

Youth Management Grading Rubric for Duke and Duchess 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.		Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	1 to 2 years Explains membership lapses. 4 points	3 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 covies, & does not list past breeds. 2 Points	Lists 1 breed, lists the number of covies, lists past breeds, and explains in some detail why they don't have these breeds. 5 Points	Lists 2 breeds, lists the number of covies 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 covies 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 fewer than 5 sentences with some detail. 8 Points	Describes in 5 sentences in some detail. 10 Points	Describes in more than 5 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, and tubs. Describe how your covies 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 in fewer than 5 sentences. Lacks detail. 4 Points	Describes cages, lists the number, size, and type of material they are made in 5 to 6 sentences with some detail. 10 Points	Describes cages, lists number, size and type of material they are made of, in great Detail and in more than 6 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 and list ALL other equipment you use in the care/management of your cavies.	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Describes some equipment. few or no details given. 5 points	Lists and describes in some detail, some or most of the equipment used for their cavies. Omits grooming, first aid, carriers, etc. 7 points	Lists and describes in detail the equipment used for their cavies including grooming, 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	Describe some equipment used to feed and water their cavies; some details are given. 7 points	Describes the equipment used to feed and water their cavies with organization, details, and clarity. 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 or some feed items. States that they use supplements but omits why they use them. Language used is undeveloped for the applicant's age group. 5 points	Lists and describes the feed they use, including hay. Explains if they use supplements and why they use them. The Language used is expected for the applicant's age group. 7 points	Describes the feed they use, including hay. Explains if they use supplements and why they use them. The language used is well-developed for the applicant's age group. 10 points		

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Question 8	How do you dispose of the manure and waste your cavies generate?		Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Describe in 5 or fewer sentences in great detail 3 Points	Describes in more than 5 sentences and in 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 much of what they do on a daily, weekly, and/or Monthly basis, but misses one or more specific detail/example. 5 Points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis, but is lacking in organization or detailed response. 10 Points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Response is organized and detailed. 15 Points		
Question 10	What measures do you take to prevent parasites or fungus?		Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Responds in 4 or fewer sentences with somewhat clear and detailed explanations. 5 Points	Responds in 4 or more sentences with clear and detailed explanations. 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.	Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Explains that they have not experienced any diseases but does not describe what they would do to treat a potential disease and what the outcome would be. 3 Points	Describes the disease they have experienced, but is not descriptive or clear about the treatment or outcome. 7 Points	Describes the disease they have experienced in a descriptive and clear manner regarding the disease, its symptoms, and the treatment and outcome. 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.		Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Answers the question in 4 or fewer sentences with some details provided about breeding considerations. 5 Points	Answers the question in 5 or more sentences with great detail regarding the breeding considerations. 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.		Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Describes what they do to care for mothers and young from birth to weaning with some details provided, but omits some details. 7 Points	Describes what they do to care for mother and young from birth to weaning with numerous details provided. 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 31st 2025. If you had a difference between the total young born and the total weaned, can you explain why?	Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Does not make a table. Does not explain any differences in total born and weaned or has an explanation that is not based on evidence. 5 Points	Makes a table but does not thoroughly explain the differences between total born and weaned. 8 Points	Makes a table and Explains any differences between total born and weaned with clarity and evidence based reasoning in the explanation. 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 the question. 0 Points	Lists how many replacement covies they added and lists 5 qualities they looked for. Lacks details. 5 Points	Describes how many replacement covies they added and lists 5 qualities they looked for with detailed explanations. 10 Points		
Question 16	What do you do with your surplus animals?		Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Describes what they do with their surplus covies in fewer than 5 sentences with some details provided. 5 Points	Describes what they do with their surplus covies in 5 or more sentences, with detailed explanations. 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?		Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Answers the question in 4 to 5 sentences with some details given but could be more thorough. 10 Points	Answers the question in more than 5 sentences and gives thorough explanations. 15 Points		
Question 18	Make a table or list your expenses and income between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Explain any big expenditures or profits.		Leaves blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Makes a table but does not answer the question. The table or list is not detailed. Totals are missing. 5 Points	Answers the question and provides numerous details. Totals are included. 10 Points		

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Neatness and Appearance of Application with no grammar or spelling errors	Not neat, unable to follow the answers, numerous misspelled words and grammatical errors 5 Points	Neat, able to follow the answers, some words are misspelled, and some grammatical errors. 8 Points	Very neat, with no grammatical errors (a couple are ok), no spelling errors. Followed formatting 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: