# [Enter Club Name] Wool/Skein/Garment Contest [Enter Show/Event Name] [Location/Date]

# OFFICIAL WOOL, SKEIN & GARMENT RULES OF THE NATIONAL ANGORA RABBIT BREEDERS CLUB, INC

The following must appear in show catalogs:

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.

## **SANCTIONS:**

- 1. Sanction request should be sent to the Commercial Fiber Chairperson. The request and payment must be either postmarked, if postal mail, or completed on the NARBC, Inc. website prior to the day of the show. Request to be accompanied with the sanction fee of \$5.00. Sanction fee payments may be made via PayPal by sending payment to: narbc@yahoo.com or by USPS.
- **2.** Entry fees for all NARBC National Angora Specialty Show and ARBA Conventions will be \$2. Entry fees for other specialty sponsored events may be determined by host clubs.
- 3. Specialty clubs reserve the right to add classes as they wish but points will not be accrued for sweepstakes (i.e. adding raw wool classes for German Angoras, JW or AFL, other; adding skein or garment classes for a club fiber blend "potluck" project, or mill work).

#### SHOW REPORTS:

- **4.** WSG Coordinators/Chairperson are to send completed show reports to the Commercial Fiber Chairperson within 30 days after the show. Membership eligibility will be determined by Commercial Fiber Chairperson and NARBC, Inc. Secretary.
- 5. 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.
- **6.** Sweepstakes points are valued as follows: 6 times number in class for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 times number in class for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 times number in class for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 times number in class for 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 times number in class for 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. Double points will be awarded for all classes, bonuses, and Best-In Show at National Angora Specialty Shows and the ARBA National Convention. Please note this is a separate judging than rabbits entered in Wool (fur) classes in breed shows. This refers to raw wool only.

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#### Event rules & information:

- 1. Check-in entries will be taken at the [location, date, start and end times], at which time entries will be closed. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- 2. Mail-in entries will be accepted. Postmarked by [date]. Send to:

Name of Event Chairperson Address City, ST Zip

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

- 3. Entry fee is \$2.00 (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 [Date/Time]. The **S**how 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. Items are welcome to remain on display but [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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Results will be announced and posted in the booth, reported in the newsletter, and posted on the club website(s).

- 12. All entries are to be unscented. Perfumed and scented entries will be disqualified.
- 13. Entries must be picked up no later than [date/time]. If no return postage was provided and the item is not picked up it becomes the property of [club].

#### Raw Wool Contest Rules -

- 1. Weight of wool should be at least 1/4 oz excluding packaging.
- 2. Wool should be presented neatly lined up and placed in tissue paper then inserted into a clear, gallon size zipped bag. 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. Classes as follows:

A. English	B. French
1. Plucked	1. Plucked
2. Clipped	2. Clipped
C. Giant	D. Satin
1. Plucked	1. Plucked
2. Clipped	2. Clipped

## 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.
- 2. All skeins must be handspun and should be tied in 4 places (each tied is worth one point).
- 3. Entries must include a description of item <u>written on an index card</u> attached to item. The-description should include:
  - 1) End Use: what do you plan to do with the skein? (1 pt)
  - 2) Breed(s) (1 pt)
  - 3) Color(s) (1 pt)
  - 4) Number of plies and specify if singles were plied or fibers were blended then plied (1 pt)
  - 5) Approximate percentage of fibers used (must add up to 100%) (1 pt)
  - 6) Technique: How was this skein spun? (Hand, wheel, drop spindle, electric, Navajo) (1 pt)

Example of a good description on an index card attached to the skein:

	Exhibitor #99 Class # _C2_ Item Number: 1/10
	I plan to make a lace collar with mesh backing. 50% Blue hand-plucked English Angora and 50% white fine Shetland wool. The wool was weighed and hand carded into a 50/50 blend. It was hand spun on a drop spindle as a single and Navajo plied with the same spindle.
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## 4.. 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 (Cottage).
- 2. Entries must include a description of the item <u>written on an index card</u> attached to item. Description should include:
  - 1) Name of Article (2 pts)
  - 2) Approximate percentages of fibers used (must add up to 100%) (2 pts)
  - 3) Technique used for construction (hand or machine knit, crochet, woven, etc.) (2 pts)

3. If an item is made by more than one person, entry should be in both persons' names.

Example of a good description on the index card attached to the garment:

Exhibitor # 99 Class # A1 Item Number: 1/1

"Winter Solstice Shawlette"

The white 100% giant angora skein was hand spun using a double treadle Louet spinning wheel and was self-plied from a center pull ball creating a lace weight but sturdy yarn. Then I crocheted the shawlette using a pattern obtained from Ravelry and steam blocked.

## 4. 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. \_\_\_ Hand-woven wearable
- E. \_\_\_ Felted wearable
- F. \_\_\_\_ Novelty or household item (toys, crafts, doll clothing, jewelry, wall hanging, afghan, pillow, felted figure, etc.)
- G. \_\_\_ Cottage A commercially spun yarn with a minimum of 25% angora wool that has been raised by the person entering the garment.

