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WINNING, LOSING and IN-BETWEEN

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This article can also be related to participating in showmanship competitions for our youth. Winning is great but if you didn't, what did you learn during this competition? Did you learn what you need to study up on to improve your knowledge or do you need to learn more about the bird standard that you used in showmanship? What is your goal? Not only in showmanship but in breeding and showing at a poultry show do you need to take time to study, talk to other breeders/exhibitors and open that Bible of the poultry world, The APA and ABA Standards.

Winning and losing both require you participate. Nobody wins a game being a spectator. You have to be willing to lose to have a chance at winning. Putting yourself out there isn't always easy.

Hard to win if you don't understand how the game is played. Helps to know what judges are looking for.

Hard to succeed without goals. Realistic and measurable goals.

It is OK to just participate. Realistic expectations keep's it fun. I remember when I started just having a number on a coop card was a win.

I have learned more from losing than I have from winning. I really try to not make the same mistakes again but too often have. Sometimes I have learned from observing other's mistakes.

I have watched winners and one thing I notice is their attention to detail. A show is where they display what they have been working on for months. It didn't all happen in the week before a show.

Quitting is easy. Hope keeps us going. Work gets us there.

Results take time. In a month I expect to start seeing the results of decisions I made last year.