

Poultry Division

Department G

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Assistant Superintendent -

Show Rules – applies to all classes, including showmanship

- A. Exhibitors will be required to show their birds during judging. A substitute showman may be appointed if approved by the superintendent. Superintendent needs to contact County Extension Office staff when a substitute showman has been appointed. Substitute showman need to be a registered 4-H or FFA member in Box Butte County.
- B. In the case an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor is responsible for finding a current Box Butte County 4-H or FFA member to show one of the animals for them. The additional showman must be a 4-H or FFA member. No parents will be allowed to show for the exhibitors.
- C. Each exhibitor will meet with the superintendent as they check in, to go over the Barn Rules.
- D. Breeds must conform to the standards and weights set by the American Poultry Association, to be eligible to exhibit as a breeding class bird.
- E. Coaching of exhibitors is strictly prohibited. The exhibitor is responsible for presenting their animal on their own merit. Anyone who is accused of coaching will be given one oral warning from either the superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show and the exhibitor will be dropped a ribbon placing.
- F. Anyone interfering with the judge will be given one oral warning from either the superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show.
- G. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.
- H. All possible sale birds must be weighed at the time of entry.
- I. All exhibitors are responsible for helping to clean the barn. Each exhibitor is assigned at least one morning shift. All exhibitors who have animals housed in the Red Barn during county fair must help clean the barn on the final Sunday of the Box Butte County Fair. Failure to do so will result in the 4-H/FFA members livestock sale premium checks being withheld.
- J. All exhibitors are expected to attend a barn meeting set by the superintendent.
- K. All exhibitors are responsible for hosting the Red Barn at least twice during the fair week. Length of shift will be determined by the barn superintendent at fair-time. Length of shifts depends on the number of exhibitors participating in the county fair.
- L. Health: Poultry being sold within the state do not have to originate from a NPIP-participating flock or be tested for pullorum typhoid. Poultry exhibited do not have to originate from a NPIP-participating flock or be tested prior to the exhibition. Some counties will be randomly selected to test birds that do not have documentation stating they were purchased from a NPIP-participating flock. It is highly recommended that you purchase your birds from a NPIP-participating flock, receive documentation from the seller (proof of purchase) and present that to the superintendent at county fair. Note that the current status for pullorum typhoid may change at any time. If bird shows symptoms/signs of having a health problem that is a threat to other animals or humans, the superintendent reserves the right to ask them to leave.
- M. 4-H/FFA member is limited to a maximum of eight (8) entries. Broiler/Production Pens of three (3) chickens will be considered one poultry entry.
- N. To be eligible for breed exhibition, the poultry exhibit must be a fair representation of one of the breeds listed in the American Standard of Perfection.
- O. Minimum weights are according to breed standards listed in the Poultry Standards of Perfection.
- P. Pen of broilers shall consist of three male or female birds 6-9 weeks of age. A pen of hybrids, crossbred or purebred egg production birds shall consist of three sexually mature females. Pens of broilers or egg production pullets will be judged for production qualities only. They need not necessarily conform to breed standards.
- Q. Exhibits will be shown by type and divided into the appropriate classes, breeds and varieties. If there are five (5) or more of a variety they will be shown in a group as a variety and a rosette will be

given to Best of Variety. If there are less than five, varieties will be combined and shown by breeds. If less than five exhibits of a breed are entered, the Superintendent reserves the right to combine breeds to provide for an orderly show. The Type, Class, Breed, Variety and Age and Sex (cock, hen, cockerel, pullet) for all birds must be given to the Superintendent at check-in. Entries must be 4-H/FFA project birds. All poultry exhibited must be grown in a 4-H/FFA member's project.

- R. Exhibitor must wear a long-sleeved white shirt or blouse with the 4-H chevron attached to the left front and blue jeans. FFA members will be required to wear advisor approved dress code.

Poultry Showmanship Contest Rules

Basis for judging: Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Primarily, showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge, the excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Showmen are required to wear long-sleeved, white shirt or blouse with collar, with the 4-H chevron attached to the left front and blue jeans. FFA members will be required to wear advisor approved dress code. Overall Champion Showmen will be determined by total points. If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie.

Division G075, Poultry

Poultry Showmanship

- G075001 Poultry Junior Division
- G075002 Poultry Intermediate Division
- G075003 Poultry Senior Division

Breed Classes

TYPE ONE (Standard Chickens)

- G075004 American
- G075005 Asiatic
- G075006 English
- G075007 Mediterranean
- G075008 Continental
- G075009 Other Standards

TYPE TWO (Bantams Classes)

- G075010 Game Classes
- G075011 Single Comb Clean Legged
- G075012 Rose Comb Clean Legged
- G075013 All Other Comb Clean Legged
- G075014 Feather Legged Class
- G075015 Other Bantam

TYPE THREE (Duck Classes)

- G075016 Heavy Weight
- G075017 Medium Weight
- G075018 Light Weight
- G075019 Bantam Ducks

TYPE FOUR (Goose Classes)

- G075020 Heavy Weight
- G075021 Medium Weight
- G075022 Light Weight

TYPE FIVE

G075023 Turkeys

TYPE SIX

G075024 Individual Broiler

G075025 Pen of Broilers

G075026 Production Trios

Mixed Breed Class - Birds are to be of at least two different breeds. Birds entered in the mixed breed classes are not eligible for the Best of Show award.

G075027 Standard Chickens

G075028 Bantam Chickens

G075029 Duck

G075030 Goose

G075031 Turkey