

# Ameraucana Alliance Meet Policy

Refer to club constitution/bylaws; Article 9 - Club Meets

This policy, as set by the Board of Directors, outlines the procedures for requesting and placing Club meets. Ameraucana Exhibitor Points and club sponsored awards are only available to members exhibiting at Ameraucana Alliance sanctioned meets (including the National Meet).

The club has two tiers or levels where awards are awarded in Open Show competition.

1. With three or more exhibitors of Ameraucanas in a class (bantam or large fowl) a ribbon is earned for Best of Breed.
2. With five or more exhibitors of Ameraucanas in a class (bantam or large fowl) a ribbon is also earned for Reserve of Breed.

Nonmembers exhibiting Ameraucanas count as exhibitors, but are not eligible for club awards or points. If a member and his/her children enter a meet as individuals, they compete against each other for purposes of club awards and points.

Club meets may be placed by the Director in charge of meets when a member requests a meet for a specific show in time for the meet to be publicized in the quarterly Ameraucana Newsletter prior to the show's entry deadline. Members need to know well in advance when and where meets are placed for planning purposes. Meets should only be placed when it can be reasonably expected that three or more exhibitors will show Ameraucanas. The requesting member may furnish the names of at least the minimum number of expected exhibitors to the Director in charge of meets at the time he or she requests the meet in order to facilitate the Director's decision making process.

Members requesting club meets are strongly encouraged to obtain an exhibitors list and either:

- a. Take photos of ALL judged Ameraucana coop cards even if a bird is "Out" or,
- b. Fill out a Meet Report on their own and have it signed by two other exhibitors.

If an official Meet Report isn't received from the show superintendent within 60 days our member's photos or report will be used, but only if it meets the stated requirements.

The Director may refuse to place a sanctioned meet, for up to one year, with a show club that doesn't submit a show report within sixty days of that show club's prior Ameraucana Alliance meet.

In the event a member is refused placement of a requested meet the Director shall provide an explanation to the member. If the member is not satisfied, he or she then may appeal the decision in writing to the President, who shall poll the Board of Directors. The Director will have an opportunity to defend his or her decision to the entire Board; an absolute majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be final in any such dispute.

In Open Show competition we offer...

- a Best of Breed Ribbon, with 3 or more bantam exhibitors.
- a Best of Breed Ribbon, with 3 or more large fowl exhibitors.
- a Reserve of Breed Ribbon with 5 or more bantam exhibitors.
- a Reserve of Breed Ribbon with 5 or more large fowl exhibitors.

In Junior competition, regardless of the number of exhibitors of Ameraucanas in a class, we offer...

- a ribbon for Best of Breed bantam.
- a ribbon for Best of Breed large fowl.

The placing of the annual National meet and club sponsored awards is governed by Article IV of the constitution.