

Cochins International Youth Update

Cochin Junior Awards

Cochins International is now offering special lapel pins for Junior members who win Best of Breed Cochin or Reserve of Breed Cochin at any show. In order to receive your pin, please email, fax or mail a copy of your coop tag signed by a show official, judge, or a Cochins International adult member. Please make sure to include your name, and mailing address. If possible please include a picture of yourself and your winning bird for publication in the CI newsletter and on the website.

You can email your coop tag, info and pictures to:

beckysalinger@gmail.com

Or Mail to :

Becky Salinger

3800 South Ridge West

Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

fax: 440-275-1162



Please make sure you are current on your Cochins International membership and APA/ABA to be eligible for the new showmanship awards and the A.C.E learning program—more info inside.



Cochins International and APA/ABA joint A.C.E Program

There are four levels a young person must fulfill to complete the A.C.E. program. The pre junior level is called the Peewee level and this is for ages 5-7 only . The 1st level is the "Coop Tender", 2nd level is the "Flock Tender", 3rd level is the "Flock Master" and the 4th level is the "Poultry Master". When all of the levels have been achieved the student is invited to enter the "Youth Apprenticeship Judges Program". The APA/ABA is partnering with breed clubs to help promote this program. Cochins International is happy to announce our participation. You can now advance through the levels focusing on your favorite breed—the Cochin! As a member of APA/ABA and Cochins international you are eligible to participate in this program and CI will be there to help you along the way.

To begin this voyage a member must be 8 years old. All members must complete all four levels no matter your age or experience in the poultry hobby when you join the APA-ABA Youth Program. The A.C.E. program must be completed when the student reaches his/her 21st birthday. The Youth Apprenticeship Judges Program must be completed by the students 25th birthday to receive the benefits of the judges program.

Please note: when a student is older than 8 when he/she joins the youth program and has had several years of experience in the poultry hobby, the state leader, national director or breed club coordinator will work with this student to move up through the program at an accelerated pace to bring them to the appropriate level they should be working on. In order to do this, a reference letter from a poultry person must be submitted to the national office. Please contact the national office for more information.

All students that participate in the A.C.E program are required to keep a notebook of their achievements in each field. Once they have completed the notebook, it will be checked by the national director, state leader or Cochin Breed Club coordinator. If they have reached the appropriate age for testing for that particular level they will be given the exam by a person designated by the national director/ state leader or Cochin breed club coordinator for the youth program. This is preferably done at a show on the showroom floor and is not a written exam.

As each level is achieved the student will receive a certificate of achievement for that level and an achievement patch to wear on a jacket or other appropriate apparel.

This program is a wonderful reference for students that plan to attend a college and to enter the workplace.

To get your Cochin Coop Tender book, you can contact Becky Salinger at 216-210-8869 or becksalinger@gmail.com. Books will also be available at the Cochins International Table at various shows. This program is available to ABA/APA members and CI members.

For more information about APA/ABA Youth resources visit.

<http://www.apa-abayouthpoultryclub.org/>

When you become a member of Cochins International you will also receive the membership directory— a great resource to find your next bird or a great mentor, the quarterly newsletter, as well as have access to the cochin forum on showbirdbid.

Check out the latest Cochin news and show dates too.

www.cochinsint.com



A point system will be put into effect for our members at a sanctioned meet for the showmanship contest. *Exception: The Pee Wee Class is considered an "introduction to showmanship" to prepare for the more advanced classes and will not be included in the point system.*

There will be three (classes/age groups) recognized beginning at age 8. Junior, Intermediate & Senior. There must be a minimum of five (5) contestants per class for points to be awarded.

1st Place will receive 10 points for each class won and a blue pin award sponsored by Cackle Hatchery & the APA-ABA Youth Poultry Club.

2nd Place will receive 5 points for each class won and a red pin award sponsored by Cackle Hatchery & the APA-ABA Youth Poultry Club.

ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITOR AWARD:

1. To move into the Advanced Showmanship Category a contestant must be a member of the APA-ABA Youth Poultry Club. *The member must earn 30 points in his/her age group set forth by the APA-ABA Youth club.* Junior (approximate ages 8-10), Intermediates (approximate ages 11-13) and Senior (approximate ages 14 – 18th birthday). (Once a member reaches the age of 18 he is no longer considered a youth exhibitor).

2. The member may win these points only by placing 1st or 2nd in showmanship. (a member can earn 30 points by

placing 1st in three showmanship classes in their age group or by placing 2nd in six showmanship classes in the age group or a combination of both (first & second) to gain 30 points).

3. Once a member has achieved this pinnacle the member will receive a certificate of achievement and a patch stating he/she is a (Junior, Intermediate or Senior) "Advanced Showmanship Exhibitor".

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITOR AWARD:

1. A member must be an "Advanced Showmanship Exhibitor" to become a "Master Exhibitor".

2. He/she must participate in the ACE Program to become a "Master" having reached the requirements for his/her age level and working on the next.

3. A Master Showmanship Exhibitor will receive a "Master" patch, a plaque showing his/her achievement.

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE CERTIFICATION:

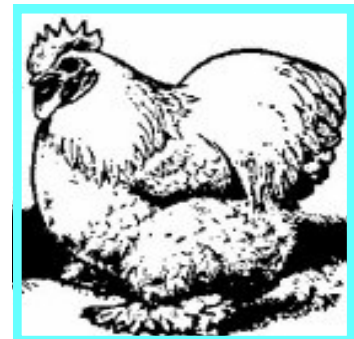
1. Any members wishing to participate further in the Showmanship Points Program must be active participant in the A. C. E. Program and 16 years old. You must have earned and completed the levels for the Coop Tender and Flock Tender level and working on or completed the Flock Master level. At this point you will be certified to judge the Pee Wee and Junior showmanship classes.

2. For a full showmanship judges certification you must be working on your Poultry Master and your mentor and youth leader must recommend that you are qualified

to judge showmanship if you are in the midst of earning your Poultry Master badge. If you have completed your Poultry Master you will be certified to judge the Pee Wee, Junior and Intermediate showmanship classes.

3. To be certified by the APA-ABA Youth Poultry Club a member must pass a written exam.

Please note: It is recommended that the senior showmanship class should be judged by an adult showmanship judge. If a student member is judging at a sanctioned show he will not be eligible to enter the senior showmanship contest at the show where he/she is a showmanship judge.



Looking for the latest information on Poultry show dates?

Check out

www.poultryshowcentral.com



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COCHINS INTERNATIONAL
Partnership Program
c/o Becky Salinger, Youth Leader
3800 south Ridge W.
Ashtabula, OH 44004

APA-ABA Youth Membership \$7.00, Cochins International Membership \$7.50

(Please Print)

Make your check payable to the Cochins International & mail to the address above.

Today's Date: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Age : _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____, State _____, Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents Email Address (mandatory) _____

Members Email Address _____

Are you a member of 4-H? _____ Are you a member of FFA? _____

Are you a member of the APA? _____ Are you a member of the ABA? _____

Members Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Yes, I want to participate in the ACE Program, send me the notebook that I have checked below:

Pee Wee (age 5-7) _____ \$7.50, Introduction to keeping a record book.

(ALL new members ages 8 and over must begin with this book)

COOP TENDER _____ \$8.50

Flock Tender (Step 2) _____ \$11.50, Flock Master (Step 3) _____ \$14.50

APA-ABA Youth MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$7.00 plus NOTEBOOK: \$ _____

COCHIN INTERNATIONAL DUES: \$7.50

Total Enclosed \$ _____