



YOUTH EXHIBITION POULTRY ASSOCIATION

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Introduction to the YEPA Breed Club Partnership

Working together through education:

It is the objective of Y.E.P.A. to help foster relationships between youth members and the clubs that represent the breed of bird they are most interested in. We believe this relationship is important for the student to insure success in raising a healthy, productive flock as well as participate wholly in the poultry hobby.

By joining forces we can work together in unison to educate our junior members to raise a healthy flock of their favorite breed of bird. This will give them advantages of participating wholly in the poultry hobby. It is up to both of our groups to stay in contact, share information we want passed on to our members through both associations.

Partner membership will run from the date you join our group project.

Eligibility:

Any youth from the ages of 4 years to 18 years of age are eligible to be a member of our association.

The A.C.E. Program:

The A.C.E Program is a specific program designed to educate our joint members in raising a healthy poultry flock, according to the APA and the ABA "standards" and according to the standards of the USDA and the NPIP. There are record books for each step of the ACE Program that a youth member will be required to fill out, submit for grading to advance to the next level. Rules and guidelines of the A.C.E. Program are attached on the last page of this document.

We do not give awards or points for YEPA members showing their birds.

The benefits for Breed Poultry Clubs:

Participating with Y.E.P.A gives you the opportunity to incorporate the club's A.C.E. Program directly into your own junior program. Our record books are age appropriate and can be customized to fit any poultry project. We would require junior club members also be in good standing with Y.E.P.A. as well as your breed club to utilize the A.C.E. Program record books.

The benefits for General Poultry Clubs:

As a general club partner your show club will have all shows advertised in our Facebook page and on our newly updated website IF you share the information. Any articles or special events you host at your shows and you supply to us will also be shared and sent individually to all YEPA club members. Your logo will be placed on the homepage of the YEPA website with direct links to your website, Facebook page/group and appropriate email.

The ACE Program Record Book:

1. ACTIVITIES: All activities that members have participated in such as clinics, seminars, educational contests and activities they have done. Other activities might include taking their bird or chicks to school to introduce students to the poultry hobby, promoting the clubs they are involved in at local swap meets or interviewing a judge or breeder obtaining as much information as they can about their favorite breed.

2. COMPETITIONS: Members record their competition results from all shows and entered birds. Coop tags and showmanship sheets should be organized in their notebooks for verification of results.

3. EDUCATION: The member records all that they have learned about raising their favorite breed in the educational section of the record book. This includes a profit and loss financial statement, the study of poultry diseases and parasites, good bio-security at home and in the showroom, proper poultry terminology, specific

breed history, the problems and solutions of breeding techniques, keeping an incubation and hatch rate record and what they learned when they attended a clinic, seminar or a meeting of your poultry club. These notebooks are thorough in educating our youngsters in the poultry hobby meeting all standards as mentioned above in the A.C.E. Program section.

Completed Record Books:

1. The completed record book is turned in to one of our youth leaders, your breed club coordinator or sent to the Y.E.P.A. national office for reviewing for accuracy. Results or a report should be shared by both groups.
2. Once the book is reviewed the youth may then be moved to the next level of the ACE program. An introductory level for 4-6 year old members is the Pre-Junior record book. All members age 7 and above are required to start with Book 1 (Coop Tender), the second book is Flock Tender, the third book is Flock Master and the final level that requires a mentor and quarterly reports to both of our groups is the Poultry Master.

Our Relationship:

1. A club partner membership fee of \$25.00 annually will give your *breed club* access to all phases of our educational program. This membership fee will allow you to submit articles relating to your specific breed that will be published on our Facebook group, and website. Your club logo and website link will be placed on our website. **It is the responsibility of the breed club to stay in contact and pass us the information you would like us to share.**
2. Membership for Y.E.P. A. is now \$10.00 per year for individual member. (A file is kept for each individual member to record their achievements when they are active in our program.

*****Members of our joint program will be eligible to earn points in our "Showmanship Points Program" for our youth members at sanctioned showmanship meets.

Joining the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association as Youth Members:

Potential members may join Y.E.P.A. and purchase A.C.E. Program record books online from our website or by printing out an application and mailing it with their check or money order to the address above

THE A.C.E.PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT? HOW DOES IT WORK?

YEPA is an educational poultry club. *The ACE program is our educational program for youth with a serious interest in "exhibition poultry". There are three types of poultry; egg layers and broilers associated only with the commercial industry and "exhibition" poultry. Our focus is only about the exhibition poultry hobby. We are sponsored by the American Poultry Association and our guidelines follow their "standards" in raising and showing exhibition birds.*

The A.C.E. Program stands for: Activities.....Competition.....Education, hence A.C.E.

To begin this journey a member must be 7 years old, with the exception of the Pee Wee group ages 4-6. Each member must keep a record book of their journey beginning with the first record book and working their way up through each level of this program.

Pre-junior (Pee Wee) Introduction to record keeping

First Book: Coop Tender

Second Book: Flock Tender

Third Book: Flock Master

Final Step: Poultry Master