

Poultry Division Exhibitor Guide

Poultry Division Objectives:

Members in this division will learn to care for, raise and show poultry, waterfowl and birds in a responsible manner.

Important dates:

- All entry forms for this division are due to the (Co-)Chair **June 1st.**
- Set up of tent will be the Saturday before the Fair at a time mutually agreed upon by all clubs in the division. All youth and parents are expected to be at set up.
- All birds must be brought to the Fair for a **Vet Check and then** coop in on the Tuesday night before Fair from 4-6 PM **or at a time designated by the 4H Association.**
- All record books, displays and projects must be brought to the tent Tuesday night **with the birds. If you are not exhibiting birds, but will have record books and/or projects they must be in the tent Tuesday night.** Any member not submitting a record book and a science project will have their birds entered as “exhibit” only **and will not be eligible to participate in Showmanship.**
- Judging of birds will take place on **Wednesday, at a time designated by the Tent Superintendent(s).** Showmanship will also be held Wednesday.
- No birds may be removed before the close of Fair at 10 PM on Friday.
- All youth and parents are expected to help with take down of the tent on Friday night and/or Saturday morning.

1. Age requirements for participation in competitive and prep (non-judged) events:

- a. Competitive events: Participants must have completed the 4th grade – 13th grade.
- b. Prep events: Participants must have completed Kindergarten – 3rd grade. Prep members will not be judged, but will receive commentary from the judge. Prep participants receive participation ribbons.

2. Only members in “good-standing” are eligible to show **birds and participate in Showmanship.** They must meet the following requirements: (youth unsure if they have met these requirements should contact their club leaders for clarification)

- a. Must have been a registered 4-H member in a poultry or livestock club as of January 1st of the current year.

- b. Must have attended at least 70% of club meetings/activities.
 - c. Must have given a club, county, and/or state public presentation following 4-H presentation guidelines.
 - d. Have been responsible for the physical care and training of the animal(s) to the fullest extent.
 - e. Must have participated in a community service project within the past year.
 - f. Have a completed a 4-H Project Record Book for the animal project up to date of the show. **The record book must be complete, and submitted, in a binder/folder. The record book should have a copy of the agendas, and any meeting handouts.**
 - g. Must have completed a science project.
3. A New Jersey 4-H event permission form must accompany the entries, one per participant. **This form must be submitted with the show entry form.**
4. Animals must have been owned by the 4-H member as of May 1 of the current year **or be part of the animal leasing project. (The lease/borrow agreement must be completed and submitted to the 4H office prior to May 1st.)**
5. All birds being judged must be at least 3 months old.
6. All purebred fancy poultry and waterfowl will be judged according to the standards of the APA (American Poultry Association). Birds that are of mixed origin or non-recognized breeds may be entered as either Commercial (judged on meat/egg production) or Backyard (judged on bird condition.) **Decision of the judge(s) as to the bird class, breed, and variety is final.**
7. No unsightly or sick entries will be accepted. Any animal deemed sick or diseased by any judge or show official will be removed immediately from the show and will not be allowed to participate.
8. The following health verifications must be presented at the show registration and **be kept** in your project books.
- a. All poultry, including baby chicks, exhibition, exotic, and game birds going to public exhibitions in New Jersey shall originate from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, OR All poultry over 4 months of age shall have an individual negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days prior to the exhibit.
 - b. Turkeys shall be blood tested at more than 12 weeks of age.
 - c. Game birds shall be tested when more than 4 months of age or upon reaching sexual maturity, whichever comes first.

d. 4H Poultry, Rabbit, or Cavy Health Form must be presented at check in, and be in the record book.

9. All birds must be cooped separately unless an exemption by the **division** superintendent is granted.
10. Any owner showing an animal that requires a permit must bring the permit to show.
11. Leg bands for identification are optional.
12. Birds are to be fed at designated times only by assigned herdsman and/or members. No one else is to be feeding or handling the birds.
13. Every member will be responsible for making sure all birds have water at all times.
14. Every member will be required to sign up for at least 3 hours of tent duty every day of the Fair. Members on tent duty should man the poultry division table, and be available to answer questions from the general fair attendees. **Senior members must (where at all possible) have a prep/junior member during their tent duty. A schedule for tent duty times will be at the leader's table. There is no eating or drinking (except water) while at the poultry division table or in the poultry tent during fair hours.**
15. All entries will receive Danish ribbons, unless disqualified. Prep division will receive participation ribbons.
16. In order for a Best of Variety to be awarded, there must be at least **3** exhibitors and 5 birds of one breed/variety shown.
17. In order for a Best of Breed to be awarded, there must be at least **3** exhibitors and 5 birds of one breed shown.
18. In order for a Best of Class to be awarded there must be at least **3** exhibitors and 5 birds of one class shown.
19. In order for a Champion Large Fowl to be awarded there must be at least **3** exhibitors and 5 Best of (large fowl) Class awards.
20. In order for a Champion Bantam to be awarded there must be at least **3** exhibitors and 5 Best of (bantam) Class awards.
21. In order for a Champion Waterfowl to be awarded there must be at least **3** exhibitors and 5 Best of (waterfowl) Class awards.
22. In order for a Champion All Other Species (Turkeys, Pigeons, Doves, Guineas, Pheasants, Peafowl, Quail) to be awarded there must be at least **3** exhibitors and 5 Best of (Turkeys, Pigeons, Doves, Guineas, Pheasants, Peafowl, Quail) Class awards.
23. Birds must be judged Excellent in order to be awarded Best of Variety, Best of Breed and/or Best of Class.
24. A Backyard class will be available. Any bird may be entered in this class. Birds will be judged on condition. Danish ribbons will be awarded.

25. Cages, shavings, feed, watering cups, and, when necessary, trophies will be supplied by the clubs or division.

26. SCIENCE PROJECTS ARE MANDATORY. **The purpose of a science project is to “teach” or “show” the visiting public something about poultry. Failure to submit a science project will result in a disqualification of your birds, and will prohibit you from entering showmanship.**

27. Classes for Eggs: Largest Egg, Smallest Egg, Oddest Egg, Best Dozen. Only one entry for each of these classes per member is permitted. There must be at least 3 exhibitors in an egg class for a rosette to be awarded.

JUDGING

1. The Division Chairperson has the authority to add, delete, and/or combine classes with the number of entries.
2. Prep (Cloverbuds) are members in grades K-3. Juniors are members grades 4-8. Seniors are members grades 9-13.
3. Birds shall be designated Cock (a male one year or older), Hen (a female one year or older), Cockerel (a male under one year), and Pullet (a female under one year).
4. All birds will be cooped by class, **breed, and variety** as listed in the American Standard of Perfection.
5. Bantams will be judged according to the latest edition of the American Bantam Association Standard.
6. Large fowl, waterfowl, turkeys, pigeons and game birds will be judged by the current American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection.
7. The ABA and APA Standards will be the basis for resolving any questions concerning qualification of a bird.
8. Trophies and Rosettes will be awarded to Excellent exhibits only.

Awards:

Please note: Trophies and Rosettes are awarded to Excellent exhibits only. Prizes may be offered subject to the number of entries per class. For Showmanship (Junior and Senior), Record Book (Junior and Senior) and Science Project (Junior and Senior) a minimum of **three** entries are needed for a Rosette to be awarded; a Danish ribbon will be substituted if less than the minimum number of entries. Prep (Cloverbud) members will only be eligible for a participation ribbon.

Showmanship - Junior: Rosette

Showmanship - Senior: Rosette

Record Book – Junior: Rosette

Record Book – Senior: Rosette

Science Project – Junior: Rosette

Science Project – Senior: Rosette

Egg Competitions: Danish

Best of Variety: Danish

Best of Breed: Danish

Best of Class: Danish

Champion Large Fowl: Trophy and Rosette

Reserve Large Fowl: Rosette

Champion Bantam: Trophy and Rosette

Reserve Bantam: Rosette

Champion Waterfowl: Trophy and Rosette

Reserve Waterfowl: Rosette

Champion All Other Species: Trophy and Rosette

Reserve All Other Species: Rosette

At the pleasure of the division chair, and with the advice and consent of all clubs involved in the division, the following classes may be offered to the division. Awards will be Danish ribbons.

Commercial Poultry: Dual Purpose, Egg Producers, Meat Producers

Club Bird Project Trio (3 pullets)