

Marans Chicken Club USA (MCC USA)

Egg Show Rules and Judging Guidance



PURPOSE:

MCC USA eggs shows are held to educate the general public about marans for the purpose of preserving the breed and to encourage the continued improvement of marans through breeding for quality birds that produces the darkest eggs possible.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any person who owns marans chickens may exhibit marans eggs in the show. Participants do not have to be members of the MCC USA club or a local resident to submit an egg show entry(s)

DIVISIONS:

Egg entries are divided by marans variety. i.e. Cuckoo, Wheaten, etc. Participants may enter as many entries as they wish. Varieties do not have to be a APA recognized variety in order to participate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Each entry consists of three eggs. Entries must be placed together and exhibited on a single tray prior to judging. Exhibitors can have multiple entries in each variety. Exhibitors are encouraged to send in their freshest eggs.

ENTRY FORMS:

Please submit one show entry form per individual exhibitor. Exhibitors can submit several show entries on a single entry form. Completed MCC USA Entry Forms can be hand delivered up to the day of the show or mailed to the show coordinator or designee in advance of the show.

Mail-In entries must include completed entry forms and fees. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your entry. The show coordinator or designee will return egg show score cards and awards using the envelope provided by the exhibitor.

The egg show coordinator will provide an address to where egg entries must be mailed. The coordinator will also announce a No Later Than (NLT) date. Mailed in show entries must be delivered to the prescribed address by the NLT date. Please contact the MCC USA Egg Show Vice President or egg show coordinator for further details. Inquires can also be submitted via e-mail to the Marans Chicken yahoo forum.

NOTE: All entries must be listed on an official MCCUSA entry form. The show coordinator will provide assistance upon request. Forms are also available on the Marans Chicken yahoo forum web page.

FEE:

There is \$5.00 Entry fee per egg entry.

DISPLAY:

Eggs will be displayed for the public. All egg entries will be clearly marked with the exhibitor's assigned entry number and grouped together by variety for display.

JUDGING:

Judging takes place on site by an APA licensed judge or appropriately qualified person at an agreed upon time. The date and time of the egg show and judging is determined in advance of the show.

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Eggs are judged and scored according to Color, Shape, Shell Texture and Uniformity as follows:

1. Shell color - 7 points. Marans are most noted for their extra-russet-red eggs shell color accompanied by a spherical form. Color is heavily weighted in score because above all else it is considered the most important quality. Using a MCC USA approved shade card the judge will score color as follow:

NOTE: Egg shell color pigmentation is not always uniform and varies from hen to hen. Pigmentation may be deposited on the egg shell uniformly, stippled or spotted; all are treated equally and considered unique to each hen.

- # 1 to 3 - 0 points (Does Not Qualify)
- # 4 - 1 point – At a minimum all eggs must be at least a 4 on the shade scale.
- # 5 - 2 points
- # 6 - 3 points
- # 7 - 4 points
- # 8 - 5 points
- # 9 - 7 points

NOTE: Color is judged, based on the MCF color scale. The MCF Scale can be found at <http://marans-club.club.fr/echllang.htm#echelle>

2. Shape - 3 points

- Each egg is awarded one point for shape. An ideally shaped marans egg is broad, ensuring a large and well rounded dome, with greater length than width.
- The sides are equal and symmetrical, rounding off to a smaller end, which should not be too pointed but appear spherical in shape; see Figure 1.

Figure 1



3. Shell Texture - 2 points

- Matt - 0 points
- Satin - 1 point (The shell should feel smooth to the touch all over.)
- Bright - 2 points (Bloom and appearance will only be present with freshness.)

4. Uniformity - 3 points

- Each egg is awarded one point for uniformity. Eggs must appear uniform in color, size, shape and texture to one another.

TIP: Eggs laid by the same bird are more likely to be uniform in appearance.

5. Total Possible Points - 15

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AWARDS:

Awards vary from show to show and are dependant on donations and club or locally raised funds. Awards are left to the discretion of the show coordinator and determined through the collaborative efforts with the Egg Show Vice President. At a minimum, awards are reserved for the best overall egg show entry, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place within each variety of egg entries.

MEETS:

Nationally sponsored MCC USA egg shows are generally held at club Annual and Semi-annual meets. Regional Directors or designees coordinate local, regional and state meets within their districts.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Receiving Awards: All participants are eligible to receive awards from MCC USA sponsored egg shows; MCC membership is not required. Exhibitors may pick up their awards and score cards following judging or may have them mailed to them directly by providing a self-address stamped envelope.
- Entry Forms: Entry forms are available on the Marans Chicken Club Yahoo Group web site. It is the responsibility of show participants to complete the forms completely and accurately, see Appendix A. Please contact the show coordinator if you have any questions.
- Personally Delivered Entries: Participants can hand deliver entries the day of the show no later than 9am unless previous arrangements have been made with the show coordinator.
- Fees: Entry fees must be paid in full prior to the exhibition or they will not be judged.
- Damaged Eggs: The show coordinator or club is not responsible for entries received damaged as a result of shipping or natural disaster. The coordinator will attempt to return all funds for any entries not judged due to damage or unplanned event.
- Show Coordinator: In general the show coordinator is responsible for:
 - Providing a NLT date: All mailed-in entries must arrive prior to the date prescribed by the Egg Show Coordinator.
 - Egg Disposal: Ensuring all egg entries are destroyed following the show unless the exhibitor has requested they be saved and has made arrangements previous to the show.
 - Providing a shade card, score cards and rules to the judge well in advance of the show.
 - Preparing and submitting the Egg Show Report Form (ESRF) to the MCC Vice President of Egg Shows, see Appendix B.
- Judging:
 - Before judging begins the show coordinator will segregate entries by variety.
 - Entries are judged and scored individually; see Appendix C for score cards
 - When judging for uniformity, the judge compares eggs comprising of a single entry.
 - Each variety entered into the show are ranked from 1st through 3rd according to score.
 - The judge determines an overall show winner by taking the highest scoring entries from amongst all the varieties. Overall winners are also placed from 1st through 3rd.
 - Judges can break a tie score between entries by applying the principles prescribed in this document. All scoring and placements are final.

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Appendix A

EXIBITOR NAME:		PHONE:
ADDRESS:		
E-MAIL :		
ENTRY # SHOW USE ONLY	DIVISION / VARIETY	NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Note: Three eggs complete a set. Entry fee per set of eggs \$5.00. If you would like your egg show score card returned please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Owing to the fragility of egg exhibits, I hereby release from liability any Show Officer, Club Member, Director or Judge for damages to my exhibit caused by handling or transportation.

Signature of Exhibitor:	Date:
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Appendix B

Exhibitor Entry #	Name	Variety	Total Score	Variety Placing	Overall Placement	Color Score	Shape Score	Texture Score	Uniformity Score	Notes:

NOTE: The Egg Show Coordinator or designee is responsible for preparing and submitting the ESRF to the MCC Vice President of Egg Shows; please print as many ESRF's as necessary to complete this task.

Show Coordinator/Designee Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____