

# YOUTH POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP GUIDE

Poultry showmanship competitions judge competitors on the appearance of the animal presented, the appearance and attitude of the show person, handling of the bird, and on basic knowledge of specific breeds and general poultry knowledge.

The following are some guidelines which may help showmanship presenters prepare for showmanship judging:

## Junior Showmanship (Ages 8 – 10)

Students should be able to:

- Identify the sex of a bird
- Identify the external body parts
- Identify the parts of a wing and the feathers
- Know his/her breed, variety and breed class of bird exhibited
- Be able to examine a bird for external parasites
- Name at least 2 external parasites common to poultry
- Understand the basics of internal parasites and how to prevent them
- Know how many toes, comb type, and eye color appropriate for his/her breed
- Understand the basics of feed requirements for poultry
- Know how many days it takes to hatch an egg
- Understand the basics of reading a coop tag
- Have a basic understanding of how birds are judged
- Have a basic understanding of show ethics during showmanship
- Be able to pass the bird to another person, and pose his/her bird for the judge to view
- Understand and Identify the basic names of common poultry diseases

## **Intermediate Showmanship (Ages 11 – 13)**

Students should be able to demonstrate and understand the basic principles of selecting, caring for, breeding of and raising of poultry. He/she should have accomplished the entire junior level plus.....

- Identify internal body parts
- Learn other breeds in his/her class that he/she is competing in
- Be able to describe the difference between fancy purebred poultry and production poultry
- Be able to read and understand a judge's coop tag following judging
- Be able to tell what a judge is looking for and name the books the judge uses to judge poultry
- Recognize some internal and external parasites and cite preventive measures against them
- Be able to explain the basic fundamentals in setting up a breed pen, hatching, brooding and caring for chicks
- Be able to name some defects or disqualifications for poultry showmanship
- Be able to describe how to give a chicken a shot if needed
- know basic names of diseases common to poultry and common treatments
- Be able to identify comb types and name breeds with these comb types
- Be able to identify a hen that is laying
- know what the Bantam Standard and the American Standard of Perfection are and be able to use them properly

## **Senior Showmanship (Ages 14 and over)**

These competitors should have accomplished all requirements of both junior and intermediate competition PLUS:

- Demonstrate that he/she is fully able to select, breed, raise, house, and care for a small poultry flock
- Show that he/she can evaluate and select birds for exhibition or production purposes
- Explain how and why he/she would choose a particular method of health care, nutritional needs, housing and rearing of poultry, waterfowl, or turkeys
- Know several breeds of poultry, guineas, waterfowl and turkeys
- Explain and give reasons for handling specific areas of poultry care such as disease treatments, vaccinations, types of feed, removing spurs, dubbing
- Be able to evaluate a class and list special qualities and needs of different breeds

For more information about the APA-ABA Youth Program, visit their website at: <http://www.apa-abayouthpoultryclub.org>

(Resources adapted from John Kinner's guide for Poultry Showmanship, Poultry Science Dept., Univ. of Wisconsin AND the February 2011 issue of "Backyard Poultry" magazine.)

## Fancy Feathers Chicken Show Junior Showmanship Scorecard

	Points allowed	Points given
<b>How the Showman Handles and Poses their Chicken</b>	<b>30</b>	
Holding the chicken prior to entering the judging area	5	
Placing the chicken into the cage	5	
Posing the chicken in the cage or on the table	10	
Removing the chicken from the cage	5	
Final pose or presentation of the chicken to the judge	5	
<b>How the Showman present the chicken to the Judge for Examination</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>The Judges examination of the Showman's chicken</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>The Condition of the Showman's chicken</b>	<b>10</b>	
Feather condition (Does not need to be APA/ABA standard)	5	
Cleanliness of the chicken	5	
<b>Judges Discretion on Poultry questions</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Appearance, Attitude and Behavior of Showman</b>	<b>20</b>	
Showman's Appearance	5	
Showman's Attitude	5	
Showman's Behavior	5	
Showman's overall Professionalism	5	
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	

Judges' Comments (Optional):

Completed by Show staff	Judges Signature:
Place:	

\*If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place the Judge will chose the overall 1<sup>st</sup> place and/or the 2<sup>nd</sup> place showman\*