

YOUTH EXHIBITION POULTRY ASSOCIATION

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1: Name

This organization shall be known as the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association. This organization shall be available in the continental United States of America and Canada.

Article 2: Governing Body

This organization shall be governed by an appointed or elected Board of Directors and Officers.

Article 2: Objective

Our primary objective is that a young person who completes this program will have acquired the knowledge, skills and experience to participate fully and effectively in the poultry fancy as an adult. They will be able to decide what types of fowl they wish to raise, know how to select quality birds, how to house, feed and provide competent care of poultry. They will understand breeding and raising chicks, incubation and brooding. They will understand showing poultry, understand showroom procedures and be willing to share their knowledge with others. They will learn ethical treatment of animals and ethical knowledge skills in working with others. This program will provide them opportunities to practice sportsmanship, cooperation with other participants and involvement in their home community and provide a community service.

The student will be encouraged to study, engage in constructive activities, use his or her imagination, cooperate with other individuals and groups and develop individual talents and abilities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Youth *Exhibition* Poultry Association is devoted to educating youth and building a strong foundation in keeping poultry bred to the "Standards" of and according to The American Poultry Association and the American Bantam Association. We encourage youth to raise a healthy poultry flock (,) adhering to the guidelines of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and the USDA. Our goal is to encourage youth to become an integral part of their local, state and global community teaching others about the importance of keeping poultry for a sustainable environment.

OBJECTIVES

1. Members will be given opportunities to participate fully and effectively in the poultry fancy.
2. Members will be exposed to a variety of poultry that will help them select quality birds that fit their personal goals.
3. Members will learn proper techniques for breeding, incubation, brooding and raising poultry in a healthy poultry environment.
4. Members will become familiar with showroom procedures while practicing sportsmanship and cooperation with others.
5. Members will be encouraged employ healthy and safe practices for raising and housing poultry.

THE CLUB PROMOTES

Sustainability- Meeting our needs today without affecting the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Involvement- Locally, statewide, and nationally as well as the global poultry community.

Education: a comprehensive approach that includes cognitive as well as hands on activities to develop individual talents and education in the poultry hobby.

DISCLAIMER

1. The Youth Exhibition Poultry Association is not a competitive program. It exists for educational purposes.
2. The Youth Exhibition Poultry Association wishes to work in partnership with any other exhibition poultry programs or clubs.
3. We encourage all members to participate nationwide at sanctioned APA and ABA shows and competitions.
4. The Youth Exhibition Poultry Association is not required to host show competitive poultry meets.

General Memberships:

Section 1:

The membership shall be ages five (5) through eighteen (18) ending at the end of the members eighteenth year. The membership shall be individual annual members.

A) Exception shall be members that are enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice Judges Program. This membership will discontinue at the age of 25.

B) Members that are working on their Poultry Master shall be considered active members, until their 21st birthday. The Poultry Master program ends at their 21st birthday.

Associate Memberships:

A) Associate members are considered as our Breed Club partners whose dues are current and paid yearly.

B) Show groups/clubs are considered an associate member during their scheduled showmanship meet only.

VOTING:

Section 2:

Voting: Annual members of the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association will not have voting rights due to age constraints. Associate members will not be eligible for voting privileges.

OFFICERS

Section 1:

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the Board of Directors.

Section 2:

A) The President of this Association shall be the National Director/Coordinator as long as they hold the position of National Director/Coordinator.

B) The Vice President shall be a representative of the Southern Ohio Poultry Association, or an APA representative. Other persons may volunteer for this position in writing to the President, this will be sent to the Board of Directors by mailed ballot or email ballot, for a vote.

C) The secretary position will be held by a volunteer.

D) The Treasurer shall be the National Director/Coordinator .

E) The Board of Directors shall be the representatives of the APA, the ABA, the Southern Ohio Poultry Association, a Youth Parent or a Youth Leader.

MEETINGS

Section 1:

An annual meeting is highly recommended but not mandatory. The BOD and officers should be given an advance notice of four months as to the location.

INSTALLATION OF YOUTH LEADERS

Section 1:

A) Any person in good standing as a member of the American Poultry Association or the American Bantam Association may apply to become a Youth Leader.

B) An applicant must fill out an application and a disclaimer and file it with the Youth Club Director/Coordinator.

C) There may be as many youth leaders as is deemed necessary in each individual state where the applicant resides.

D) A district representative may be appointed by the President to be the liaison for that area if such an occasion arises.

AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

Proposed amendments will be submitted in writing to all members of the Board of Directors in writing in advance of the annual meeting by regular postal mail or by email. The BOD will vote on these amendments at the annual meeting or by mail or email. Majority vote of returned ballots/votes shall rule. A quorum of two thirds of the members of the board shall be declared a quorum.