

DEPARTMENT X • POULTRY SHOWS

Poultry, Duck, Geese, Guineas

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Birds will be entered in single classes only.
2. Birds will be judged in class listed on entry form. **No class changes during check-in.**
3. Premiums will be paid by check after the fair.
4. All birds will be cared for and fed by the fair.
5. The fair will furnish cages and cups for food and water.
6. The fair management reserves the right to interpret, amend, or add to these rules.
7. All birds must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner, who must have owned the birds for at least 60 days prior to deadline.
8. All birds are entered at the risk of the owner, and the NC Mountain State Fair management will not be responsible for any loss or damage but will exercise all possible vigilance in the care of the birds. No one will be allowed to handle birds on display except the owners and officials of the show.
9. The American Standard of Perfection will be the guide of the judges in awarding premiums. The premiums will be paid on standard varieties listed in this show catalog, and then only to worthy specimens.
10. Decision of the judges will be final, and no appeal will be considered except in the cases of protest in writing, with strong evidence of fraud or violation of the rules of the fair. Protest must be filed with the division superintendent no later than noon of the day following the award and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$5.00 which will be retained by the fair if the protest is not sustained. The division superintendent will appoint a committee to consider the protest and all interested parties will be notified of the time of the hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. The NC Mountain State Fair will follow the rules of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions governing appeals.
11. Judges will not award premiums to any animal because of its mere presence. It must be individually worthy. It is not the policy of the fair to encourage indifferent production of any kind, or to distribute premiums equally among exhibitors. No premium will be awarded to any exhibit that does not possess high intrinsic merit.
12. Unless otherwise specified in the department rules and regulations, no exhibitor may win more than two premiums in any one individual class, and not more than one premium in any group class.
13. No exhibitor may accompany judges during their deliberations except such attendants as are necessary to handle and show livestock and other such exhibits. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with adjudication, or who publicly expresses disapproval of the decision of the judges, will be excluded from further competition and any premiums previously won will be forfeited.
14. The judge will have the right not to award a first place ribbon/premium if the item does not merit the placing. Awards in any class will be given only if merited.
15. Fraud or deception as to breeding, or in any other form, will be exposed and exhibitor guilty of such violation will be excluded from further participation in the fair and all premiums previously won will be forfeited.
16. The right is reserved and will be used to reject entries received after all available space is taken, even if this occurs before specified time for closing entries.
17. Old English breeds that are not dubbed can be shown but will not be judged with the exception of young birds.
18. Production breeds can be shown but will not be judged.
19. Premiums will be paid only on the basis of the records of the judging report, which will be signed by the judge and by the department superintendent or director. Ribbons will be securely attached to the cages upon which they were awarded, if possible, but the ribbons have no value in payment of premiums since they may become detached and find their way on to the wrong exhibit.
21. Any other or miscellaneous categories at the end of each area are only for items which are not listed in preceding categories. They shall not be used for duplications.
22. Judges, when requested, may give the reasons for their decisions embracing the value and desirable qualities of the exhibits to which they have awarded premiums.
23. Judges will not award premiums or ribbons to any animal that does not qualify for one of the classes in the NC Mountain State Fair premium list. There will be no additional prize money for given places, in the event of a tie. There shall not be more than one ribbon awarded and premium paid for each placement in a class.
24. Premiums will be paid to winning exhibitors after the award reports are compiled and checked. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor at the address on his or her entry form. This process takes approximately ten weeks. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until **December 1, 2021**, after which time the books of the fair are closed.

Poultry is scheduled as if we are having the full 10-day fair. In the event we do not have the full fair and just have livestock, Poultry will be like last year, moved to a 3-day

JUDGING

1. Judges will use the latest American Standard of Perfection. Judges may withhold prizes if birds are not of sufficient merit.
2. Any person who interferes with judges will forfeit all premiums. The decision of the judges will be final.
3. After the judging, exhibitors can place any advertising material, by the exhibitor, with his coop.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. All bird entries will be presented for examination (including blood test and swabs) to a representative of the NCDA & CS Veterinary Division before being placed in the show.
2. All chicken entries will originate from U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of admission to the fair. The test requirements may be satisfied by a negative test conducted by a representative of the NCDA & CS Veterinarian Division at the time birds are brought to the fair.
3. All birds must be identified with numbered tamper-proof bands. Bands placed on birds tested at the fairgrounds by a representative of the NCDA & CS Veterinary Division will satisfy the requirement. **The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.**
4. No poultry shall have received a live virus vaccine within 45 days prior to entering the fair. It is recommended that all birds be vaccinated for laryngotracheitis with a modified live virus vaccine at least 45 days and not more than one year before the show.
5. Birds will not be accepted which are showing any clinical signs of an infectious or communicable disease or are infected with lice and/or mites.
6. All poultry exhibited at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair shall have been in the possession of the exhibitor for 60 days prior to the deadline. Exhibitors will fill out the entry form completely.
7. Coops used in transporting live birds to the fair shall not be allowed inside the exhibit tent.

Definition of Terms used in Premium List

Cock: Male bird, 1 year old or over

Hen: Female bird, 1 year old or over

Cockerel: Male bird, less than 1 year old

Pullet: Female bird, less than 1 year old

A Champion and a Reserve Champion will be awarded for Standard Chicken, Bantam Chicken, Duck, Geese, and Guinea. An Over All Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen out of the two following groups 1 - Standard Poultry, Guinea; 2 - Bantam Poultry, Duck, Geese.

Overall Champion TBD, trophy

Champion TBD, trophy

Overall Reserve Champion TBD, trophy

Reserve Champion TBD, trophy

