



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

JAVA



ORIGIN:	The Far East
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy breed; Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	Brown
MASSES:	

LARGE FOWL

Cock:	4.3 kg
Hen:	3.4 kg
Cockerel:	3.6 kg
Pullet:	3.0 kg

BANTAMS

Cock:	1.5 kg max
Hen:	1.3 kg max

This is one of the older breeds of poultry. The Java had its foundation in the Far East, and got its name from the island of Java. It did however undergo considerable modification in the United States despite the fact that it gets its name from the island of Java. Both varieties, the black and the mottled, were admitted to the American Standards in 1883 at a time when it enjoyed considerable popularity. It has great economic qualities because of its dual purpose for the production of meat and eggs.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Body: Long, broad, deep, with a moderately full fluff.

Back:	Broad its entire length, long with a slight decline to a concave sweep near tail. Saddle abundantly feathered.
Tail:	Rather long, moderately full and expanded, carried at an angle of fifty-five degrees above horizontal. Main tail: long, broad and overlapping. Sickles: long and gracefully curved.
Wings:	Rather long, well-folded and carried without drooping. Primaries and secondaries: broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.
Breast:	Broad, full and deep.
Head:	Medium length and breadth.
Comb:	Single, moderately small; straight and upright; firm on head; lower in front; evenly serrated, having well defined points; fine in texture.
Beak:	Stout and well curved.
Face:	Surface smooth, skin fine and soft in texture.
Eyes:	Large, full, prominent.
Wattles:	Medium length, well-rounded at ends, smooth, fine in texture.
Ear-lobes:	Small and oblong.
Neck:	Medium length, arched, hackle abundantly feathered.
Legs and feet:	Legs well apart, straight when viewed from front. Lower thighs medium length, large well covered with close fitting feathers. Shanks: medium length, stout in bone. Toes: four on each foot, of medium length, straight and well spread.

THE FEMALE

Body:	Long, broad, deep with a smooth moderately fluff.
Back:	Broad its entire length, long, full near tail-coverts.
Tail:	Rather long, full, slightly expanded, carried at an angle of forty-five degrees above horizontal. Main tail: broad and overlapping.
Wings:	Rather large, well-folded and carried without drooping. Primaries and secondaries: broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.
Breast:	Broad, full, deep.
Head:	Medium size.
Comb:	Single, moderately small, straight and upright, lower in front, evenly serrated, having five well-defined points, fine in texture.

Beak:	Strong, well curved.
Face:	Surface smooth, skin fine and soft in texture.
Eyes:	Medium size, full and prominent.
Wattles:	Medium size, well-rounded, smooth, fine in texture.
Ear-lobes:	Small.
Legs and feet:	Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front. Lower thighs: of medium length, large, well-covered with close-fitting feathers. Shanks: medium length, stout in bone. Toes: four on each foot, of medium length, straight and well-spread.

COLOURS

THE BLACK

MALE AND FEMALE

Comb, Face, Wattles and Ear-lobes:	Bright red.
Beak:	Black.
Eyes:	Dark brown.
Shanks and toes:	Shanks black or nearly black, with a tendency toward willow, black preferred. The toes same as shanks except under parts which must be yellow, bottoms of feet yellow.
Plumage:	Black.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

More than one half inch of positive white in any part of plumage; two or more feathers tipped or edged with positive white; skin or bottoms of feet showing complete absence of yellow.

THE MOTTLED

MALE AND FEMALE

Comb, Face, Wattles and Ear-lobes:	Bright red.
Beak:	Horn, shading to yellow at tip.

Eyes: Reddish bay.

Shanks and toes: Broken leaden-blue and yellow.

Plumage: See description of mottled plumage.

Under-colour of all sections: Slate.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Red or yellow in any part of plumage; skin or bottoms of feet showing complete absence of yellow.

BANTAMS

Java Bantams should follow the large fowl standard, including the scale of points.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type and carriage	20
Head	20
Colour	30
Legs and feet	15
Condition	15
TOTAL	100