

BROILER DIVISION

Rule 1: Each exhibitor is limited to entering only 2 (two) pens of broilers. (ie, 2 pens of cockerels, or 2 pens of pullets, or 1 pen of cockerels and 1 pen of pullets. Exhibitors may choose what to enter, but each pen must be the same sex broiler. Exhibitors are limited to only 2 pens.

There will be two classes—class one will be pullets, and class two will be cockerels. The first place pullets and the first place cockerels will compete for Grand Champion. When the Grand Champion has been selected, the second place pen from that class will compete with the other first place pen for Reserve Champion.

Rule 2: Each exhibitor is allowed to order an individual set of birds (up to 50) OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 50). In other words, a family with multiple exhibitors can order an individual set of birds for each exhibitor in the family, OR if they wish, they can order one set of birds for the entire family. In either case, the maximum number of birds in a set that an exhibitor can select from for the show is 50 birds. For broiler orders: A minimum order per exhibitor or family unit is 25 chicks, with a maximum of 50 chicks.

Rule 3: There will be no weight limit, but only quality birds will be accepted with a preliminary judging prior to the show.

Rule 4: Commercial Birds from one supplier will be entered.

Rule 5: All broilers must be owned and fed by the exhibitor from the hatch date through the show.

Each bird presented to the sifting committee must wear a coded wing band. The identification number on the band must fall within the series of consecutively numbered birds assigned to that individual or their family at the time of taking possession of chicks. Broilers losing their wing bands for whatever reason will not be eligible for show.

Families purchasing more than 50 chicks to accommodate more than one child will be given consecutive numbers and exhibitors can choose from any of those birds to have a pen. This only applies to exhibitors in the same family.

Rule 6: All broilers will be sifted and wing bands numbers will be checked as exhibitors enter the ring prior to judging. A sifting committee with the department chairman as one member shall be appointed to inspect all entry for the purpose of eliminating any entry not in proper show condition or having external parasites. No substitutions are allowed in their department.

Exhibitors are to bring only the number of birds officially entered. The broiler sifters will disregard any wing damage in the area to which the official wingband is attached.

Rule 7: All birds must be removed from the grounds at the completion of the poultry show.

Rule 8: All broilers must be purchased from a hatchery set by the Poultry Committee. A Hatch date will be set by the Poultry Committee. Broiler orders will be submitted and money paid to the Guadalupe County Extension office by the exhibitor by the date set by the Poultry Committee. Exhibitors will pick up their ordered birds at the Extension Office on the date set by the Poultry Committee. Wingband numbers will be assigned to exhibitors and recorded by the Poultry Committee.

Rule 9: Each pen of 3 broilers must be brought in its own pen/box, and the box must have a solid bottom with litter at least 6” deep, to help keep birds clean. Proper ventilation is a must.

Rule 10: Poultry must have arrived and checked in NO LATER than the published arrival schedule set by the Youth Show Board. The arrival order will alternate each year. Turkeys will check in first with years ending with an even number and broilers will check in first with years ending with an odd number.

Rule 11: The Ag teachers from high schools in Guadalupe County and County Agents of Guadalupe County must turn in the exhibitor's name and wing band numbers to the Chairman of the Poultry Committee within 10 days of delivery.

TURKEYS

Rule 1: Turkey poults must originate from pullorum-Typhoid clear breeder flocks.

Rule 2: Exhibitor is limited to two (2) single turkeys. Exhibitors may enter: 2 toms or 2 hens or 1 hen and 1 tom. Exhibitors have a choice of entry of sex of birds entered but is limited to only two (2) single turkey entries.

Rule 3: All exhibitors must be present at judging time to show their birds, or have a representative. All birds will be sifted at weigh-in and judged.

Rule 4: All turkeys must have been ordered through Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department by county Extension agents and/or agricultural science teachers. Upon delivery, county agents and ag science teachers will be required to submit exhibitors assigned wing band numbers to the chairman of the Youth Show Poultry chairman within 10 days of delivery.

Rule 5: From the hatch date, all poults must be owned and fed by the exhibitor. Each turkey presented to the sifting committee must wear a special coded wing band. The identification number on the band must fall within the series of consecutively numbered poults assigned to that individual or their family on the hatch date. Turkeys losing their wing bands for whatever reason will not be eligible for show.

Rule 6: Turkeys will be judged in two classes: Hens and Toms. The first place hen and the first place tom will compete for Grand Champion. When the Grand Champion has been selected, the second place turkey from that class will compete with the other first place turkey for Reserve Grand Champion.

Rule 7: All turkeys will be sifted and wing bands numbers will be checked as exhibitors enter the ring prior to judging. A sifting committee with the department chairman as one member shall be appointed to inspect all entries for the purpose of eliminating any entry not in proper show condition or having external parasites. No substitutions are allowed in their department. Exhibitors are to bring only the number of birds officially entered. The turkey sifters will disregard any wing damage in the area to which the official wingband is attached.