



## ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2: ADMISSION OF BREED AND VARIETIES FROM THE AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS.

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- a. A petition for recognition of any breed or variety of any domestic or foreign breed must be sent to the Secretary, at least one year prior to the first qualifying meet, giving the history of its origin, breeding background, and with facts of an educational nature, all of which shall be preserved in the records of the Association. Included shall be the proposed name of the breed or variety with a standard for shape, color and weight, written in the same style and format as the Standard and included with the petition, with copyright assigned to the American Poultry Association, Inc. The proposed breed must manifest at least three (3) differences from existing standard breeds, this to be determined by the Standard Committee. If a breed or variety had been accepted by the American Bantam Association before January 2007, a qualifying meet will not be required if the Standard Committee is satisfied through show reports from the US and Canadian shows, that 200 or more birds have been shown by at least three (3) exhibitors in the last three (3) years. If the description is in conflict with the description which was approved at a proper qualifying meet of the ABA, then the applicant must either adjust the application so that the conflicts are removed or work with the Standard Committee of the ABA to remove the conflict.
- b. Affidavits shall be included from not less than five (5) breeders, of 18 years of age or older, stating that they have bred the breed or variety for not less than five years and that it produces not less than 50% of all specimens reasonably true to type, color, size and comb. One of the five breeders will act as the spokesperson for the group and all correspondence will be between him or her and the Standard Committee. All five (5) breeders must be members of the Association before submitting the affidavit and must be members for a minimum of five (5) years before the first qualifying meet can take place.
- c. Certificates showing four (4) or more specimens have been exhibited in each class of cocks, hens, cockerels and pullets in each of the preceding two years at a show officiated by a licensed A.P.A. judge. The Standard Committee shall contact the judge for his or her confidential opinion of the quality and uniformity.
- d. A deposit of a sum sufficient to defray the actual cost of placing the text in the Standard shall be received with the petition, which amount shall be returned in full in case of rejection.
- e. The petition will then be referred to the Committee on Standards who shall name the two (2) qualifying meets, the first at a regional show and the second at the Annual Convention. The meets are to be at least one (1) year apart and are to be judged by licensed A.P. A. judges that will be approved by the Standard Committee. Such qualifying meets shall consist of not less than twenty-five (25) specimens for a new variety and fifty (50) specimens for a new breed exhibited by at least five(5) exhibitors in all classes of cock, hen, cockerel and pullet. All exhibitors participating in the qualifying meet must be members of the Association at the time of the judging.
- f. When satisfied of the breed or variety, the committee may recommend its acceptance, subject to final approval by the Board of Directors, upon which it becomes a recognized breed or variety.
- g. No petition for subdivision of any standard variety shall be entertained by the Committee on Standards except Turkeys.
- h. The Association recommends that the applicant for a new breed or variety of bantam apply for a joint meet for recognition with the American Bantam Association.
- i. If the breed or variety fails to meet the qualifying meet standards another qualifying meet will not be scheduled for a minimum of six (6) months. An additional fee will be required to offset the costs of the added meet.