

SHOWMANSHIP POINTS PROGRAM

A point system will be put into effect for our **YEPA Club members** at a **sanctioned meets** for the showmanship contest.

Please note: This point system is only available by the YEPA Youth Club. Points for the showmanship contest are not available through the American Poultry Association or the American Bantam Association or any other poultry club.

There will be three (classes/age groups) recognized beginning at age 8. Junior, Intermediate & Senior. *The Pee Wee Class is considered an "introduction to showmanship" to prepare for the more advanced classes and will not be included in the point system. Beginning January 1, 2014*

A MEMBER MUST HAVE A SCORE OF 75 OR ABOVE TO RECEIVE THESE POINTS.

1st Place will receive 10 points for each class won and a blue pin award sponsored by Cackle Hatchery & YEPA.. The member must score 75 to 100 points in showmanship to receive points.

2nd Place will receive 5 points for each class won and a red pin award sponsored by Cackle Hatchery & YEPA. The member must score 75 to 100 points in showmanship to receive points.

ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITOR AWARDS:

You do not have to be participating in the A.C.E. Program to receive these points or the Advanced Patch.

To move into the Advanced Showmanship Category a contestant must be a member of the YEPA and their dues *must be current. The member must earn 30 points in his/her age group set forth by YEPA.* Junior (approximate ages 8-10), Intermediates (approximate ages 11-13) and Senior (approximate ages 14 – 18th birthday). (Once a member reaches the age of 18 he is no longer considered a youth exhibitor).

The member may win these points only by placing 1st or 2nd in showmanship. (a member can earn 30 points by accumulating points when competing in "sanctioned showmanship competitions".

Once a member has achieved this pinnacle the member will receive a patch stating he/she is a (Junior, Intermediate or Senior) "Advanced Showmanship Exhibitor". Members that are not working in the ACE Program will not be eligible for the following:

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITOR AWARD:

- A member **must** be an "Advanced **Senior** Showmanship Exhibitor" to become a "Master Exhibitor". You **must** be a member of the A.C.E. Program to become a Master Exhibitor.
- You **must** participate in the ACE Program to become a "Master" having reached the requirements for his/her age level and working in the Flock Master level. You must be 14 or older to be eligible for this award designation.
- **A Master Showmanship Exhibitor will receive a "Master" patch, a plaque showing his/her achievement.**

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE CERTIFICATION:

Any members wishing to participate further in the Showmanship Points Program must be FULLY active in the A.C. E. Program and 16 years old to apply to become a certified showmanship judge. A written request must be made to the YEPA office requesting to take the showmanship judge exam.

You must have earned and completed the levels for the Coop Tender and Flock Tender level and the Flock Master level. You must be working in the Poultry Master level.

Your mentor and/or your youth leader (if available) must recommend that you are qualified to judge showmanship if you are in the midst of earning your Poultry Master badge. If you have completed your Poultry Master you will be certified to judge the Pre-Junior, Junior and Intermediate showmanship classes. At age 18, when you are no longer eligible to participate in Senior showmanship you may then begin judging the senior classes.

To be certified by YEPA Poultry Club a member must pass a written exam. Exams will be scored by the YEPA Showmanship Committee of two APA or ABA licensed poultry judges and the national director of YEPA.