

# OFFICIAL ABA SHOW RULES

Any poultry association, club, or society that is an associate member of the American Bantam Association may host a show and offer the special prizes furnished by the association if it holds its show in accordance with the Rules of the American Bantam Association subject to the following provisions:

## I. JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:

**All ABA meets must follow rules as outlined in Article 16 of ABA Constitution and By-Laws.**

### A. State, Provincial and Special meets:

All judges who judge bantams must be ABA members, and at least one third must be licensed ABA judges with a minimum of one.

### B. District Meets

All judges who judge bantams must be ABA members with at least half of them licensed ABA judges.

### C. Semi-Annual and Annual Meets:

All judges who judge bantam chicken classes shall have a Bantam Chicken Specialty license or a General license. All Judges who judge the bantam Champions shall have a current ABA General license. All judges must be ABA members in good standing. No Judge shall exhibit and judge birds in the same bantam classification.

## II. EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS:

**A.** Only breeds and varieties admitted to the ABA Bantam Standard may compete for Association special prizes and awards.

**B.** Only members of the ABA in good standing are eligible to receive the special prizes and awards of the association.

## III. SHOW ROOM RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. Sanitation;

1. Show coops and cups must be made of such material that they can be kept sanitary.
2. Litter shall be of adequate quality and quantity.
3. Ventilation shall be appropriate for the season and free of drafts.
4. Participation in a swap section associated with a show should be limited to exhibitors at the show.
5. Swap participants should be limited to a certain number of birds per cage/coop to insure overcrowding is not a problem.
6. An officer of the show or designee should inspect the swap/sale section to insure that obviously disease birds or animals are removed immediately.

**B. Water and feed:** Exhibitor's and show management must insure adequate care, feed and water are provided all birds on the premises. Show Management is encouraged to additionally have all water cups filled before the show hall is open.

**C. Caging:** Shall be adequate size for the type, size, and sex of the bird being shown.

**D. Display areas:** Shall be adequately illuminated for viewing or judging.

## IV. SUGGESTION TO SHOW MANAGEMENT:

**A.** The show management shall guard against contagious poultry diseases and shall immediately remove any bird showing symptoms of disease.

**B.** Aisle ways shall be of adequate width for comfortable viewing and judging. Cages shall be no higher than double decked.

**C.** During judging the Aisle ways should be blocked from spectator movement.

**D.** The show secretary shall complete the ABA show report form and forward it to the ABA within 90 days after the show.

**E.** Management shall determine the currency of membership and licensing of the judges. If in doubt they shall check with the ABA secretary.

**F.** Special awards, as offered by the ABA, shall be listed in the premium book.

**G.** The ABA Bantam Standard shall be used in judging bantams

## V. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR ABA MEMBERS ONLY:

**A. Master Exhibitor Program:** When a member, over any period of years, accumulates twenty starred wins (defined as best or reserve in a class of 100 or more birds), he or she becomes an ABA Master Exhibitor.

**B. Master Breeder Program:** When a member, over any period of years (but not less than 5), accumulates 20 starred wins in one variety, he or she becomes an ABA Master Breeder.

**C. Citation of Merit Program:** When a member, over any period of years, accumulates 5 starred wins in one variety, he or she is awarded a Citation of Merit.

## VI STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Some State and Federal laws regulate the possession and propagation of two breeds of bantam ducks. The ABA recommends that both individual members and the management of shows hosting ABA meets ensure that they comply with any federal or state regulations which apply to any type of bantam duck.

## VII. PROTEST OF AWARDS:

Protests may be entertained in case of apparent dishonesty on the part of a judge, or apparent carelessness that has resulted in the placing of a disqualified specimen. The protest must be in writing and presented to the local show chairman as soon as possible and before the awards are handed out, accompanied by a twenty five dollar deposit. The local show committee, consisting of three persons from the local association including the show chairman, working closely with the ABA judge or judges at the show, shall make a decision which shall be final. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protester, otherwise, it becomes the property of the local association.

## VIII NON RECOGNIZED BREEDS OR VARIETIES:

Breeds or Varieties not recognized by the ABA. Non recognized varieties may place no higher than BV or RV. Non recognized breeds may place no higher than BB or RB.

**IX POSTING OF SHOW RULES:** This copy of show rules must be posted in show hall.