

2019 IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SALES OF BIRDS AND BIRD RAFFLES

The officers of the Poultry Congress are fully aware that our exhibitors seek excellence. You and your family work hard to exhibit your beautiful chickens, ducks and geese. Together we all take pride when a good bird is bought or sold under our roof. Whether your buying or selling a delightful pet, a promising breeder or a top notch show bird our collective goals are quality first.

At the Congress we are working hard to help both buyers and sellers have a healthy experience. It is our desire that only vibrant, clean well cared for poultry are presented for sale in our sales area. This is a priority for us and we are taking it seriously. After much consideration there are some changes you will notice as of January 2019.

Only purebred poultry, or poultry produced with the intention of exhibition will be allowed for sale. No birds purchased for the purpose of resale at the Congress will be allowed. No day old chicks or "flipped" poultry will be allowed. All birds you offer for sale should be raised by you the exhibitor.

The new rules include:

- Exhibitors who rent sales holes will be asked to sign in at the office.
- The seller is to present a copy of AI, Pullorum or health test papers upon request... and encouraged to post a copy on his or her sale holes.
- As per the state of Massachusetts sellers are required to record their transactions (a sheet will be attached to the exhibitors list for your convenience).
- Sellers need to be present for a transaction.

The State also requires the buyers must responsible . In accordance with the State of Massachusetts buyers will record what fowl they purchased and from whom. The Poultry Congress will provide and make convenient cards for buyers to make note of the transaction.

We have decided to continue offering 10 x 10 spaces. Exhibitors who elect to rent a space will sign a form agreeing to terms of selling only clean healthy purebred poultry.

A qualified person will be on premise to help with any health related issues. This person will report any health issues to management and will oversee general cleanliness and monitor overcrowding.

As per State of of Massachusetts we have discontinued the raffling of birds. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience... as they were both a great service to our exhibitors and a great fundraiser for the club.

As always there are no tail gate sales allowed

BIRDS VACCINATED LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW POISE A GREAT DANGER TO EVERYONE !! DO NOT EVEN CONSIDER BRINGING A BIRD THAT HAS BEEN VACCINATED LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY IF YOU VACCINATE.

The Poultry Congress sales area operates best when it is used as a meet up for interested buyers and sellers of quality poultry. It works poorly for both exhibitors and visitors when it

operates as live bird market. We are putting extra effort into presenting only healthy purebred fowl to ensure that our good name and pride shines on.

I will be happy to clarify any of the new rules.

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