



American Poultry Association

Excerpt from bylaws regarding Admission of New Breeds and Varieties

SECTION 2. Admission of Breeds and Varieties

- a. A petition for recognition of any breed or variety of any domestic or foreign breed must be sent to the Secretary at least one year prior to the first qualifying meet giving the history of its origin, breeding background, and with facts of educational nature, all of which shall be preserved in the records of the Association. Included shall be the proposed name of the breed or variety with a standard for shape, color and weight, written in the same style and format as the Standard of Perfection and included with the petition, with copyright assigned to the American Poultry Association, Inc. The proposed breed must manifest at least three (3) differences from existing standard breeds, this to be determined by the Standard Committee.
- b. Affidavits shall be included from not less than five breeders, of 18 years of age or older, stating they have bred the breed or variety for not less than five years and that it produces not less than 50% of all specimens reasonably true to type, color, size and comb. One of the five breeders will act as the spokesperson for the group and all correspondence will be between him or her and the Standard Committee. All five (5) breeders must be APA members for a minimum of five (5) years before the first qualifying meet can take place.
- c. Certificates showing four (4) or more specimens have been exhibited in each class of cocks, hens, cockerels and pullets in each of the preceding two years at a show officiated by a licensed A.P.A. judge. The Standard Committee shall contact the judge for his or her confidential opinion of the quality and uniformity.
- d. A deposit of the sum sufficient to defray the actual cost of placing the text in the Standard shall be received with the petition, which amount shall be returned in full in case of rejection.
- e. The petition will then be referred to the Committee on Standards who shall name the two (2) qualifying meets, the first at a regional show and the second at the Annual Convention. The meets are to be at least one (1) year apart and are to be judged by licensed A.P.A. judges that will be approved by the Standard Committee. Such qualifying meets shall consist of not less than twenty-five (25) specimens for a new variety and fifty (50) specimens for a new breed exhibited by at least five exhibitors in equal numbers of cock, hen, cockerel and pullet. All exhibitors participating at the qualifying meet must be members of the Association at the time of judging.
- f. When satisfied of the breed or variety, the committee may recommend its acceptance, subject to final approval by the Board of Directors, upon which it becomes a recognized breed or variety.
- g. No petition for subdivision of any Standard variety shall be entertained by the Committee on Standards except in Turkeys.
- h. The Association recommends that the applicant for a new breed or variety of bantam apply for a joint meet for recognition with the American Bantam Association
- i. If the breed or variety fails to meet the qualifying standards another qualifying meet will not be scheduled for a minimum of six (6) months. An additional fee will be required to offset the costs of the added meet.