# Elements of a Standard – Geese

**Breed Name**

Breed description – General information regarding the history and origin of the breed.

**Economic Qualities**

General purpose of the breed, color of skin, color of egg.

**Disqualifications**

Breed specific disqualifications (if any, these may include colour DQs if there is only one standard variety), and a reference to the General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects

**Defects**

Include breed specific defects and the appropriate point cuts is needed.

**Standard Weight**

Standard weights listed for Old Gander, Old Goose, Young Gander and Young Goose, the nearest half pound.

**Shape – Duck and Drake**

Bill: Description of length width, details of the culmen and the junction of the head and bill.

Knob- If required

Eye: Describe the size and way in which the eyes are set in the head.

Head: Size, shape, description of crown if required, general description of breed specific features.

Neck: Length, thickness, degree of arch.

Dewlap- If required

Back: length, width, levelness at shoulders or general description of required.

Tail: Degree of elevation, description of length and feathers if required.

Wings: Length, description of wing carriage, describe placement or wingtips if required.

Breast: Width, description of shape, description of carriage.

Body (and Keel):

Body- length, description of depth, width and general impression. Include description or carriage using an angle above the horizontal where appropriate. Include description of feather characteristics if notable.

Keel- Length, shape, describe juncture with breast and stern, relation to body and ground.

Legs and Feet:

Lower Thighs- Length, degree of muscling

Shanks – Length, general description

Toes – Number, general description

**Variety Name**

**Disqualifications:** Variety Specific disqualifications if applicable, and reference to General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.

***For breeds/varieties where male and female have almost identical color descriptions:***

**Color – Gander and Goose**

Bill: Describe color, include bean color and markings where appropriate. If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Knob-

Eyes: Color

Shanks and Feet: Color, describe permitted variations in relation to sex and age. If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

Plumage: Description of colour, accounting for sex differences where required If possible, use terms defined in the glossary.

\*Plumage color description can be subdivided up to an including any of the following sections:

Head:

Neck:

Back:

Tail: Main Tail

Coverts-

Wings: Bows –

Coverts-

Primaries-

Secondaries-

Breast:

Additional sections may be added as needed to accurately describe color patterns. Select section titles from the sections used in the shape description.