accepted by the AMLRC then the AMLRC Treasurer will provide a check to the Host Club in the amount of \$350.00 from the AMLRC General Fund to help the Host Club offset expenses from hosting the NMLS.

Section 12: There shall be an auction of Mini Lop rabbits held after the NMLS concludes. All proceeds from this auction shall be turned over to the AMLRC Treasurer to be set aside for awards at the following years NMLS. (Rev. 10/2023 – the prior Article 4, Section 13 was removed from the Rules and Regulations, all subsequent sections were re-numbered)

Section 14: As the Host Club will retain all proceeds from the NMLS and any Mini Lop Specialty Show held in conjunction with the NMLS, with the exception of the proceeds collected from the auction as stated in Article 4 Section 16, the Host Club is responsible for all expenses applicable to these shows, including but not limited to: sanction fees, building rental, judges fees, awards, equipment rental fees, insurance, and advertising.

Section 15: As the Host Club will retain all proceeds from the NMLS and any Mini Lop Specialty Show held in conjunction with the NMLS, with the exception of the proceeds collected from the auction as stated in Article 4, Section 15, the Host Club is responsible for all expenses applicable to these shows, including but not limited to: sanction fees, building, rental, judges fees, awards, equipment rental fees, insurance, and advertising. (Rev. 10/2023)

Section 16: The Host Club is understood as having read and accepted these National Mini Lop Show Guidelines in their entirety by the act of submitting a bid to the NSSC.

Section 17: Upon acceptance of a Host Clubs bid by the AMLRC General Membership and Executive Board the NSSC shall present to the Host Club a document requesting the signatures of the Host Club's President, Show Chairperson, Superintendent and Secretary. This document states their review and compliance with these National Mini Lop Show Guidelines.

Section 18: All areas not outlined in these Guidelines pertaining to the NMLS shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Host Club and the NSSC and/or the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 5: Passage of this Document

Section 1: Upon approval of these initial Rules and Regulations by the Board of Directors, it shall go into effect immediately and bear the date of its passage on all subsequent publications.

ARTICLE 6: Amendments

Section 1: Any amendments or additions to the Rules and Regulations shall be done in accordance with AMLRC By Laws Article 9.