

SUGGESTED JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP KNOWLEDGE

Note: When you choose a bird to use in showmanship choose your best bird in show condition. This shows the judge that you are capable of choosing a bird that is the best type and variety of the breed, one that is in top condition and one that is closest to the “standard” as possible. A bird with broken feathers, in a molt or has definite disqualifications is not a bird to use if at all possible. *This might mean you have to work with (handle) more than one bird in preparation for showmanship in case one molts out either at home or in the showroom or develops other problems once you get to the show.*

Juniors (Ages 8 – 10):

The student should demonstrate a fundamental understanding of the poultry animal at the junior level.

- A. Identify the sex of a bird.
- B. Identify the external body parts.
- C. Identify the parts of a wing and a feather.
- D. He should know his breed, variety and breed class of the bird he uses for showmanship.
- E. He should be able to examine a bird for external parasites properly.
- F. He should be able to name at least one or two external parasites that are common on poultry.
- G. He should be learning the basics about common internal parasites (worms) and how they get them.
How can he help prevent his birds from getting them?
- H. He should know how many toes, the type of comb and the appropriate color of the eyes for his breed and the appropriate color of the legs on the bird he is using in showmanship. In other words he needs to know the “standard” of his bird. This is learned by studying the “Standard of Perfection” or the “Bantam Standard”.
- I. He should be learning the basics of feed used for chicks and adult chickens.
- J. He should know how many days it takes to hatch an egg.
- K. He should begin learning the basics of reading a coop tag following judging.
- L. He should have a basic understanding of how the birds are judged by the judge.
- M. He should have a fundamental understanding of show ethics, what to do and not to do (showroom courtesy, cheating, faking, not touching other exhibitors birds, etc.)
- N. What is the N.P.I.P. (National Poultry Improvement Plan) and why do they bleed his bird when they enter them in a show?
- O. He should be able to remove his bird from the cage properly, carry the bird properly, pass the bird to another person properly; he should be able to pose his bird properly for the judge to view.
- P. He should begin learning the basic names of diseases that are common to poultry. (Fowl Pox, Chronic Respiratory Disease, Coccidiosis, Coriza)
- Q. Parts of a Wing
- R. Parts of a Feather
- S. Body Parts – Using proper terms.