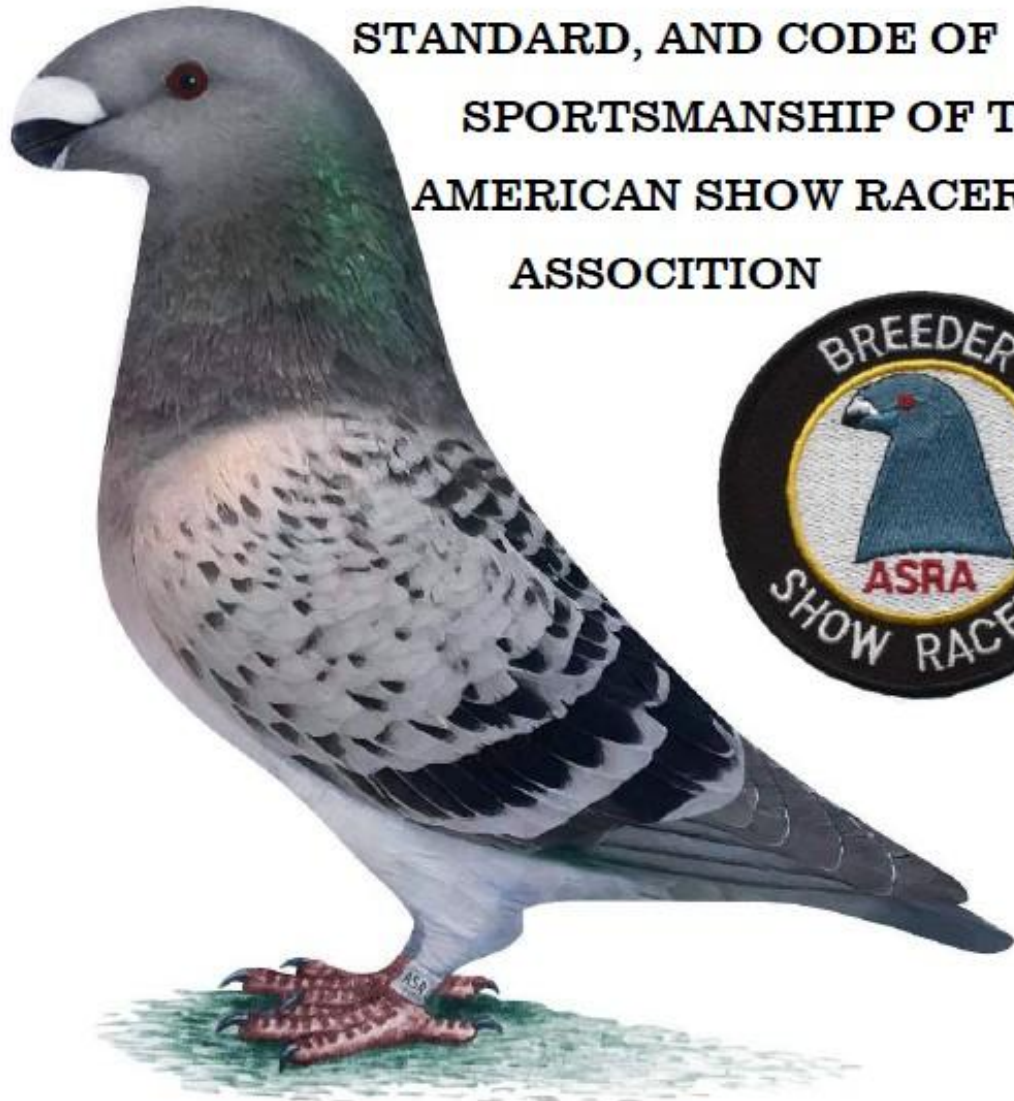


**THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, WRITTEN
STANDARD, COLOR GUIDELINE, SHOW
STANDARD, AND CODE OF
SPORTSMANSHIP OF THE
AMERICAN SHOW RACER
ASSOCIATION**



2026 Edition

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Code of Sportsmanship



Purpose: The American Show-Racer Association is dedicated to promoting the hobby of purebred show-racers according to the constitution, by-laws and show standards adopted by the ASRA. Founded in 1952. Shared values of those involved in the hobby include principles of sportsmanship. Many believe these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our hobby has thrived for over fifty years. Therefore the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our hobby, this code is presented.

- Fanciers respect the history, traditions and integrity of the hobby of purebred pigeons.
- Fanciers commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Fanciers refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the hobby of purebred pigeons by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The fancier judge judges only on the merits of the bird and considers no other factors.
- The fancier judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The fancier exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judges placements could be based on something other than the merits of the bird.
- The fancier exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The fancier respects the ASRA bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the hobby of purebred pigeons.
- Fanciers find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Fanciers welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the hobby.
- Fanciers will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Fanciers are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Fanciers spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Fanciers always consider as paramount the welfare of their pigeons.
- Fanciers refuse to embarrass the hobby, the American Show-Racer Association, or themselves while taking part in the hobby.

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American Show Racer Association Constitution

Article 1—Name

The name of the organization shall be the American Show Racer Association, and it shall be referred to herein as the ASRA.

Article 11—Purpose

- A. To promote the breeding and improvement of the American Show Racer pigeon according to the standard adopted by the ASRA
- B. To promote and encourage fair competition of the American Show Racer through shows and to establish a list of qualified judges for these events
- C. To maintain an affiliation with the National Pigeon Association
- D. To fulfill these aims in a spirit of fellowship and sportsmanship

Article III—Membership

- A. A membership in the ASRA shall be open to any person of good character who is interested in the breeding of American Show Racers and agrees to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the ASRA.
- B. Membership shall be on a year-to-year basis. Dues must be paid by January 31 of each year to hold membership for that year. On February 1 of each year all persons who have not renewed their membership will be dropped and forfeit any voting or association benefits.
- C. Owning or breeding American Show Racers is not a condition for membership.
- D. Application for membership may be made online using PayPal or by mailing the printable Membership Application to the Secretary/Treasurer, accompanied by the annual dues in effect for that year. Application may be submitted at any time. Any new member paying after November 1st will be in full for the following year.
- E. Family membership in the ASRA shall be available for two or more immediate family members living at the same address. It is available to such members as husband and wife, father and son, etc. A family membership includes only one vote, one ASRA Bulletin and associated literature/mailings.
- F. Junior memberships are available for individuals 17 years of age and younger.
- G. Foreign memberships are available for individuals in foreign countries other than the United States and Canada. They can remain members at large or decide to align with a District of their choosing.
- H. Local clubs may affiliate with the ASRA. No affiliated club will have voting privileges.

Article IV—Officers

- A. The Officers of the ASRA shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and four District Directors. These officers shall be known as the ASRA Executive Officers and have voting privileges.

President: The duties of the president shall be to maintain general supervision over the affairs of the ASRA and see that all officers and committees' function appropriately therein. He/she shall appoint members to fill vacancies of offices due to death or resignation. He/she shall preside at all official meetings of the ASRA.

Vice Presidents: The Vice President shall serve as a liaison between the President and District Directors, and to aid them in the discharge of their respective offices. In the absence of the President from any meeting or in the event he/she is unable to act, the Vice President shall act on behalf of the President. In the event of death or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall fulfill the unexpired term and appoint a new interim Vice President.

Secretary/Treasurer: The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be to conduct all correspondence of the ASRA, keep minutes at all meetings, and have charge of all books and papers of the organization. He/she shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of all funds received and paid out and shall submit an annual report of the same to the officers and membership. He/she shall establish a Budget and Financial Statement and print it in the first issue of the Bulletin each year. He/she shall conduct all elections of Officers and shall notify the appropriate District Director of all new members.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare and distribute a bulletin to the entire membership, thus keeping them informed of all ASRA activities. This involves establishing and maintaining an accurate and current membership list so that all members are informed of issues and events affecting the breed and the organization. The ASRA will pay up to \$300 per ASRA Bulletin, four times per year.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall order from the National Pigeon Association, be custodian and dispenser of all association bands. He/she will keep a strict account of the total number of bands received from the National Pigeon Association and sold on order to members, as well as the series numbers of each band sold to each member, including name and address. All band orders must be sold in increments of 25 or more, with cash, check, PayPal or money order accompanying the order. No bands may be returned for refunds.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct all elections of officers and all propositions concerning the ASRA. All Elections will be conducted as described in the Article regarding the Election of Officers. The Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the appropriate District Director of all new members.

District Director: District Directors shall carry out duties assigned to them by the ASRA President. They shall attempt to stimulate interest in the Show Racer and ASRA in their District. They shall conduct a District Meet in conjunction with another show or by itself. Such meets shall be sanctioned with approval by the ASRA President. District Directors also make constructive recommendations to the President which they believe will improve the service of the ASRA. They shall make recommendations for members to become qualified Show Racer judges.

B. Each officer is to be elected for a period of two (2) years.

Article V—Methods of Election

- A. The Secretary/Treasurer shall call for nominations of officers from members in good standing, by notice in the second bulletin of the year. Members in good standing for the previous and present year are eligible for nomination.
- B. Upon receiving names for nomination, the Secretary/Treasurer shall notify nominated persons and ask for their permission to place their names on the ballot.
- C. The third ASRA Bulletin will contain a ballot listing names of persons nominated and accepted for each office. Each member shall vote for one person for the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. District Directors are to be elected by only members of their respective districts.
- D. Members shall vote by contacting the Secretary/Treasurer by either copying, printing and mailing the ballot from their bulletin, or making contact by email or text to create a record of said vote by October 1st. A majority of the members voting elects an officer. Election results shall be published in the fourth ASRA Bulletin of the year. Newly elected officers shall take office on January 1st of the following year. Retiring officers will convey any materials, books, and papers that belong to the Association to the new officers as soon as results are published in the Bulletin.
- E. In case of ties, members tied for the elected position have 2 weeks to agree on who should accept the elected position. The President or a member designated by the President shall preside over this matter. If a decision cannot be made in the allotted 2 weeks, the newly elected Executive Officers will vote with the President being the tie breaker, if necessary.

Article VI—Districts

- A. The ASRA shall be divided into Districts as defined in the bylaws. One District Director shall be elected to each District.

Article VII—Standard of the Breed

- A. The Standard for the Show Racer shall be established by the members of the ASRA and registered with the National Pigeon Association (NPA).
- B. All Show Racers, at sanctioned ASRA shows, will be judged in accordance to the parameters established in the Standard.

- C. Any proposal for change in the Standard must be conveyed in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer. He/she will prepare the proposal for a vote of the officers of the ASRA. If the proposal is approved by a majority vote of the voting officers, it will then be voted upon by the entire membership. A two thirds (2/3) majority of the members voting will affirm the proposal as a portion of the Standard. Any change must meet the requirements and rules of approval for standard changes set by the NPA. Any change must comply with Article IX B.

Article VIII—Meetings

- A. A meeting shall be held at each Annual/National show.
- B. The minimum number and composition of a quorum at the National Annual Meeting shall include at least seven (7) current members, including at least one Executive Officer, all of whom must be in attendance. The quorum is required to hold an official Annual meeting of the ASRA.
- C. Special meetings may be called by the President, as he or she may deem necessary. The provision stipulated in Article VIII B shall be enforced at such meetings.
- D. Roberts Rules of Order shall be the guide for all meetings.
- E. Any business or motion conducted and passed at any meeting shall not become binding on the ASRA. The passed motion must be presented for vote by the entire membership in order to be approved as an official rule of the ASRA.
- F. Due to the large geographical area covered by the ASRA, it is impractical to expect a large representation of the members to be present at the Annual Meeting. Consequently, these meetings will serve as a catalyst to discuss and prepare motions. Any motions approved at the Annual Meeting are in effect presented to the Secretary/Treasurer. They are handled according to Article IX.

Article IX—Amendments to the Constitution

- A. Any proposed amendment to the Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer who will prepare such amendment for a vote by the voting officers. If the amendment is approved by the majority of the voting officers, the amendment will be presented for a vote by the entire membership. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members will confirm a Constitutional Amendment. All proposed amendments must be voted on within six (6) months
- B. Any proposal put to a vote of the membership must appear in two consecutive Bulletins. The first would publish the present Article or Bylaw along with the proposed change. The second would publish the Article or Bylaw along with the proposed change, members comments to the Secretary/Treasurer, and be accompanied by a ballot to vote.

Bylaws

Bylaws of the ASRA shall be made or changed by following Article VIII (F) or Article IX (A) of the Constitution. Changes in Bylaws must not be in violation of the Constitution. A two-thirds majority of the members voting will pass a proposed bylaw or change.

Bylaw 1: Membership Dues

Dues shall be determined by recommendation of a majority of the voting officers and subsequently passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members voting on the issue. Dues shall remain at the same amount until the above routine is repeated. Dues entitle the members to four bulletins a year. Current dues are as follows:

Junior Membership: \$15.00; Senior Membership: \$25.00; Family Membership: \$30.00

Foreign Membership (outside the USA or Canada) \$30.00; Local Club Affiliation: \$30.00

To promote the ASR breed, the name, address, city, state and zip code of any exhibitor NOT A MEMBER of the ASRA is to be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer so a sample Bulletin can be sent to that individual to gain their membership. Directors are asked to appoint someone to collect dues at the District Meets and Sanctioned Shows, encourage memberships, and follow up on membership renewals.

Bylaw 2: Judges

- A. The following method of selecting qualified judges of the American Show Racers being exhibited at National, District, and sanctioned shows will be used:
 - 1. According to the purposes of the ASRA, a list of qualified judges shall be established.
 - 2. Persons selected for this list must be able to judge American Show Racers according to the official Standard of the ASRA.
 - 3. They must be persons of the highest reputation.
 - 4. They should have exhibited the capacity to breed and identify outstanding American Show Racers.
- B. Any member who wishes to nominate a person on the ASRA list of qualified judges will notify the District Director in writing, in which the nominated judge resides. The Director will notify this individual of their nomination, seek permission to conduct an investigation, and if nominee agrees, this investigation will occur. If the Director is satisfied the nominee will make a qualified judge, the Director will submit the nominee's name to the President and Secretary/Treasurer, stating the qualifications of the nominee. Upon receiving this name, the President and the Secretary/Treasurer will, to the best of their ability, establish if this person will serve to the advantage of the ASRA. When the President and Secretary/Treasurer are certain the nominee will qualify, a vote of the voting officers of the ASRA will be held. An affirmative vote of a majority of the voting officers will qualify this person as a judge of the ASRA.

Bylaw 3: Annual Show (The National)

The ASRA shall hold an annual show in conjunction with the National Pigeon Association Show

Bylaw 4: Show Placing at Annual Show

All classes are to be judged one place past half of the total number of entries in the class at the NPA/ASRA Annual Show. Example: in a class 20 birds deep, 11 birds will be placed.

Bylaw 5: Member Awards

- A. **Master Service Award**—This award is the highest honor the ASRA can present to any member. The award would not be expected to be given out often. It is for members that have made an outstanding and ongoing overall contribution to the ASRA for many years. They may never have raised a champion, but they are a joy to be around and are always working for the betterment of the ASRA.
The requirements are:
 - 1. Must be an ASRA member in good standing, having participated actively for many years with an impeccable reputation within the hobby for honesty and integrity
 - 2. Must have been a member of the ASRA for at least twenty (20) years
 - 3. Must have served the ASRA in many ways such as serving as an officer, promoting the ASRA, recruiting new members, helping novice breeders, involved in making ASRA shows successful, helping others to get started, etc.
 - 4. Does not have to be a Master Breeder
 - 5. No more than 2 such awards may be made in any calendar year
 - 6. Nominations for this award shall be sent to the President and the Vice President by the Director of the District in which the nominee resides. The District Director should first be sure there is support for the nomination within the District.
 - 7. The voting officers will act as a committee to evaluate the nomination. A form is available to help with the evaluation. Ideally the award should be kept quiet until approved by a majority vote of the officers.
 - 8. Once approved by the voting officers, the nomination will be put before the membership for a vote. This vote requires a 2/3 majority vote to make the award.
 - 9. This vote is not subject to the two Bulletin rule in Article IX B.
 - 10. Any recipient of the award will be announced at the Annual Meeting or other appropriate event with the presentation of an engraved plaque.

B. Master Breeder Award

1. The ASRA shall have a working Master Breeder Award Committee with a Chair and at least two other members appointed by the President.
2. The committee will consider all Master Breeder Award applications as to their validity and fulfillment of requirements.
3. The applications with requirements are obtained through the Secretary/Treasurer and may be printed occasionally in the ASRA Bulletin.
4. Committee members are not subject to any specific length of office.
5. This award is not necessarily an annual award. It is only presented when an applicant meeting the requirements is approved by the committee.
6. Qualification for ASRA Master Breeder Award consideration are that the applicant must:
 - a. Have been a member of the ASRA for at least five (5) years prior to filing;
 - b. Have bred American Show Racers for at least 10 years;
 - c. Have had a good show record for five (5) consecutive years. Some Champions and Specials (Best of Color) winners would be expected. Special consideration may be given to wins outside the applicant's local area;
 - d. Not claiming credit for birds that he or she did not breed;
 - e. Should have birds which have won first, second or third in an exhibition sponsored by a National, Specialty or local club approved by the ASRA;
 - f. Submit his or her show records on official ASRA forms to the Master Breeder Committee Chairperson who will review them with the committee;
 - g. It is the intent of the Committee to bestow this high award to those individuals who are truly Master Breeders of the American Show Racers.

C. Outstanding Member Award

1. The ASRA Outstanding Member Award is presented every election year to the fancier who, as voted for by the membership, was an inspiration to his fellow fanciers and a leader who has won the greatest respect and esteem of his fellow fanciers in the sport.
2. Nominations for this award should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer on or before July 1st of a given year.
3. Nominees will be placed on the election ballot in the July/August issue of the ASRA Bulletin.
4. The recipient of the award will be announced at the ASRA Annual Meeting in January with the presentation of an engraved plaque.

D. Certificate of Merit

This award can be given often and is intended to recognize and thank members that make a significant contribution to the ASRA. The qualifications are:

1. Must be an ASRA member in good standing and an active participant for the past year
2. Must have been a member of the ASRA for at least one year
3. Any member can nominate another member to their District Director. If the District Director approves the award, a certificate or other appropriate form of recognition will be presented.
4. It is recommended that the certificate or other appropriate award be prepared by the District Director and signed by the President.

Bylaw Number 6: Annual Band Pool Rules

- A. The ASRA Annual Band Pool is to be held in conjunction with the ASRA Annual Meeting at the NPA Grand National Show.
- B. An exhibitor must be an ASRA member (dues paid) to compete in the ASRA Band Pool
- C. Only ASRA bands will be accepted, with an exhibitor entering as many numbers as desired.
- D. Selected band numbers cost \$2.00 each. Band numbers and money must be sent to the Band Pool Chairman by May 30.
- E. No additions, substitutions or changes may be made for any reason after the deadline.

- ## Bylaw Number 7: Certificate of Award

- Young Hens—6, Young Cocks—8, Old Hens-3, Old Cocks-3 for a total of 20 birds

- A. The NPA/ASRA Annual Show, District meets and sanctioned shows are published during the year, as available, in the ASRA Bulletin on a first-come first serve basis. All show report information should be completed prior to being sent to the Secretary/Treasurer. There is a blank show report available on the ASRA website.
- B. The show report should include Name of show, dates, total number of birds, judges, all exhibitors and number of birds in each age/sex/color class. Only the first three places in each age/sex/color class should be listed. List Champion, Reserve Champion, Best Opposite Sex, Best Old Bird, Best Young Bird, Best Young Hen, Best Young Cock, Best Old Hen, Best Old Cock, and Color class winners. This information should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer within 30 days of the show date.
- C. Group the four age/sex/color classes under one color heading as this eliminates confusion and makes for quick and easy reference material. An example of how this might be done is as follows:

- D. Please do not use class numbers in show reports, as they are useful only in the showroom. The total number of birds competing in a class must be specified even though three places are listed in the show report. This indicates the quantity of competition the birds faced.
- E. A Show Catalog at year's end containing results from all ASRA National, District and Sanctioned Shows will be published by the Secretary/Treasurer.

A. To maintain a quality Bulletin, the ASRA will pay the sum of \$200 per year to the Secretary/Treasurer as a stipend to offset personal expenses and time involved.

Bylaw Number 10: Secretary/Treasurer

- A. The ASRA Secretary/Treasurer will be given free membership, bands (up to 100) and a club patch during his or her term of office.

Bylaw Number 11: Pigeon Shows

- A. One Annual District Meet shall be held in each District under the supervision of the District Director. Such meets may be held in conjunction with other shows.
- B. Shows other than the District Meet may be held within a District if approved by the District Director and the President of the ASRA. These are known as “Sanctioned Meets” and must meet the high ideals and competitive standards of the ASRA. All shows within the District (except the National Meet) are financed by the exhibitors showing at said Meet.
- C. The National Meet, held each year along with the NPA Grand National Show/Convention, will be planned and coordinated by the appropriate District Director, and will be financed by the ASRA, whose officers are authorized to approve the funding.
- D. Special prizes given by the ASRA and the NPA/ASRA National Show, District Meets and Sanctioned Meets shall be open to anyone.
- E. The ASRA will pay for reasonable travel and motel expenses for the primary ASR judge at the NPA/Grand National show up to \$750.00. The District Director (DD) in charge of the Annual Meet held along with the Grand National Show, shall confer months in advance with the ASRA Officers to formulate a successful show regarding judges, alternate judges, and specials. The DD will recommend three (3) individuals willing to serve as judges. Their names will be submitted to the voting officers, who will select the judges by majority vote. The selected judges' names will be published in the ASRA Bulletin six (6) months prior to the show. The alternate judge is the individual with the second highest number of votes. If the show entry exceeds four hundred (400) ASR birds, the alternate judge will be called upon to judge classes where they have no birds entered, as they are allowed to enter birds in the show. The alternate judge will not judge the finals and will not be compensated for judging. The primary judge is not allowed to enter birds in the show. The ASRA will furnish awards for Champion, Reserve Champion, Best Opposite Sex, the four best age and sex awards, and the recognized color classes. Judging will start at 1:00 pm on Friday of the show.
- F. At all shows sanctioned by the ASRA, the ASRA District Director (DD) coordinating the show shall approve judges. An effort should be made by the DD to select the judges by a vote of membership in their District. No exhibitor (including stewards) shall make any comment to the judge while the judging of the class is in process. Any necessary comments shall be made to the Director or Show Secretary, who will approach the judge if they deem it necessary.
- G. Individual cage judging (18” by 18”) with two large judging cages (30” by 30”) is preferred when judging the ASR birds. Stewarding of the birds by hand to and from the judging area is ideal. Birds can be transported by crate (no more than six birds in a crate at a time) as an alternative. At the judging area, not more than two (2) birds should be cooped in the smaller judging cages, and not more than six (6) in the larger judging cages. The base of the judging cages should be set at the height to best assist the judge in his or her effort to work and select the birds. The DD should provide enough judging cages to accommodate the largest class in the show, without violating these rules. Stewards shall exercise the utmost care in handling the birds, especially keeping the bird upright and gently manipulating the legs to check band numbers.

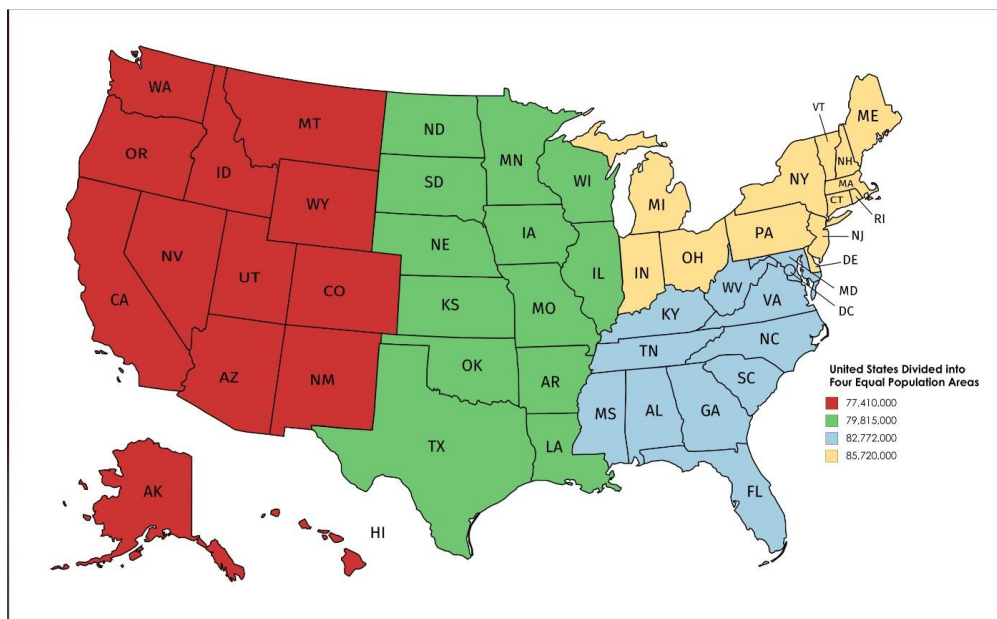
Bylaw Number 12: Districts

Northeast District 1 – Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Ontario, Quebec

Southeast District 2 - Maryland, District of Columbia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida

Plains District 3 – North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Saskatchewan, Manitoba

Western District 4 – Washington, Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, British Columbia, Alberta



Bylaw Number 13: Judging Procedure

The following outlines the recommended procedures in judging American Show Racers at all ASRA Sanctioned Meets.

Judging Order: Young Hens, Young Cocks, Old Hens and Old Cocks

Class Order: Blue Bar, Blue Check, Dark Check, Black Check (medium to Black Velvet), Red Bar, Red Check (light to Red Velvet), Grizzle, Dominant Opal, Dilute, Pied, Spread Black, Rare, Indigo/Andalusian, Recessive Opal, and Mismark.

After completing the judging of all the classes identified above:

1. Line up the first place young hens in the judging cages and choose first and second place overall.
2. Repeat the process with the young cocks, old hens and old cocks.

Choosing Champion

1. Line up the Best Young Hen, Best Young Cock, Best Old Hen and Best Old Cock.
2. Select the best of the four to determine Champion and return the bird to its coop.

Choosing Reserve Champion

1. Line up the three birds that were beaten by the Champion and then line up the bird that was 2nd to the Champion in its color class and the bird that was 2nd to the Champion in its age/sex class. Example: If the Blue Bar Old Cock is Champion, the 2nd place Blue Bar Old Cock and the 2nd best Old Cock would compete with the three remaining age/sex winners for Reserve Champion. The Reserve Champion is chosen from these 5 birds.
2. Select the best of these five to determine Reserve Champion and return the bird to its coop.

Choosing Best Opposite Sex

1. If the Reserve Champion is not the same sex as the Champion, the award automatically goes to the Reserve Champion.
2. If the Reserve Champion IS the same sex as the Champion (e.g., both cocks), choose between the old hen and young hen for Best Opposite Sex.

Choosing Best Young Bird

1. Choose between the Best Young Cock and the Best Young Hen. If the Champion is a young bird, then the award is automatic.

Choosing Best Old Bird

1. Same as above, but for old birds.

Choosing Color Class Winners

1. The color class from which the Champion was selected is automatic as the Champion is logically the best of its color class.

2. If the Reserve Champion is a different color than the Champion, it also would be best of its color class.

3. To select the best of the remaining color classes, judge the four first place birds of age/sex/color classes against one another.

Bylaw Number 14: Advertising and Promotion

- A. The ASRA Executive Officers have the authority to offer up to ten new memberships and \$150.00 annually as promotional support to encourage new growth and development of the Districts.

Bylaw Number 15: Bidding on ASR Bands

- A. Bids and money are to be sent to the Band Director by October 1st of the preceding year.
- B. Bidders should submit three choices for their band series.
- C. On October 1st the Band Director will evaluate the bids and award the band series to the highest bidders. All bidders will be advised of the results by November 15th.
- D. If orders cannot be filled with the chosen series, any money over the band price will be refunded to the bidder and they will be assigned another series as available.