

Barry County 4-H
 Poultry Showmanship Score Card for _____ Age _____

Exhibitor's Appearance and Introduction – 10 points	Possible	Earned	Total
Well-groomed and proper attire	5		
Shares name, age, etc with the judge	5		

Quality and Condition of the bird – 6 points	Possible	Earned	Total
Good, Smooth Plumage	2		
Clean: evidence of fitting	2		
Free from disease and parasites, appears healthy	2		

Cage Skills – placing, showing and removing – 20 points	Possible	Earned	Total
Placing Bird in Cage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold bird in basic hand position • Open cage door, turn the bird, place in cage head first • Place bird gently on cage floor, close and latch cage door <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Turkey & Geese caged on the floor 	10		
Showing bird in Cage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand at a relaxed attention always facing the judge • Allow the judge to have full view of bird at all times • Listen and follow the judge's directions carefully • Get your bird to "show" or stand alertly and in proper station for it's breed. Use of show stick is permissible 	5		
Removing Bird from Cage Open cage door. Reach across the bird's back, grasp the far wing and turn the bird to face the cage door <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . • Slide the second hand beneath the bird's body, placing one or more fingers between the bird's legs and grasping them so the bird, when lifted, can balance on the palm of the hand. • Place first hand on the birds back and remove the bird from the cage, head first, close and latch the door. Come to attention and watch the judge for further direction. 	5		

Examination and Handling of the Bird – 32 points	Possible	Earned	Total
A routine showing these aspects may be in any order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gentle, free from flightiness • Proper carrying and handling of the bird • Examination of head, wattles, comb, etc • Wing color pattern, condition of feathers, damage • Show width of back, under-color • Check keel bone, breast, feather color, under-color • Feet, toes, shank • Tail, proper carriage, condition 	2 5 5 4 4 5 4 3		

Exhibitors Poultry Knowledge – 32 points	Possible	Earned	Total
Age, sex, breed, variety & class of your bird	10		
Judge's Discretion –includes any or all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How you prepared your bird for show • Purpose of breed (exhibition/eggs/meat/dual purpose) • Defects & Disqualifications for your breed & variety • Identifying strong & weak points of your bird • Other varieties in your breed; other breeds in your class • Your feed program • Your health program; common diseases, parasites, biosecurity • Avian anatomy 	22		

Judges Signature _____

Grand Total

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