

POULTRY

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

1. Birds exhibited at the 4-H Fair must be owned and cared for by the 4-H'er by May 16th of this year with the exception of the broilers, roasters, and meat ducks. Broilers, roasters, meat ducks, and turkeys must also be owned and cared for by the 4-H'er as near the time of their hatching date as possible.
2. All Poultry (excluding waterfowl) must originate from a NPIP P-T (Pullorum-Typhoid) certified clean flock within 1 year or have a negative P-T test within 90 days prior to exhibition. 4-H'er must provide a copy of the Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form (NPIP P-T paperwork) or a copy of USDA APHIS VS Form 9-2 at 4-H Fair check-in.
3. EXHIBITION: A 4-H'er may show a maximum of 12 pens. Egg classes and Showmanship are not considered a pen.
4. There must be a minimum of 3 entries in a class to receive an award.
5. "For Sale" signs are not permitted.
6. Auctioned birds will be released after the audited buyer destination instructions have been received by the Poultry Club from the auction committee.
7. Birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association.
8. The American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection does not allow for enhancements to a bird's natural (how it was hatched) appearance (for example, coloring or dying of feathers, legs, earlobes, etc.)
9. Poultry classes must be submitted in Fair Entry to the best of your ability.
10. All fowl will be checked for cleanliness, dryness, parasites and diseases. Any bird not meeting these criteria will be sent home.
11. The Poultry Advisory Committee reserves the right to combine or divide classes as they see fit.
12. The Poultry Advisory Committee reserves the right to change pens and place birds in their proper class after the close of check-in time to better serve each class of poultry.
13. The Poultry Advisory Committee reserves the right to lower the pen limit if there are not enough pens and will notify 4-H'ers before the 4-H Fair set-up.
14. Commercial pairs must be of the same sex, breed and variety.
15. Membership dues are \$5.00 per 4-H member for expenses. Fees shall be paid prior to check-in.
16. All birds must be banded for the 4-H Fair. Band numbers MUST be reported on May 16th Poultry Animal Identification form for ALL birds. If purchasing bands from the Poultry Club, you must purchase them from the Poultry Club leaders no later than May 1st.

COMMERCIAL CLASS WEIGHTS

Meat Class – 2 birds of the same sex, in the same cage

- Broilers: Approximately 6-8 weeks of age. Between 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds each at weigh-in.
- Roaster: Approximately 8-12 weeks of age. Between 5 ½ to 10 pounds each at weigh-in.

Turkey Meat Class (May show 1 Tom and 1 Hen in each weight class)

- Light Weight: Hatched between February 15th and April 15th of the current year. Up to 30 pounds at weigh-in.
- Heavy Weight: Hatched between February 15th and April 15th of the current year. Over 30 pounds at weigh-in.

Duck Meat Class: (May show 1 drake or 1 hen)

- Hatched between May 1st and June 1st of the current year. Must weigh a minimum of 5 pounds at weigh-in.

SHOW CLASSES

Commercial Show Classes

- White Egg Layers
- Colored Egg Layers
- Dual Purpose
- Broilers
- Roasters
- Meat Duck
- Meat Goose
- Turkey
- Brood Class
- Egg Classes (Bantam, White, Brown, Waterfowl, Turkey, Colored, Other)
- Showmanship

Exhibition Classes:

- Waterfowl: Bantam ducks, Light-weight ducks, Medium-weight ducks, Heavy-weight ducks, Goose
- Large Fowl: American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean, All Other Standard Breeds (AOSB)
- Bantam Fowl: Modern Game, Old English, Single Comb Clean Legged (SCCL), Rose Comb Clean Legged (RCCL), Feather Legged (FL), All Other Combs Clean Legged (AOCCL)
- Exhibition Other: Turkey (NO crossbred), Fair-Hatch, Guinea

POULTRY AMBASSADOR CONTEST

Novice: Grades 3 and 4

Junior: Grades 5 and 6

Intermediate: 7 and 8

Senior: Grades 9 and 10

Master: Grades 11 and 12

All grades as of January 1st of the current year. Contact the livestock club leader for guidelines and dates of the contest.