



# Regulations for the participation of ornamental fowl in Europe Shows

## 1. In general

- a) Regardless of the national regulations in the different member countries, ornamental fowl can only be exhibited in the poultry section at Europe Shows.
- b) Ornamental poultry are gallinaceous birds (*Galliformes*), ornamental waterfowl (*Anseriformes*) and doves (*Columbiformes*).
- c) The ESC-P decides on a limited list of the species that may be exhibited at a Europe Show. Only species that are listed and their subspecies may be exhibited and judged. For the list, see [Appendix A](#).
- d) For some species, mutations in colour and / or plumage are permitted. This list is also drawn up by the ESC-P and is also limited. List, see [Appendix B](#).
- e) All exhibited birds must wear a closed foot ring that is approved by the federation in the exhibitor's country of origin. Because of the differences in national or even regional legislation, these can be very different. The national contact persons of the poultry section are responsible for checking the foot rings before caging them. Deviations are to be reported to the section board immediately during caging.

## 2. Exhibition form

- a) All species, with the exception of Laughing doves, are exhibited as couples.
- b) The couples are exhibited separately in naturally designed exhibition cages. The rules for this (cage size, decoration, etc ...) are described in [Appendix C](#).
- c) Laughing doves are exhibited as individual birds in cages of at least 40 x 40 cm which are equipped with a perch.
- d) Deviations from these regulations can only be made in special cases and only with the approval of the EE Presidium.

## 3. Judging

- a) An judging card is filled out for each couple or individual bird (Laughing doves).
- b) The judging of couples takes place according to the guidelines in [Appendix D](#).
- c) Laughing pigeons are judged using the EE evaluation system for poultry.
- d) The assessment criteria for each species are specified in [Appendix E](#)
- e) The judging marks are the same as for poultry.
- f) Individual animals, with the exception of Laughing doves, will be judged but always receive 0 points.
- g) The birds are judged by nationally trained ornamental fowl judges, regardless of which section they belong to in their own country.



## **4. Grouping**

For awarding the titles 'Europe Champion' and 'Europe Master', the accepted species (except Laughing doves) are divided into related groups by the ESC-P. This classification is fixed and no exceptions are permitted. See [Appendix F](#).

## **5. Europe Master**

The title can be awarded if at least 10 couples per group are entered. If 10 pairs are also entered within an individual species, another title can be awarded to this species. In this case, the number of pairs of this species will be deducted from the total number of pairs exhibited within the group.

The Europe Master title is calculated with the highest total number of points of the best collection (2 couples) of the same species and colour. Both sexes must be represented. In case of equality in points between collections, all of the highest marked collections will receive the title of 'Europe Master'.

The same conditions apply to Laughing doves as to poultry.

## **6. Europe Champion**

The title 'Europe Champion' can be awarded according to the regulations for EE Europe Shows according to the following conditions:

- a) With at least 10 entered couples within each group, the title Europe Champion is awarded.
- b) If individual species meet these requirements (10 couples), another Europe Champion title can be awarded within the species. In this case, the number of pairs of this species will be deducted from the total number of pairs exhibited within the group.
- c) If more than 10 couples of a species are entered in a specific mutation, the best couple of this mutation will also receive a title.
- d) For the title of Europe Champion, at least 95 pt. must be achieved. The title will be awarded to the highest rated couple. If there are several couple with the same number of points, the title will be awarded by the chief judge.
- e) The same conditions apply to Laughing doves as to poultry.

## **7. Youth class**

Since the ornamental fowl section at Europe Shows has always been relatively small, it is not desirable to have a separate youth class. Youth breeders of ornamental fowl can therefore participate in the senior section, but only under the same conditions as senior breeders.



## **8. Entry into force**

The regulations were approved off by the EE's online poultry section meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 and will come into force in 2021.

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*P.S. The appendices A to F are still being drawn up by a group of specialists and will be approved off by the ESC-P in 2021.*