

# ***SELECTING FANCY BIRDS FOR SHOW***

## General Ohio Junior Fair Show Selection Guidelines

1. I will be using the American Standard of Perfection Guidelines
2. Junior fairs are designed to teach and have fun learning
3. Shows are not professional shows, rather junior fair shows-educational

Specific process I will use at County Fairs when selecting winners include:

TYPE- most important trait to start judging class that includes:

1. Does bird meet breed type guidelines?
2. Does bird have any disqualifications?
3. Bird is the correct sex for class?

.....based on these questions will start to place class.....

## PROCESS

1. Using general scale of points will evaluate condition, feathering, and specific parts of bird to evaluate blemishes.
2. Will span wings of bird to evaluate all feather development.
3. Start placing class based on bird with fewest defects and best overall confirmation on top and proceed with bird with most defects and least desirable traits placed on bottom of class.
4. My role of judging class is to judge animals in ring.... Local committee will decide if birds are in correct class, not judge.

Some of the details I will review when judging include:

1. Comb foreign to breed
2. Clipped primary or secondary feathers
3. Slipped wing
4. Split wing
5. Bow leg
6. Duck foot
7. Knock knees
8. More or less than four toes ( depending on breed )
9. Web foot
10. Stubs ( feathers )
11. Absence or development of spur in males
12. Hen feathering in males
13. Twisted feathers plus other minor details
14. Plumage color-foreign.-such as Barred Rock – no yellow or red plumage or more than two solid black feathers; Rhode Island Red- with entire white feathers in outer plumage, etc.

SUMMARY.....Top quality birds will place on top of class..

