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# A.R.B.A. General Faults and Disqualification's

**Fault:** condition, which would lower, or subtraction from total points.

**Disqualification:** a condition which *eliminates* the animal from further competition

## General Faults: (for all breeds)

- Rabbits in molt
- Hutch stains
- Stray white hairs in a colored coat
- Abnormal tail carriage
- Bad ear carriage
- Poor eye color
- Excessively fat or flabby
- Poor flesh condition

## Disqualifications:

(\*) *Judgment calls and therefor not subject to protest.*

(\*) Ear cankers, slobbers, pot belly, abscesses, vent disease, scurvy, mange, scales on the skin or base of fur, infestation of fleas, mites, or lice, tumors or abscesses, hernias, abnormal eye discharge, split penis, blindness or clouded cornea, crooked legs(cow hocked), torn ear, wrong color eyes, Wall eyes, spots on eye, pigeon breasted, screw tail, sore hocks, white spots on colored coats, colored hairs on white fur, wrong under color, vicious animals.

(\*)Colds:

The rabbit must exhibit thick nasal discharge. Wetness of the nose or front paws isn't included.

(\*)Illegible tattoo: or in the wrong ear.

Overweight or underweight (if specified in that breeds standards)

Testicles:

All senior males must show two normally descended testicles. Juniors must show both or neither.

Wrong sex, breed, group, or variety

(\*)Dewlap:

(if specified in that breeds standards)

Malocclusion:

Missing or broken teeth. Top teeth must be overlapping the lower teeth to be acceptable.

(\*)Toenails:

Missing or wrong color. Including the dewclaw.

Smut:

No smut allowed on the pelt of Pointed whites, Californians, or Himalayan marked breeds or varieties.

Tan pattern:

No smut allowed on the pelt of Pointed whites, Californians, or Himalayan marked breeds or varieties.

(\*)Excessive white hairs:

usually considered three hairs or more in a group or patch.

(\*)Altering of appearance:

No dying, plucking, trimming or clipping of the fur. No grooming products or powders. *Note...any exhibitor disqualified of this reason may result in the disqualification of the exhibitors entire entry under ARBA rules.*

(\*)Unworthy of an award:

a rabbit exhibiting such a deviation from the breeds standards that it is non-representative of the breed.

**Please check your specific breeds Standards of Perfection for further information.**