

Youth Management Grading Rubric for King/Queen and Prince/Princess 2026

Candidate #____	Questions	Points	Points	Points	Points	Total Points
Membership/Breeds Question 1	When did you join the ACBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged? Explain any membership lapses.	1 st year 2 points	2 years 3 points	3 or 4 years Explains membership lapses. 4 points	5 or more years Explains membership lapses. 5 points	
Question 2	Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed, and why you raise these breed(s). Tell us what other breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.	Lists 1 breed, does not list the number of cavies, & does not list past breeds. 2 Points	Lists 1 breed, lists the number of cavies, lists past breeds, and explains in some detail why they don't have these breeds. 5 Points	Lists 2 breeds, lists the number of cavies in each breed, lists past breeds, and explains in some detail why they don't have these breeds. 7 Points	Lists 3 or more breeds, lists the number of cavies in each breed, lists past breeds, and explains in great detail why they don't have these breeds. 10 Points	
Cages, Housing & Equipment Question 3	Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc. How does this location protect your animals from heat, cold, drafts, or pests?	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question 0 points	Describes in 5 sentences with some detail. 8 Points	Describes in 5 to 7 sentences in some detail. 12 Points	Describes in more than 7 sentences in great detail 15 Points	May include picture or drawing for extra 5 points
Question 4	List or make a table describing the cages/coops you have and their sizes. Describe what materials they are made of and how they are constructed including pans/trays/tubs. Describe how your cavies are housed; community or single.	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 points	Describes cages, lists number, size, and type of material they are made of, but not in great detail (in fewer than 5 sentences) 4 Points	Describes cages, lists the number, size, and type of material they are made of between 5 to 7 sentences and not in great detail 12 Points	Describes cages, lists number, size and type of material they are made of, in great detail, (more than 5 sentences) 15 Points	May include picture or drawing for extra 5 points

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Question 5	Other than feed and water equipment, describe or list ALL other equipment you use in the care/management of your cavies..	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 points	Answers the question with some equipment mentioned, no details given. 5 points	Describes in some detail the equipment used for their cavies. Doesn't fully list grooming tools, first aid, carriers, etc. 8 points	Describes in great detail the equipment used for their cavies. lists grooming tools, first aid, carriers, etc. 10 Points	
Question 6	Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals and how your feed is stored.	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 points	Describes a couple of pieces of equipment used to feed and water their cavies; no details given. 4 points	Describes some equipment used to feed and water their cavies; some details are given. 7 points	Describes all equipment used to feed and water their cavies; numerous details are given. 10 Points	
Care, Health & Herd Management Question 7	What type(s) of feed do you give your animals? Do you give other supplements or anything in addition to their daily feed? If so, why?	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 points	Describes the feed they use, excludes hay. Includes use of supplements but omits why they use them. The explanations are lacking in detail. 5 points	Describes the feed they use, including hay. Includes use of supplements and why they use them. The explanations are not clear or detailed. 7 points	Describes the feed they use, including hay. Includes use of supplements and why they use them. The explanations are clear and detailed. 10 points	

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Question 8	How do you dispose of the manure and waste your cavies generate?		Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Describe in 5 or fewer sentences in some detail 3 Points	Describes in more than 5 sentences and in great detail. 5 Points	
Question 9	What do you do daily, weekly, and monthly in the care of your animals? Be Specific.	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question 0 points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and/or monthly, but misses one daily, weekly, or monthly activity. 5 Points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly, doesn't explain Clearly or completely. 10 Points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis, written very clearly with numerous details. 15 Points	
Question 10	What measures do you take to prevent parasites or fungus?		Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Answers the question in 5 or fewer sentences, includes some details. 5 Points	Answers the question in 5 or more sentences and explains very Completely with numerous details. 10 Points	
Question 11	Describe any diseases that have affected your herd and explain in detail what you did to control that disease(s). If you have not experienced any diseases affecting your herd, then list one disease/illness and explain what you would do to get it under control.	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question 0 points	Explains that they have not experienced this BUT does not explain what they would do if a disease occurred. 3 Points	Describes the disease they have experienced. The explanation lacks details and clarity. 7 Points	Describes the disease they have experienced. The explanation is clear and detailed. 10 Points	

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Breeding & Production Question 12	Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals; include ages, time of year, breeding pair choices, etc.		Does not answer the question 0 points	Answers the question in 4 or fewer sentences with some details provided. 5 Points	Answers the question in 5 or more sentences with great detail. The answers are very complete. 10 Points	
Question 13	Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning. Include your weaning process, age, and any other considerations.		Does not answer the question 0 points	Describes what they do to care for mother and young from birth to weaning with some details provided, they omit some details. 7 Points	Describes what they do to care for mother and young from birth to weaning with Clear explanations. The answers are very detailed. 10 Points	
Question 14	List or make a table of how many total litters were born, the total young born, and the number of young weaned since January 1st, 2025 and December 31, 2025. If you had a difference between total young born and totally weaned, can you explain why?	Does not answer the question 0 Points	Does not make a table (per directions). Does answer the question, but makes factual errors or does use fact based rationale. 2 Points	Makes a table but does not thoroughly answer the question. 7 Points	Makes a table and answers the questions completely and provides evidence based rationale. 10 Points	

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Question 15	Explain what you consider when bringing in new stock or bloodlines into your breeding program. What specific characteristics are you looking for?		Leaves blank/Does not answer question	Describes how many replacement cavies they added and describes 5 reasons/qualities they looked for, not very detailed. 5 Points	Describes how many replacement cavies they added and describes 5 reasons/qualities they looked for written very well. 10 Points	
Question 16	What do you do with your surplus animals?		Leaves blank/Does not answer question 0 points	Describes what they do with their surplus cavies in less than 5 sentences with some details provided. 5 Points	Describes what they do with their surplus cavies in more than 5 sentences, thoroughly described. 10 Points	
Record keeping Question 17	What types of records do you keep for your breeding program? Why are these particular records important for the success of your breeding program and for achieving the goals that you have set?		Does not answer the question 0 Points	Answers the question in 5 to 6 sentences with some details given but could be more thorough. 10 Points	Answers the question in more than 6 sentences and gives thorough details. 15 Points	
Question 18	Make a table or a list of your expenses and income between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Explain any big expenditures or profits.		Does not answer the question. 0 points	Answers the question, but very few details are provided. Missing totals for expenses and profits. 5 Points	Answers the question and provides thorough details. Includes totals for expenses and profits.. 10 Points	

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Neatness and Appearance of Application with no grammar or spelling errors	Sloppy writing if handwritten , not neat, numerous misspelled words and grammar errors. Did not follow directions. 5 Points	Neat, some words are misspelled, and some grammatical errors. Followed most directions. 8 Points	Very neat with few or no grammatical errors, no spelling errors. Followed directions. 10 Points	Total Points from pages 1-5
-10 -10 -30				Points Subtracted

Incomplete Application	Name On Pages	Over the Number of Pages (7) In Application except for any visual aids or records	TOTAL POINTS	
Total Points Possible				200

Judge's comments: