# **Elements of a Standard - Chickens**

**Breed Name**

Breed description – General information regarding the history and origin of the breed.

**Economic Qualities**

General purpose of the breed, color of skin, color of egg.

**Disqualifications**

Breed specific disqualifications (if any), and a reference to the General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects

**Defects**

Include breed specific defects and the appropriate point cuts is needed.

**Standard Weight**

Standard weights listed for Cock, Hen, Cockerel and Pullet. For bantam chickens and ducks to the nearest ounce, in all others to the nearest half pound.

***Chickens***

**Shape – Male**

Comb: Type of comb, size, general description of comb and comb attachment.

Single combs: Number of points, description of point sizes, description of blade.

Rose combs: General description of shape, description of point, surface texture.

All other comb types: Applicable descriptions of specific comb type not covered in glossary description.

Beak: Length, degree of curve, other applicable descriptions.

Nostrils – (if applicable)

Face: Texture, general description

Eyes: Size, shape, general description

Wattles: Size, general description

Earlobes: Size, general description

Crest: (if applicable)

Head: Size, shape, width, general description

Beard and Muffs: (if applicable)

Neck: Length, degree of arch, general description

 Hackle- general description

Back: Length, width, angle, general description

 Saddle – Length, general description

Tail: Length, spread/ expansion, angle

 Main Tail – description of feathers

 Main Sickles – length, degree of curve, width, general description

 Lesser Sickles and Coverts – length, width, general description

Wings: Size, carriage, general description

 Primaries and Secondaires – Width, general description

Breast: Breadth, depth, shape, general description

Body and Fluff: Body – Length, breadth, depth, shape, general description

 Fluff: Length, volume, general description

Legs and Toes: General description

 Lower Thighs – Size, length, general description

 Shanks – Length, general description

 Toes – Number, general description

Station: (if applicable)

**Shape – Female**

Comb: Type of comb, size, general description of comb and comb attachment.

Single combs: Number of points, description of point sizes, description of blade.

Rose combs: General description of shape, description of point, surface texture.

All other comb types: Applicable descriptions of specific comb type not covered in glossary description.

Beak: Length, degree of curve, other applicable descriptions.

Nostrils – (if applicable)

Face: Texture, general description

Eyes: Size, shape, general description

Wattles: Size, general description

Earlobes: Size, general description

Crest: (if applicable)

Head: Size, shape, width, general description

Beard and Muffs: (if applicable)

Neck: Length, degree of arch, general description

Back: Length, width, angle, general description

Tail: Length, spread/ expansion, angle

 Main Tail – description of feathers

Wings: Size, carriage, general description

 Primaries and Secondaires – Width, general description

Breast: Breadth, depth, shape, general description

Body and Fluff: Body – Length, breadth, depth, shape, general description

 Fluff: Length, volume, general description

Legs and Toes: General description

 Lower Thighs – Size, length, general description

 Shanks – Length, general description

 Toes – Number, general description

Station: (if applicable)

**Variety Name**

**Disqualifications:** Variety Specific disqualifications if applicable, and reference to General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.

***If a variety is described in the ‘Description of Common Plumage Color and Color Patterns’, describe the color for the following sections:***

**Color – Male and Female**

Comb: Face, Wattles and Earlobes:

Beak:

Eyes:

Shanks and Toes: If applicable state separate male and female colors, and describe the color of the bottoms of the feet if it is different from the tops and/or shanks. Note- if the breed has feathered shanks/toes, shank/toe feather color/pattern must be described.

Plumage: Refer to the applicable Description of Common Plumage Color and Color Patterns and provide page reference.

***If a variety is not described in the ‘Description of Common Plumage Color and Color Patterns’ but is the same colour pattern as described in a different breed:***

**Color – Male and Female**

Comb: Face, Wattles and Earlobes:

Beak:

Eyes:

Shanks and Toes: If applicable state separate male and female colors, and describe the color of the bottoms of the feet if it is different from the tops and/or shanks. Note- if the breed has feathered shanks/toes, shank/toe feather color/pattern must be described.

Plumage: Refer to the applicable description and provide page reference.

***If a variety is not described in the ‘Description of Common Plumage Color and Color Patterns’ and is not described in a different breed:***

*Note – If the variety is the same color in all sections of plumage, describe the color in under the Plumage section. If various subsections of wing, tail, back etc. are the same, the subsections are not needed.*

**Color – Male**

Comb, Face, Wattles and Earlobes:

Beak:

Eyes:

Beard and Muffs: (if applicable)

Head:

Crest: (if applicable)

Neck: Hackle-

 Front of Neck-

Back:

Cape-

 Saddle –

Tail: Main Tail –

Sickles and coverts –

Wings: Fronts –

 Bows –

 Coverts –

Primaries –

Secondaires –

Breast:

Body and Fluff: Body –

 Fluff –

Legs and Toes:

 Lower Thighs –

 Shanks ad Toes –

Undercolor of All Sections:

**Color – Female**

Comb, Face, Wattles and Earlobes:

Beak:

Eyes:

Beard and Muffs: (if applicable)

Head:

Crest: (if applicable)

Neck:

 Front of Neck-

Back:

Tail: Main Tail –

Coverts –

Wings: Fronts –

 Bows –

 Coverts –

Primaries –

Secondaires –

Breast:

Body and Fluff: Body –

 Fluff –

Legs and Toes:

 Lower Thighs –

 Shanks ad Toes –

Undercolor of All Sections: