

YEPA Showmanship In A Box

Showmanship for youth at poultry shows began as a way to get youth involved in the hobby and prevent boredom while parents exhibited their poultry. Many poultry clubs around the nation adopted the 4-H Poultry Showmanship Standard for their shows. This is an excellent program for production poultry, but lacks the attention to the APA Standard of Perfection and the ABA Standard.

The Youth Exhibition Poultry Association (YEPA) is devoted to educating youth to build a strong foundation in keeping poultry bred to the “Standards” of, and according to The American Poultry Association and the American Bantam Association. We are an educational association committed to educating youth to raise healthy poultry according to the USDA and the National Poultry Improvement Plan standards.

Sanctioning showmanship with YEPA helps show coordinators run the showmanship portion of their show with ease. For a \$30 fee, you can sign up at least 45 days prior to a show, and everything but the judge shows up in a box ready for delivery. This includes judging sheets that are age appropriate for each class and trophies for 1st and 2nd place in each class. Trophies are awarded to any exhibitor that enters the showmanship competition; they do not have to be members of YEPA.

Judging sheets come in numbered sets. This guarantees the same questions are not asked at another show in the same area, and keeps it new and challenging for exhibitors. Sheets are designed so that any experienced poultry person can use them. Exhibitors are satisfied that the outcomes are fair because each section of the interview has standard values. On each set of judging sheets, the questions are the same with the “basic” correct answer listed under the questions. This leaves room for the judge’s interpretation of the answer given as long as the basic answer is correct.

Exhibitors fit into age categories to reduce the confusion of what class to enter. Questions are age appropriate and within their expected level of knowledge. Exhibitors become clear about how to study, and they build confidence faster in their presentation when they know what is expected of them at each level.

The benefit to sanctioning for YEPA members is a point system that awards pins for 1st and 2nd place. When members earn enough points, an Advanced Showmanship Exhibitor patch is awarded.

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