
SPANISH GAME

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ORIGIN:	Spain
CLASSIFICATION:	Light breed: Hard feather
EGG COLOUR:	Pure white or delicate pink (Sitters)
MASSES:	
Males:	1.5 - 2.0 kg
Females:	1.0 - 1.7 kg

The origin of the Spanish Game Fowl is unknown. As far as historical evidences have a bearing on the subject, the Phoenicians are the probable introducers of these game fowl to Western Europe. They show a strong leaning to the old type Persian or Bankiva bird both in type and fighting value. The Spanish being a supreme fighting breed seldom surpassed.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Alive, alert, very active, movement quick, always ready for action.
Body:	Broad flat back, bold prominent breast, strong pectoral muscles, good depth from Back to keel, well rounded, not pointed, tucking well up to the tail. No belly, close coupled, very corky and muscular with no loose flesh whatsoever
Wings:	Exceptionally large for this small bird. Strong primary and secondary feathers. Wings carried low but close to amply protect the thighs. When opened leaving no gap between the body and primaries.
Head:	Skull medium small and tapering. Beak strong and boxing curved or hawk like. Strong at the base.
Eyes:	Large, round and bold. Full of expression and alike in colour.
Comb:	Single Pea or Triple. Note: It was customary to dub Spanish Males. Dubbing of any style was acceptable. No dubbing or trimming is allowed since July 2015.
Face:	Smooth and fine, not course. Throat skin flexible and loose.

- Neck:** Fairly long and fine, proportionally large boned. 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 body. Shanks of medium length, fine but strong. Tightly scaled, well rounded. Spurs set low, fine and hard. Toes: four, long and even spread. The hind toe flat on the ground and straight out.
- Plumage:** Ample flowing feather. Tail: large and well spread, carried high and proud.
- Handling:** Muscular and corky well balanced with strong contraction of wings to the body.

THE FEMALE

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

COLOUR ANY RECOGNISED COLOUR

- Plumage:** Colour of plumage similar for Old English Game. The code for **Any Recognised Colour** must be used when entering the colour code for Spanish Game.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

As those for Old English Game Fowl.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Head, including beak and eyes	10
Neck	6
Body, including breast, back and belly	20
Wings	7
Tail	6
Thighs	8
Shanks, spurs and feet	10
Plumage and colour	9
Handling, symmetry, alertness, hardness of flesh and feathers, condition and constitution	15
Carriage, action and activity	9
TOTAL	100