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American Poultry Association Description for Barnevelders

Disqualifications: White in the earlobes

Standard Weights: Cock 7 lbs., Hen 6 lbs., cockerel 6 lbs., pullet 5 lbs.

SHAPE - MALE:

COMB: Single, medium in size, straight and upright, evenly serrated, having 5 well defined points.

BEAK: Short stout and well curved.

FACE: Smooth, fine textured and as free from feathers as possible.

EYES: Very bright and prominent.

WATTLES: Medium in size. Well rounded and of fine texture

EAR-LOBES: Medium in size

HEAD: carried high with a neat skull

NECK: Fairly long, full and carried erect. Slightly arched. Hackle well developed flowing to the shoulder covering part of the back and part of the front of neck.

BACK: Well balanced and concave. Medium in length, broad and deep.

TAIL: Full with graceful, uniform sweep. Carried high, up to fifty degrees above the horizontal.

Moderately spread and open. Medium in length. Coverts and sickles covering the main tail feathers well.

WINGS: Well developed, carried high and rather short. Front of bow partly covered by breast feathers and wing tips are partly covered by saddle feathers. Bottom of wings rests horizontally on the flanks.

BREAST: Deep, broad and full

BODY AND FLUFF: Body medium in length, deep and broad

LEGS AND TOES: Legs set well apart when viewed from the front.

Toes – Four on each foot, well spread

PLUMAGE – Very tight and nice texture

SHAPE- FEMALE

COMB: Single, similar to male only smaller

BEAK: Medium and well curved

FACE: Smooth, fine texture and as free from feathers as possible

EYES: Very bright and prominent

WATTLES: Medium in size. Well rounded and of fine texture

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COLOUR - MALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: Bright red

BEAK: Dark horn shading to yellow at point

EYES: Reddish bay

HEAD: Each feather black with slight reddish brown edging and reddish brown shafts, tips of feathers black

NECK: Appears black with a red glow. Each feather black with slight reddish brown edging and reddish brown shafts, tips of feathers black

BACK: Each feather reddish brown with very wide lacing of lustrous, greenish black

Saddle – Each feather black with slight reddish brown shafts, tips of feathers black

TAIL: Main tail – black

Sickles and lesser sickles – lustrous greenish black

Coverts – same as saddle

WINGS – Bows and Coverts - Each feather reddish brown with a broad lacing of lustrous greenish black

Primaries – Upper web black, lower web black with lower edge of reddish brown

Secondaries – Upper web black, lower web reddish brown finely laced with black, showing when closed a reddish brown wing bay

BREAST: lustrous greenish black

BODY AND FLUFF: Black

LEGS AND TOES: Thighs – Black

Shanks and toes – yellow

UNDERCOLOUR OF ALL SECTIONS: Dark Slate

COLOUR – FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: bright red

BEAK: Dark horn

EYES: Reddish bay

HEAD: Plumage, lustrous greenish black

NECK: Appears all black. Upper feathers are laced black with reddish brown centers and transferring down the hackle into double lacing. Slight ground color showing at the lower part of the hackle is permitted. Front of neck: same as breast

BACK: Each feather reddish brown free of black peppering, with a well-defined outer lacing if lustrous greenish black and a well-defined inner lacing of lustrous greenish black. The outer lacing to be distinct yet not so heavy as to give black appearance to the bird in the show pen

TAIL: Main tail feathers black with exception of the top feather on either side, these are irregularly marked with reddish brown.

Coverts- Same as back. Note that triple lacing can be apparent on good wide feathers and this is allowed for.

WINGS: Bows and coverts – each feather reddish brown with broad double lacing of lustrous greenish black

Primaries – upper web black, lower web black with a lower edge of brown

Secondaries – upper web black, lower web brown finely laced with black, showing when closed a brown wing bay

BREAST: Each feather reddish brown, free of black peppering, with a well-defined outer lacing of lustrous greenish black and a well-defined inner lacing of lustrous greenish black. The outer lacing to be distinct yet not so heavy as to give a black appearance to the bird in the show pen

BODY AND FLUFF: black preferred

LEGS AND TOES: Thighs – same as breast

Shanks and toes- yellow. Slight dark cast on legs of females is permitted, but not desired.

UNDERCOLOUR IN ALL SECTIONS: dark slate