

# Marans Chicken Club USA (MCC USA)

## Egg Show Rules and Judging Guidance (to be given to Egg Show Judge)

### 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 or ABA licensed judge, or any appropriately qualified person, at an agreed upon time during the day. The date and time of the egg show and judging will be determined prior to the show and announced on the Forum.

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

1. Shell color - Possible 1-6 points.

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

- # 1 to 3 = 0 points (DQ, Does Not Qualify)
- # 4 = 1 point – All eggs must be at least a #4 when compared to the MCC shade card.
- # 5 = 2 points
- # 6 = 3 points
- # 7 = 4 points
- # 8 = 5 points
- # 9 = 6 points

*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.*

2. Shape – Possible 0-3 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 **Marans Chicken Club USA (MCC USA) Egg Show Rules and Judging Guidance**



3. Shell Texture – Possible 0-2 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 – Possible 0-3 points.

- Each egg is awarded one point for uniformity. Eggs must appear uniform in color, size, shape and texture to one another. If none of the eggs match there will be no points awarded. If there are two eggs that match, they will automatically receive two points, and if all three eggs match, they will receive 3 points.

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

5. Total Possible Points - 14