
AMERICAN GAME

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Classification

ORIGIN:	English/Oriental Game
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy breed: Hard feather
EGG COLOUR:	Tinted (Sitters)

MASSES:

LARGE BREED:

Male:	2.4 – 2.7 kg
Female:	1.8 – 2.4 kg

BANTAMS:

Cock / Cockerel	800g – 1.2kg
Hen / Pullet	600g – 900g

Weights are of less importance than conformation.

Over the many years that Game Cocks have been fought in America a particular breed evolved being a mixture of Old English Game, Irish Game, Spanish Game and the Oriental infusion of Aseel and Shamo Game completed this genetic soup. Because of the different Spur styles, Slashers (knives), Short heel or the Long Heel the Fighting Cock we see today is the result of the years of selection for fighting style and gameness; obviously constitution, strength and cutting ability must be of utmost importance and today on the show bench these birds can and must be judged with this in mind.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Alive, active, proud movement, quick as if ready for any emergency
Body:	Broad, flat, back longer than Old English Game, broad prominent breast, good depth from back to keel which is well rounded to tail. No belly whatsoever. Close coupled not in any way pointed. Large pectoral muscles.
Wings:	Large long and powerful wings with strong primary and secondary feathers when opened leaving no gap between body and wing secondaries carried to amply cover and protect the thighs.
Head:	Skull medium small and tapering beak big boxing curved or hawk-like pointed strong at the base
Eyes:	Large, full of expression bold and prominent alike in colour.
Comb:	Single Pea or Triple. Face and throat skin flexible and loose.

Note: It was customary to dub American Game Cocks. In hens dubbing was not allowed.

Neck: Large boned, round of medium length, strong at the junction with the body, furnished with long and wiry hackle feathers covering the shoulders.

Legs: Strong thighs of medium length well rounded and muscular following the line of the body. Shanks strong, clean, boned, sinewy, fine not coarse like the Orientals, with good leg placement. Hard strong spurs set low on leg. Four long toes evenly spread; the hind toe straight out and flat on the ground.

Plumage: Ample flowing feather, large wings and tail which is well spread and carried high and proud.

Handling: Exceptionally well balanced, corky with plenty of muscle and strong contraction of wings and thighs to the body.

THE FEMALE

The general characteristics are similar to those of the cock, allowing for the natural sexual differences.

COLOURS: As those for Old English Game Fowl

DISQUALIFICATIONS As those for Old English Game Fowl

SCALE OF POINTS As those for Old English Game Fowl

