

Dixie National Broiler Show Rules

Ordering

All birds will be ordered through Mississippi State University, Department of Poultry Science using the online system by Sept 3rd. A minimum of 20 chicks must be ordered, with increments of 5 and a maximum of 50 per participant. Birds may be ordered and exhibited by the exhibitor only. No family orders are allowed and no substitutions or name changes can be made once orders are placed.

Entries/orders will open August 6th and must be entered for Male and Female categories by Sept 3rd. Participants must be registered through the online Oracle system. Upon payment through the online system link <https://register.extension.msstate.edu/dixie-national-broiler-chain-chick-order-and-payment> a transaction ID confirmation number will be received via email and must be entered in as the number registration for the participant within oracle. Failure to do both (register in Oracle and payment transaction for birds) will result in disqualification from the show.

Cost will be \$2.00 per chick and payment must be completed using the online system by Sept 3rd. Payment is required for all placed orders, no exceptions. If payment is not received by the above deadline, participants cannot compete and chicks cannot be picked up.

If a participant fails to complete both the online Oracle registration and payment process they will be ineligible for competition.

Broiler pick up will be at Mississippi State University, Department of Poultry Science **estimated** for the date of January 3rd or 4th 2018 (this date is dependent on the hatchery birds will be received from). Chicks will be straight run commercial type broilers. All birds must be picked up by 3:00 PM. Exhibitors are allowed to show a male and or female pen of birds.

All purchased birds will be wing banded before pick up. No bird can be shown without a wing band in place. A bird within a pen who does not have a wing band will disqualify the entire pen. Band numbers will be checked and must match the exhibitor of record for purchase.

Only broilers will be shown. A pen of broilers consist of three birds- exhibitors can only show one pen in each category (male and female).

Show

All broiler pens (male and female) will be sifted prior to entry into the show. The sift will consist of a check of health of birds. Any bird not in good health will eliminate the entire pen. If a bird expires at any point after entry into the sift the pen will be eliminated. No substitution birds can be made.

Once birds have been presented to the sifter no substitutions to the birds can be made.

Exhibitors must properly care for birds. If birds do not have necessary items such as food and water as well as proper handling participants are subject to disqualifications.

The use of drugs not approved for Poultry used for human consumption will not be allowed.

A helper of an exhibitor for holding bird purposes is allowed. Holders during judging will NOT be supplied but are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Regulations and Sale

The Dixie National Broiler Show is a terminal show. All broilers must be brought to the Dixie National Fairgrounds and will become property of the Dixie National Broiler Show council. All birds will be processed at the conclusion of the show. NO birds are allowed to leave the grounds once entering.

Any participant who fails to bring all birds to the show will be suspended from the current show as well as the 2 years following this show. Offending participants will also forfeit all awards and premiums.

The Grand Champion and Reserve for Male and Female pens will be awarded as well as a 1st through 10th place for each category. Grand, Reserve and 1st through 3rd will be auctioned in the broiler sale of champions. The exhibitors are required to be at the sale.

The board of animal health will test birds 21 days prior to the show date. If a participants birds are not tested they will not be eligible to enter the show. Locations for testing will be announced in advance of testing. Health and testing will be subject to change based on regulations from the Mississippi Board of Animal Health. All rules mandated by the board must be followed.