POULTRY

(LARGE FOWL, BANTAM, WATERFOWL, TURKEYS, GAME BIRDS, BROILERS, EGGS, PIGEONS)

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 69-79 - POULTRY DIVISION

Division 69 Classes 910 - 930	Pay Category J
Division 70 Classes 020-022	Pay Category K
Divisions 71-72, 74-76 Classes 910 – 940	Pay Category K
Division 77 Classes 910 - 920	Pay Category K
Division 78 Classes 910 - 950	Pay Category K

POULTRY SHOW RULES

A. **See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**

B. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR -** A 4-H member may enter 8 birds in each class with the exception of broilers (3) and production birds (3). Exhibitors are not to exceed a maximum of 8 birds in each division. All poultry exhibited must be grown in a 4-Hers poultry project.

C. **IDENTIFICATION** - 4-H members may identify a maximum of 20 birds by listing the breed, sex and class number on an Identification Affidavit and submitting it to the Extension Office by closing **June 15.** Leg bands are not required.

D. **PRE-ENTRY** - Poultry entries, including showmanship, to be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair, must be pre-entered on a GREEN Entry Sheet (available at the Extension Office or online) OR entered online at https://nemaha.fairwire.com. Entries are due by **June 15th.** List whether the bird is a cockerel, cock, pullet or hen.

E. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - Health certificate not required. No additional testing required for Nebraska origin poultry. All poultry (including pigeons) for exhibition shall be free of parasites and show no signs of disease during the exhibition. May be testing required by the State Department of Agriculture. All poultry will be checked for mites at check-in. Any bird with mites will be sent home and not allowed to show.

F. **SHOWMANSHIP** - **All 4-Her's must exhibit a bird in showmanship and need to enter showmanship class on the pre-entry form.** Participants may use any bird they choose (chicken, waterfowl, turkey) so long as it was raised and trained by the 4-H member. Judging showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must vocally explain the steps in their routines and the merit of the bird. 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. There will be a five minute time limit to complete the showmanship presentation. The judge may ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Refer to Livestock Showmanship General Rules for more information.

G. **CARE OF POULTRY AT THE FAIR -** All poultry require food and water at all times.

H. **BREEDS** - To be eligible for breed exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock or hen chicken entries must be fair representatives of one of the breeds listed in the American Standard of Perfection.

I. **MINIMUM WEIGHTS** - The minimum weights for exhibition birds will be as stated in The American Standard of Perfection and the Bantam Standard. The minimum weights for production birds will be 3 lbs for females and 4 lbs for males of light breeds and 4 lbs for females and 5 lbs for males of heavy breeds.
Poultry not meeting weight requirements will not be eligible for the premium sale.

J. **BROILERS & PRODUCTION/LAYERS**

1. **BROILER PROJECT RULES**
   a. **FEED AND PERFORMANCE RECORDS** must be entered at the time of broiler check-in.
   b. **BROILER TRIO** – A pen of broilers shall consist of three male or three female birds 6-9 weeks of age. They will be judged for meat production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards.
2. **PRODUCTION/LAYERS**
   a. **PERFORMANCE RECORDS** must be entered at the time of production bird check-in.
   b. **PRODUCTION TRIO** - A pen of egg production birds can be hybrids, crossbred or purebred and shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards. Hen must be in egg production.

K. **EGG EXHIBITS** are limited to three dozen per exhibitor. Class options will consist of 1 dozen white, brown or colored eggs. Eggs will be judged according to uniformity of size, weight and color as well as cleanliness. Do not refrigerate prior to exhibiting eggs. 4-Hers may exhibit ONE dozen of each color.

L. **RULES FOR BANTAM & OTHER POULTRY** - The rules for standard size chickens apply equally to bantams and waterfowl where applicable.

M. **PRESENCE DURING JUDGING** - Each 4-H exhibitor MUST be present at the exhibit area during judging. If the participant or a substitute showman approved by the superintendent is not present, the exhibit will not be judged.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 69 - POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS 910 Senior Division – 14 -18 years of age
CLASS 920 Intermediate Division – 11-13 years of age
CLASS 930 Junior Division – 8-10 years of age

DIVISION 1 - POULTRY

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 71 - LARGE FOWL CLASSES

CLASS 910 Cockerel - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 920 Cock - Age - Year & Older
CLASS 930 Pullet - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 940 Hen - Age - Year & Older

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 72 - BANTAMS CLASSES

CLASS 910 Cockerel - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 920 Cock - Age - Year & Older
CLASS 930 Pullet - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 940 Hen - Age - Year & Older

DIVISION 2 - WATERFOWL AND TURKEYS

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 74 - DUCK CLASSES

CLASS 910 Young Drake - Up to One Year
CLASS 920 Drake - Age - Year & Older
CLASS 930 Young Duck - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 940 Duck - Age - Year & Older

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 75 - GOOSE

CLASS 910 Young Gander - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 920 Gander - Age - Year & Older
CLASS 930 Young Goose - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 940 Goose - Age - Year & Older

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 76 - TURKEY

CLASS 910 Young Tom - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 920 Tom - Age - Year & Older
CLASS 930 Young Hen - Age - Up to One Year
CLASS 940 Hen - Age - Year & Older

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 77 - GAME BIRDS, ETC.

CLASS 910 Game birds
CLASS 920 Game birds, Other

DIVISION 3 - BROILERS & PRODUCTION/LAYERS

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 78 - BROILERS & PRODUCTION

CLASS 910 Broiler, Individual
CLASS 920 Broilers, Pen of 3
CLASS 930 Broiler Records
CLASS 940 Production Birds, Pen of 3 (Trios)
CLASS 950 Production Birds, Egg Production Records

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 70 - EGGS

CLASS 020 One dozen white eggs
CLASS 021 One dozen brown eggs
CLASS 022 One dozen other colored eggs

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 79 - PIGEONS

Division 79 Classes 910 - 950 Pay Category K

PIGEON RULES

A. **See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**

B. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR -** Each exhibitor may enter 4 birds in each class, but not to exceed a maximum of 8 birds.

C. **IDENTIFICATION** - 4-Hers may identify up to 20 birds by documenting their class, breed and sex on an ID affidavit due by closing on **June 15** at the Extension Office. List whether the bird is a cock or a hen.

D. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - Refer to Poultry Division general rules.

E. **SHOWMANSHIP** - Refer to Poultry Division general rules.

F. All pigeons in Class 950 will be RAISED in the current year by the 4-H member showing the bird. The bird cannot be purchased from anyone else.

G. **CARE OF PIGEONS DURING THE FAIR** - All poultry require food and water at all times.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 79 - PIGEONS

CLASS 910 Old Cock, over 1 year
CLASS 920 Old Hen, over 1 year
CLASS 930 Young Cock, under 1 year
CLASS 940 Young Hen, under 1 year
CLASS 950 Best Young Pigeon Raised in the Current Year by 4-H member