Official American Poultry Association Show Rules

I. RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

Any poultry association, club or society that is an associate member in good standing of the American Poultry Association, Inc. may offer the special prizes furnished by the Association if it holds its show in accordance with the rules of the American Poultry Association, Inc. with the following provisions:

A. The A.P.A. requires that all judges at any sanctioned meet must be members, in good standing, of the American Poultry Association, Inc. It is recommended that all judges be listed in the premium book.

B. At Club Meets the A.P.A. requires a minimum of one licensed A.P.A. judge and not less than 50% of the judging staff be A.P.A. licensed.

C. At State and District Meets the A.P.A. requires that a minimum of one and not less than 50% of the judges be A.P.A. licensed and that all other judges be licensed by either the A.P.A., the American Bantam Association, or the Canadian Government.

D. At Annual and Semi-Annual Meets, ALL judges must be A.P.A. licensed. All judges may present the champion(s) of the class(s) they judged but only those judges with a General License can participate in voting to pick the show champions.

E. It is mandatory that judges not be required to judge any class of large Fowl, Bantam, Duck, Geese or Turkey for which they are not licensed.

F. Judges shall not be allowed to judge and show nor shall the Judges immediate family (Spouse, Partner or children) at any A.P.A. sanctioned meet except in an emergency situation. An emergency situation exists when a judge listed in the show catalogue cancels after the entry deadline has passed, when the number of entries indicate an additional judge(s) should be added, or when a judge cannot complete his/her assignment during the show. In this event the entire entries of the judge and his/her immediate family will be withdrawn from competition with the following exception: If part or all of his/her entry has already been judged, these judged birds will not be withdrawn but he/she can never judge in any class in which they are competing or participate in voting to pick show champion. A judge may exhibit in an open show and judge a simultaneous junior show that is separate from the open show. Alleged violations of these provisions are valid grounds for a grievance as covered in ARTICLE III of the by-laws.

II. EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

A. Only breeds and varieties admitted to the American Standard of Perfection may compete for the American Poultry Association, Inc. special prizes and awards. Non-recognized varieties may only be awarded RV and BV and non-recognized breeds may only be awarded RB and BB.

B. Only members of the American Poultry Association, Inc. who are in good standing are eligible to receive the earned exhibitor points. The Secretary of the American Poultry Association. Inc. shall determine from the official show report as submitted by the show management whether or not the winner is a current member in good standing.

C. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Entries on loan from one exhibitor to another for the sake of showing will not be tolerated and any entries in question will be disqualified from competition, as this practice does not promote good sportsmanship and comradery within the fancy. Further, any entry determined to be on loan from one exhibitor to another will not be eligible to accrue points toward Master Exhibitor/Breeder designations and

points accrued in that breed/variety for the calendar year shall be withheld. Persons loaning birds for this purpose shall be equally responsible and subject to the same penalties.

D. The exhibitors in question shall have a right of appeal to the Board of Directors of the American Poultry Association, Inc. within thirty (30) days of the incident. The management of the show where the Incident occurred shall be prepared to furnish a detailed statement of the case to the American Poultry Association, Inc. and the exhibitors in question.

III. SHOW ROOM REQUIREMENTS

A. Show Coops and cups must be of such material that they can be kept sanitary
B. All fowls exhibited shall be inspected daily by a person who is qualified to ascertain their physical condition.
C. Litter used in exhibition coops shall be kept sanitary.
D. The abuse of any substance in and around a poultry show room shall be strictly discouraged and prohibited, and violations by management, judges or exhibitors may be reported to the American Poultry Association, Inc. by sworn statement. A judge found guilty may have his/her license revoked.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS TO SHOW MANAGEMENT

A. The show management shall immediately remove from competition any fowl showing symptoms of a contagious disease
B. The show management shall provide suitable working conditions so that the judges will not be interrupted while judging. If possible, open aisles should be a minimum of six feet wide. Lighting should be excellent for the display of birds and for judging. Ventilation should provide fresh air without draft, and release of foul air near ceiling. If the show has a sale or swap area due care should be taken that birds are not overcrowded and have water and feed.
C. It is recommended that the show management provide facilities so that the Indian Runner Ducks may be judged “on the run” in a ringed enclosure where possible.
D. The show management shall complete the APA show report forms in full with the cooperation of the licensed APA judge or judges and shall be held responsible for the mailing of such forms not later than thirty (30) days after the close of the show to the Secretary of the American Poultry Association, Inc. along with a complete list of all exhibitors together with their addresses.
E. If the show management does not submit a show report within ninety days of the show's date then the associate member who sponsored that show will not be eligible for a sanctioned meet for two (2) years.

V. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES

A. Positively the only guide to be used in placing show awards on Large Fowl, Bantams, Waterfowl and Turkeys shall be the American Poultry Association, Inc. American Standard of Perfection
B. A judge shall not handle any fowl which shows evidence of having any contagious or infectious poultry disease.

VI AWARDS OFFERED

A. DISPLAY PRIZE
    a. Special for display, any one variety, shall be made on points, first prize to count 6, second prize 4, third prize 3, fourth prize 2, and fifth prize 1; trios count double. The points won on each class to be multiplied by the number of entries exhibited in that

particular class. Add the total points won by each exhibitor in all the classes of the variety. Disqualified birds in the showroom still figure as entries in class.

b. A display shall consist of 1 Cock, 1 Hen, 1 Cockerel, 1 Pullet, and 1 trio. If a trio class is not offered then a display shall consist of 1 Cock, 1 Hen, 1 Cockerel, 1Pullet and any other 3 birds of the same breed and variety.

B. TRIOS PRIZE

a. If a show offers trios, they must be offered for all recognized species, breeds, and varieties.

C. SPECIAL PRIZES are offered by the American Poultry Association, Inc. to associate members to be awarded to exhibitors of their show who are members of the A.P.A. These special awards must be published in your premium list. Write your District Director or the Secretary of the A.P.A. and ask for a sanctioned meet. You will be awarded a Club, State, or District Meet. The A.P.A. will sanction these types of shows, an All-Breed Show, an All Large Chicken Show, an All Bantam Show, an All One Breed Show, an All Turkey Show, or an all Waterfowl Show.

VII. PROTEST OF AWARDS

Protests may be entertained in case of apparent dishonesty on the part of a judge, or apparent carelessness that has resulted in the placing of a disqualified or demonstrably inferior specimen. The protest must be in writing and presented to the local show chairman as soon as possible and before the awards are handed out accompanied by a $250 deposit. A local show committee consisting of three persons from the local association including the Show Chairman, working closely with the APA judge or judges at the show, shall make a decision which shall be final. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protester, otherwise it become the property of the local association, denied, the protest fee shall be retained by the association.

VIII. REQUIREMENTS OF EXHIBITORS

A. An exhibitor shall not knowingly show a bird that has been recently vaccinated or exposed to a contagious disease.

B. Any exhibitor found guilty of faking, showing borrowed specimens, or of flagrant misconduct shall be barred from competition at that show and shall forfeit any prize or exhibitor points that would otherwise be awarded. This disqualified exhibitor shall have a right of appeal to the Board of Directors of the American Poultry Association, Inc. within thirty (30) days of the disqualification. The management of the show where the disqualification occurred shall be prepared to furnish a detailed statement of the case to the American Poultry Association, Inc. and the disqualified party. A definition of faking and evidence of practices that shall constitute faking are found in the APA Standard of Perfection under "Interpretation of the Standard" for Judges, Breeders and Exhibitors.

IX. AVAILABILITY OF SHOW RULES

A COPY OF THESE SHOW RULES SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL OFFICIAL SHOWS.

These Show Rules are as amended February 2015 by the American Poultry Association, Inc.