

List of disqualifications
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A / Congenital deviations

These deviations have to be valued with 0 points or equal, according to the national judging systems.

- Pigeons without recognisable breed value.
- obvious crossbreeds
- under developed pigeons.

Remark: young, birds that are still developing birds can also get the qualification: No valuation.

- Pigeons ringed with a removable ring.
- Deformation of the skeleton
- strongly curved breast bone in U – or S-form

(Remark: slight curvature of the breast bone has to be penalised).

- split breast bone
- deformed toes, missing toe nails, duckfoot.
- (Remark:** the above three deviations are not applicable for strongly muffed breeds).
- deformed beak
- Deformation of the plumage
- split tail feathers

- incorrect wing carriage - serious side boards*

(Remark: side boards occur when the secondary flight feathers are not closed properly, but are pushed strongly upwards and do not cover the back correctly. (This is not always possible in long feathered breeds, which has to be considered whilst judging).

- More than 11 or less than 9 primary flights at one or both sides*
- Coloured feathers between white primaries or the other way round.:

Exceptions.

Coloured feathers are allowed, provided they are not visible in closed wings, in

a/ pouter marked colours: white bib, flights, i.a. wing roses and/or muffs

b/ colour light storked; hell stork.

- skew tail
- open tail
- roof formed tail feather
- split tail*
- less than 11 or more than 13 tail feathers*

(Remark: for the time being 11 or 13 tail feathers are a fault, but not a disqualification)

- eye colour deviating from the standard
- "broken eye" = split iris.
- differently coloured eyes
- changes of the pupil

(Remark: small dark spots in other coloured eyes (pupil) are, depending on the breed, light or severe faults.)

- strong deviating stance
- bow legs or knock knees

B/ Deviations applied by the breeder.

These faults are unlawful manipulations by the breeder, which have to be penalised in accordance with the national standards.

- birds without closed rings
- removable rings

(Remark: oversized rings are allowed, provided they are not removable).

- stretched, painted, splitted or soldered rings
- rings that are older than the age of the bird (at European show, only birds rung in the last six years are accepted).

- recognisable marked birds
- birds that have been tampered with
- birds that are not in show condition –thin and dirty.
- diseased birds and those carrying parasites.
- severely damaged birds
- visably severely trimmed birds (markings, structure)
(Remark: limited visible trimming is only allowed in Hungarians)
- any mechanical, chemical, or medical treatment of the plumage or naked parts through colouring, trimming, cutting, glueing, bending, breaking, sewing or implantation of feathers, with the aim to improve or better appearance.
(Remark: cleaning of the legs and/or eyes with alcohol or grease is allowed as long as the plumage remains untouched).
- Any other attempt for misleading the judge and therefore influencing the outcome.

C/ Mistakes, made by the exhibitor

- Aviaries filled with fewer or more pigeons than is allowed by the national stipulations. This is not a disqualification, but will results in the pigeons not being judged.

D / Disqualification

No points are given to birds that:

- are without valuation.
- show unnatural characteristics
- are not recognised breeds or colours
Exception: the AOC class in accordance with national rules.
- are absent

*** = exception for breeds and colours for which the standard requires or promotes these deviations**

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