

Avian Poultry Showmanship and Knowhow

There are three areas you will be judged on during showmanship judging.

Appearance and Attitude of You			
Clean and Neat	Considerate of People	Considerate for the Judge	Considerate of the Bird
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White coat • Appropriate shoes • The shirt under the coat does matter as well as your pants/shorts. • Hair controlled – no hats • Smile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer to help others. • Answer any questions from the public and be willing to share information with them. • Wait your turn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be ready – do not make them wait. • Keep your voice down when waiting. • Keep your distance (e.g. feet not inches) • Greet the judge when you approach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handle with care. • Do not overly stroke – you may pull out feathers. • Well hydrated. • Keep the birds stress level down.

Handling and Showing Your Bird			
Waiting	Approaching the Judge	Putting into Cage and Out	Hand Off
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold birds head under your arm and vent facing away – avoid a code brown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold your bird per the standard (e.g., bantam – fingers between legs and hand on top of wings). • You must be in control of the bird. Only by regular contact will this happen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open cage one handed. • Head first, place your bird – do not throw. • Take the time to set your bird so they look their best (male's head faces right, female's head faces left). • Close the cage and step away from the cage. • When asked, remove the bird by placing your hand firmly down on the back; turn the head to face the cage door, slide hand under and around the feet. • Close the door. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make space between you hand holding the feet for the judge to slide their hands in between yours and the bird. • Do not remove your hands until the judge is ready. • Smoothness counts.
			<p style="text-align: center;">Advanced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning the bird over to present the keel bone and feet. • Pop the tail to present the vent,

Knowledge of the Bird and the Care

General Information	Major Body Parts	Parasites	Defects and Disqualifications	How Did you Prepare for the Show
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex and age • Breed • Variety • Year entered breed of standards • Origin of the breed. • How old is the bird (known when hatched). <p>(e.g. "This is my hen, Rubella, who is a single comb white leghorn. The breed originated from Leghorn Italy and was entered into the breed of standard in 1940.")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced: know all varieties (colors, combs) for the breed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice with your bird and a book. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Head section ○ Feet section ○ Body section ○ Tail section ○ Wing section • Point to the body part which is closest to the judge. • Display the bird while keeping it calm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 external parasites • 1 internal parasite • How to inspect • How to treat • Advanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vaccination ○ Common Diseases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name 2 disqualifications. • Name two defects for your breed. • Advanced - Know what might be a defect in some breeds but not others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing • Beaks • Feet and nails
Daily Care				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering • Know what you feed them and what percentage of protein. • Inspection for parasites. • Grit and why you provide it. • Calcium and why you provide it. • Bedding. • Treats. 	Judge's Optional Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each judge will decide what these questions are but they will be asked of all youth. Common items to study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Know all combs and example of a breed/variety with the comb ○ Know at least one breed from each class (this includes outside of what you are showing). ○ Feathers (knowing male from female, where it came from, variety) • Advanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Judge and rank a pen of birds. ○ Prep and show a bird of the judge's choice. 			