

Youth Management Grading Rubric for Count and Countess 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.		Left blank/ did not answer 0 points	1 st year 5 points	2 or more years 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, can list any past breeds, and explains in some detail why they don't have these breeds. 5 Points	Lists 1 breed, lists the number of, may list past breeds, and explains in some detail why they don't have these breeds. 7 Points	Lists 1 or more breeds, lists the number of covies they have, may list 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?	Left blank/ did not answer 0 points	Describes in fewer than 3 sentences with some detail. 8 Points	Describes in 3 sentences in some detail. 12 Points	Describes in more than 3 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 covies are housed: community or single.	Left blank/ did not answer 0 points	Describes cages, lists number, size, and type of material they are made of, but not in great detail (in less than 3 sentences) 7 Points	Describes cages, lists the number, size, and type of material they are made in more than 5 sentences and not in great detail for age group. 12 Points	Describes cages, lists number, size and type of material they are made of, in great detail, (more than 5 sentences) for age group 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.	Left blank/ did not answer 0 points	Answers the question with some equipment mentioned, few details given. 5 points	Describes in some detail the equipment used for their cavies. They don't mention grooming, first aid, carriers, etc. 8 points	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.	Left blank/ did not answer 0 points	Lists a couple of pieces of equipment used to feed and water their cavies. Few or no details are given. 4 points	Describes some equipment used to feed and water their cavies; some details are given in an appropriate language level for applicant's age group 7 points	Describes most equipment used to feed and water their cavies. Writing is clear and details are given in an appropriate language level for the applicant's age group. 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?	Left blank/ did not answer 0 points	Describes the feed they use, excludes hay. Lists supplements but doesn't explain why they use them. Below expected language level for the applicant's age group. 5 points	Describes the feed they use, including hay. Lists supplements they use and briefly explains why they use them. At expected language level for the applicant's age group. 7 points	Describes the feed they use, including hay. Explains clearly and in detail why they use supplements. Language level 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 3 or fewer sentences with some detail 3 Points	Describes in more than 3 sentences in great detail. 5 Points	
Question 9	What do you do daily, weekly, and monthly in the care of your animals? Be Specific.	Left blank/ Does not answer the question. 0 points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and/or monthly, but lacks details and one or more specific examples. 5 Points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly, but lacks details about specific examples. 10 Points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis, and gives detailed and specific examples. 15 Points	
Question 10	What measures do you take to prevent parasites or fungus?		Left blank/Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Responds in 4 or fewer sentences, but explanations are unclear or lack detail at an expected language level for the applicant's age group. 5 Points	Responds in 4 or more sentences and explains with specific details and examples at a well developed language level for the applicant's age group 10 Points	

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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.	Left blank/ did not answer 0 points	Explains that they have not experienced diseases BUT does not explain what they would do if a disease occurred. 3 Points	Describes the disease they have experienced. Explanations are unclear and/or are lacking detail. 7 Points	Describes the disease they have experienced and explains with specific details and examples At a well developed language level for applicant's age group 10 Points	
Breeding & Production Question 12	Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals; include ages, time of year, breeding pair choices, etc.		Left blank/Does not answer the question 0 points	Responds in 4 or fewer sentences with some details provided at an expected language level for the applicant's age group. 5 Points	Responds in 5 or more sentences with great detail and clarity at a well developed language level for the applicant's age group. 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.		Left 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 omit some parts of the question. Language level is expected for the applicant's age group. 7 Points	Describes what they do to care for mother and young from birth to weaning with details provided. The answers are very clear and detailed for the applicant's age group. 10 Points	

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Question 14	List or make a table of how many total litters were born, the total young born, and the number of young weaned between January 1st, 2025 and Dec 31, 2025. If you had a difference between the total young born and total weaned, can you explain why?	Left blank/Does not answer the question 0 points	Does not make a table per the directions. Leaves out information about litters. Has an overly brief response to the question. 5 Points	Makes a table but leaves out details when answering the question. 7 Points	Makes a table and answers the questions with great detail and clarity. 10 Points	
Question 15	Explain what you consider when bringing in new stock or bloodlines into your breeding program. What specific characteristics are you looking for?		Left blank/Does not answer the question 0 points	Describes how many replacement covies they added and lists 1 or 2 qualities they are looking for. Explanations are somewhat lacking detail. 5 Points	Describes how many replacement covies they added and lists at least 4 qualities they are looking for with clear explanations about why those qualities are important to their program. 10 Points	
Question 16	What do you do with your surplus animals?		Left blank/Does not answer the question 0 points	Describes what they do with their surplus covies in fewer than 4 sentences with some details provided. 5 Points	Describes their culling process and what they do with their surplus covies in 4 or more sentences, providing details and rationale for their choices. 10 Points	

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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?		Left blank/Does not answer the question 0 points	Answers the question in 4 to 5 sentences with some details provided but lacking depth of explanation appropriate for age group. 10 Points	Answers the question in 5 or more sentences and gives thorough details and explanation at an appropriate level for the age group. 15 Points	
Question 18	Make a table or list of 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	Does not make a table per the directions. Leaves out information about expenses/profits. Missing totals. Has an overly brief/vague response to the question. 2 points	Makes a table but leaves out details when answering the question. Missing totals. Has a brief response to the question. 5 Points	Makes a table and answers the question with great detail and clarity. 10 Points	

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Neatness and Appearance of Application with no grammar or spelling errors	Sloppy writing if handwritten , not neat, did not follow formatting directions, numerous misspelled words and grammatical errors 5 Points	Neat, followed formatting directions, some words are misspelled, and some grammar errors. 8 Points	Very neat, with few or no grammatical errors, no spelling errors. Followed formatting direction. 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: