

HOSTING A POULTRY SHOW?

Things to know, think about, and take into consideration (a brief synopsis).

First, read and memorize the rules & guidelines of the APA & ABA when sanctioning a show by the APA and the ABA.

Also see "POULTRY SHOW PREPERATION".

#1 – Budget

- a. Locate a building, get rental fees.
- b. Have an explanation ready to tell how the building will be used.
- c. Consider getting donations from a local dealer for shavings & feed or if you need to purchase get pricing for your budget.
- d. Making or purchasing coop tags – these can also be donated by a vendor/poultry supplier/dealer or the APA has them for sale.
- e. SUPPLIES NEEDED: water cups; paper or plastic. Water availability? Clean milk jugs in case someone doesn't bring their own. Scotch tape or clips to hang coop tags.
- f. Sanctioning fees for the APA and/or the ABA and YEPA if you sanction a showmanship competition.
- g. Awards: figure out what awards you can provide or would like to provide. Get pricing from multiple award vendors, local or online sources. Contributions, etc.
- h. Consider ways to raise funds. Raffles, Auctions, Bake Sales, etc.

#2 – Cages

- a. Locate a group that would be willing to lend you cages, both LF, Turkey, WF & bantam (depending on the type of show) or purchase new cages from Keipper Cooping.
- b. How will you pick up and deliver cages back to the lender (s)?
- c. Tables or other ways to set cages on.

#3 – Host Club duties:

- a. Solicit Club Meets from breed clubs
- b. get Volunteers to set up and tear down. Volunteers to help at show.

#5 - A show superintendent

- a. in charge of organizing, layout & setting up the showroom. Overseeing the show during show time. Problem solving during check in if any arise.

#6 – Show secretary/club treasurer if combined

- a. takes in entries. Makes coop tags.
- b. Keeps financial information, sets up bank account.

- c. Joins the APA and or ABA & files for the show sanctioning. (can be done on the APA or ABA website)
- d. Files show reports for the APA, the ABA and any breed club reports (reports available on APA and ABA website).
- e. Prepares judging sheets and arranges for show clerks to work with judges. Assigns classes to be judged by the hired judges and clerks to work with judges.
- f. If you hold a showmanship competition you might want to consider asking for a junior show volunteer (junior show superintendent) to help that part of the show. Help with check in, help with sign in for showmanship, find showmanship judges. Look into showmanship sanctioning through the Youth Exhibition Poultry Assn (YEPA).

#7 – Consider reaching out to a show you attend. Ask for permission of the show superintendent and show secretary to spend a day with them. Volunteer your time to help set up and any other duties they might need help with. Working with them from day one will help you prepare in advance of your own new show.