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# GENERAL DISQUALIFICATIONS AND DEFECTS

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## a) General Disqualifications

(All Breeds of fowl, except where the Standard specifically allows otherwise)

### 1. **FACE:**

- 1.1 The face being positive enamel white for all Mediterranean breeds (red faced), except Spanish White Face (see Glossary page 13: Positive Enamel).

### 2. **EARLOBES:**

- 2.1 More than  $\frac{1}{4}$  red in breeds with white earlobes.  
2.2 More than  $\frac{1}{4}$  white in breeds with red earlobes.

### 3. **EYES:**

- 3.1 Odd.  
3.2 Colour of iris foreign to the variety.  
3.3 Blind in one or both eyes.  
3.4 Irregular pupil indicating leucosis.

### 4. **COMB:**

#### 4.1. **Single Comb Breeds.**

- (a) Side sprig or sprigs.  
(b) Overhanging i.e. lopped below the horizontal plane of the point where the bend occurs in all males and in females except where that lopped comb is an identified breed characteristic. (No single combed female in or near production with slightly lopped comb should be discriminated against.)  
(c) Split blade.

#### 4.2. **Rose Comb Breeds.**

- (a) Lopped sufficient to obstruct sight.  
(b) Over-large, sufficient to obstruct sight.  
(c) Absence of spike.  
(d) More than one spike.  
(e) Spike, inverted or telescoped.

#### 4.3. **Pea Comb Breeds.**

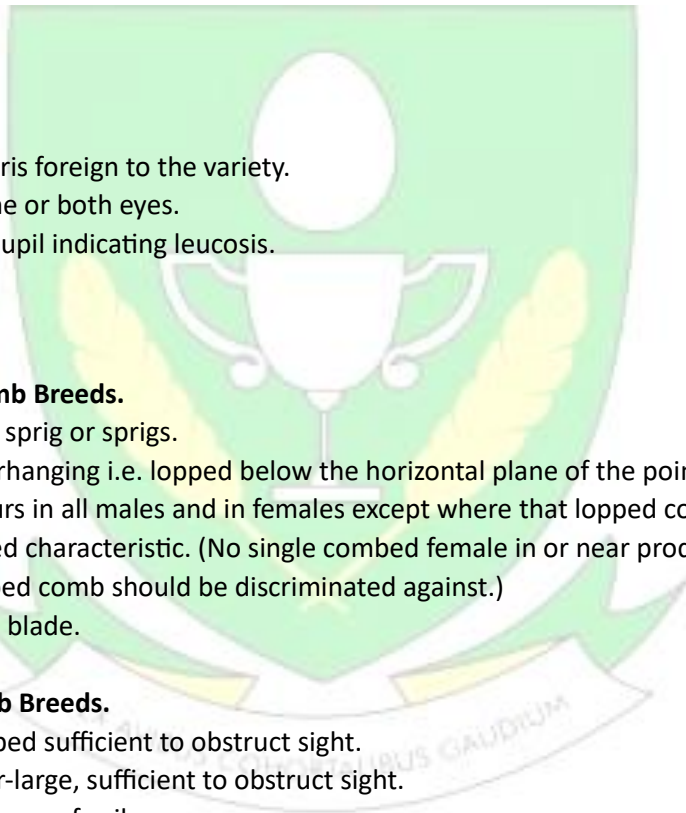
- (a) Lopped below horizontal plane of top of skull.  
(b) Telescoped.

#### 4.4. **General.**

- (a) Any comb foreign to the breed or variety.

### 5. **BEAK:**

- 5.1 All breeds of fowl and turkeys: Deformed.



## **6. BILL:**

- 6.1 All Waterfowl Breeds: Scoop or deformed.

## **7. PLUMAGE:**

- 7.1. Any feather or feathers of a colour foreign to the breed or variety, showing on outer plumage.  
7.2. Badly twisted hackle (except Frizzles).  
7.3. Serious brassiness on white, silver pencilled, barred or mottled plumage.  
7.4. Hen feathering in all males, except Sebrights, Campines and OEG hennies.  
7.5. Any clipped or trimmed feather(s), e.g. flights and secondaries.  
7.6. Any artificially coloured feather(s).  
7.7. Any manipulated or joined feathers

## **8. LEGS AND FEET:**

- 8.1. Any colour foreign to the breed.  
8.2. More or less than 4 toes on either or each foot of four-toe breeds.  
8.3. More or less than five toes on either of each foot of five-toe breeds.  
8.4. Any feather or feathers, stub, stubs, or feather-like growth on shanks, feet or toes, or unmistakable indication of feathers, stub, stubs or down having been plucked from same. Any down, stub, feathers or feather-like growth on hock appearing between the scales (except recognised feather-legged varieties).  
8.5. Absence of spurs in all game fowl cocks.  
8.6. Deformed foot and foot joints.  
8.7. Crooked toe or toes.  
8.8. Absence of toes or toenails.  
8.9. Extra toenails.  
8.10. Plucked hocks.  
8.11. Flat shins.  
8.12. Knock-knees.  
8.13. Web foot in land fowl.  
8.14. Duck foot in land fowl.  
8.15. Enlarged or misshapen shank or hock.  
8.16. Bow leg.  
8.17. Spotted legs (willow spots), unless specifically allowed for in the breed standard.

## **9. TAIL.**

### **Applies to all breeds.**

- 9.1. Main tail feathers:  
(a) Complete absence of all, except in Araucanas and accepted rumpless breeds.  
(b) Twisted feather except in Sebastepol Geese and Frizzles.  
(c) One or more reversed main feathers.  
9.2. Sickles - Twisted feather, except in Frizzles.  
9.3. Split or divided tail feathers in male and female.

- 9.4. Squirrel tail (more than 90° in Japanese Bantams).
- 9.5. Wry tail
- 9.6. Rumpless except where it is a breed characteristic.

**10. HEALTH:**

- 10.1. Any specimen showing distinct symptoms of any disease, including bumble
- 10.2. foot.
- 10.3. Any sick specimen.
- 10.4. Distinct pendulous crop.
- 10.5. Distinctly sagging abdomen.

**11. BODY:**

- 11.1. Any deformity.
- 11.2. Crooked, roached or deformed back.
- 11.3. Dented or crooked breastbone.
- 11.4. Split breastbone.

**12. WINGS:**

- 12.1. All breeds:
  - (a) Twisted feather in primaries or secondaries, except in Sebastepol Geese and Frizzles.
  - (b) Split wing.
  - (c) Slipped wing.
  - (d) One or more reversed main wing feathers.
  - (e) One or more primary or secondary feathers with a split quill, except Silkies.
- 12.2. All breeds except Waterfowl:
  - (a) Primary or secondary feathers clipped.
- 12.3. All breeds of Waterfowl, except Canada, Egyptian Geese, Muscovy, East India, and Call ducks:
  - (a) Primary or secondary feathers clipped.
- 12.4. All breeds of Ducks and Geese:
  - (a) Angel wings (the wing tip being inverted at the outer joint), one or both.

**Note:** Pinioned wings, if smoothly healed, are acceptable.

**13. TYPE:**

Not conforming to the standard.

**14. CONSTITUTION:**

Any specimen showing lack of constitutional vigour.

**15. MASS:**

The following rules apply to all large fowl, bantams, ducks, geese and turkeys:

15.1. **Where a specific figure is given for the mass:**

Any bird that deviates more than 20% either up or down from the specific laid down mass should be disqualified.

15.2. **Where a pair of “from – to” figures are given for the mass:**

Birds with a mass outside the parameters given should be disqualified.

15.3. **Where a maximum or minimum figure is given for the mass:**

Birds with a mass above the maximum or below the minimum figures given should be disqualified.

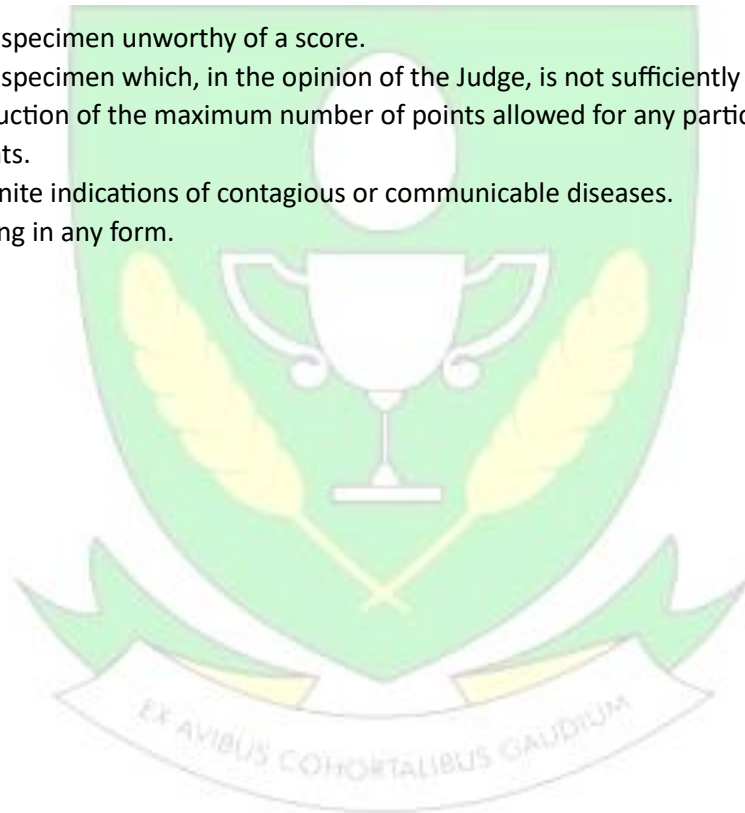
**16. GENERAL:**

16.1. Any specimen unworthy of a score.

16.2. Any specimen which, in the opinion of the Judge, is not sufficiently penalised by the deduction of the maximum number of points allowed for any particular item in the scale of points.

16.3. Definite indications of contagious or communicable diseases.

16.4. Faking in any form.



## **b) General Defects**

**For all breeds of fowl. Points must be deducted according to the severity of the defect, except where the Standard specifically allows otherwise.**

### **1. FACE:**

- 1.1. Less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  red in white earlobed breeds.
- 1.2. Less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  white in red earlobed breeds.
- 1.3. Coarseness (Indian Games and Malays excepted).

### **2. COMB:**

- 2.1 Thumb marks.

### **3. PLUMAGE:**

- 3.1. Brassiness where not excessive in white, silver pencilled, barred and mottled plumage.
- 3.2. Feathers and fluff either too loose or too tight as the case may be for the breed concerned.
- 3.3. Slightly twisted hackle (except Frizzles).

### **4. BODY:**

- 4.1. Round in back.
- 4.2. Signs of excessive fat.
- 4.3. Slightly pendulous crop.
- 4.4. Slightly sagging abdomen.

### **5. TAIL:**

- 5.1. Squirrel tail.
- 5.2. Split or divided tail feathers.
- 5.3. Badly twisted feathers in tail.
- 5.4. High tail in excess.

