

Show procedures

CHECK IN / INSPECTION

Seasoned Club members will be available to greet and assist other breeders and to help those new people showing for the first time. It is helpful to arrive with your show cages free of tape, clips or other markings. Any plastic bands already removed from birds etc. For convenience registration forms are available under the “Shows” section of the website. These could (but not required) all be filled out ahead of time except the team numbers. Team numbers will be assigned during registration.

Preparation Tables

- Several tables will be set up for breeders to prepare their entries.
- Club member will be stationed at these tables for assistance.
- At the tables the following will be supplied:
 - ✓ cage papers
 - ✓ waste receptacle
 - ✓ seed (canary/rape)
 - ✓ bottled water
 - ✓ registration forms
- All food and water will be dumped and replenished with supplied materials. Facing the end of the cage, seed is to the right, and water to the left.
- All breeders are required to have clean cages, perches, and a minimum of 5 sheets of supplied paper in the cage tray.
- The perches are on bar three from the left and seven from the right. (the third wire from the left is the end with the seed).
- If the breeder does not have holding cabinets, cardboard boxes with dividers will work fine. Single entries



Seed and Water Placement



Perch Placement: 3rd wire from the left and 7th wire from the right, If these are not placed correctly, the bird cannot reach the water and seed

will be housed in the exhibitor’s box during the contest.

- Birds must have one traceable leg bands indicating the year they were born issued from WWC or any other recognized canary club. No other plastic bands.
- Show cages must be free of clips, tape, or other marking of any kind.

- The Stewards will inspect all aspects of cages and birds for conformance to show procedures. (Any health or hygiene issues will be addressed before proceeding)
- Upon completion the Stewards/club members will affix team identification stickers, place team identification number on the registration form, and transport birds to the Holding Room.
- Paperwork will be verified, and fees collected.
- Access to the Holding Room is limited

After registration is complete,

- Stewards will turn on the Holding Room lights, open cabinet doors, and leave undisturbed for 10 minutes before turning lights off.
- Drawing for staging sequence is conducted after registration is complete.
- Time intervals between teams are calculated based on number of entries.

HOLDING ROOM

- The room is TOTALLY DARK
- Tables are arranged to hold the cabinets in areas designated for teams and singles.
- Teams will be placed on tables in numerical order.
- The room is temperature controlled to 65-68 F (verified by Steward's thermometer).

8:00 A.M.

- Lights are turned on for 10 minutes to wake the birds and "set" their internal clocks.
- Stewards perform a walk through quickly checking feed, water, and bird's condition.
- Close cabinet doors.
- Lights out

4:30 P.M.

- Room lights are turned on.
 - Cabinet doors are opened.
 - Papers are pulled.
 - Seed is replenished.
 - Water is dumped and replaced.
 - Birds are left undisturbed for 10 minutes after completion of above.
 - Lights are turned off cabinet doors are closed and covered in black cloth. This should be completed by approximately 5 P.M.
- Several times during the day Stewards will be checking the wellbeing of the birds (pen lights used). If at any time suspected negative notes are heard, the Show Manager will be notified. The Judge may be asked to review. If a negative note is present, the entry will be staged, checked out, or placed separately. Negative notes scored during judging may be handled similarly.
 - Access to the Holding Room is limited.

JUDGING ROOM

Team Staging Table

- The table is covered with a white cloth.
- The three-sided backdrop/enclosure (back panel 3 ft by 3 ft, side panels 3 ft by 2 ft)
- Panels are painted flat off-white. (Behr Antique White EW170-2, base 2-1050, interior flat, matte)
- Light is a 36" GE under cabinet fluorescent fixture. Bulb is a 25 watt, F25T8 SP30.
- The light fixture is mounted above the show cages, resting on the side panels This may require your light fixture to be affixed to a support that rests on each side panel.
- The back of the cages are placed 12 inches from the backdrop. They are about two inches from the divider which is centered. These are marked with tape for repeatability.
- The table sits approximately three feet off the floor.
- The room is kept at 70-72 F (verified with Steward's thermometer).
- Natural light is blocked.
- Normal fluorescent lighting during staging.



Judge's Table

- The distance from the front of the Judge's table to the front of the show cages is 48".
- There is a minimum of three inches between the Judge's table and the staging table.
- The hand screen is 6" X 18" and is positioned approximately 12" from the front edge of the Judge's table.
- The Judge's table is covered in a white cloth (sheet/tablecloth).



View of the Backdrop



Boards are placed on top of the A and C cages. Cages are stacked A (top left), B (bottom left), C (top right), D (bottom right).

Public Seating

- Must be at least three feet behind the Judge.
- General room lighting is on.

Wake up/Warm-up Station

- Is in the hospitality Room.
- Stewards control team access to light (open/close cabinet doors, and or cover with dark cloth) to encourage activity, but not full song.

JUDGING PROCESS

- When all is ready the Judge will call for the first team.
- Teams are pulled in sequence randomly drawn after registration. Single teams are interspaced. Schedule to be posted and updated as judging proceeds.
- Boxes will be transported into the warm-up area. Single entries will be pulled and staged in their assigned class as scheduled.
- Stewards working together, transfer the team from the Holding Room to the Wake up/Warm-up station for 10 minutes.
- They are then properly staged.
- One designated person will give a final check to assure; correct order, position, cover boards, seed, water, perches, etc.
- The Stewards then return to the wake up/warm-up station.

- No one is to touch the birds except the Stewards, including the Judge.
- The Judge sets the timer for 20 minutes, and scoring begins.
- The Stewards pull the next team from the Holding Room to the Wake up/Warm-up station. (based on interval calculated between teams)
- The Judge indicates when he is done, and the team is removed, and the next team from the Wake up/Warm-up station is staged.
- The cycle continues until all teams have been judged. Breaks to be agreed upon by Show Manager and Judge

CHECKOUT

- Birds may be checked out at the designated time after scores have been verified. Score keepers specify when birds may be returned to breeders.
- If a breeder needs to pull birds early for any reason, they will be disqualified. Score cards will not be mailed, although the breeder can receive scores via email or other method.
- Holding Room access is limited.
- The breeder must present entry papers to claim birds.
- Show Manager or Registrar will verify paperwork and give entry paper to Steward to retrieve birds.
- Show Manager or Registrar will obtain signature or initials from breeder before releasing to breeder

Any exceptions to the Show Procedures need approval by the Board Members present.
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