



## PIGEONS

### Department 8—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$1,664.00

Entry and Stall Fee: \$2.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)

Late Registration Fee – Approval Required: \$45.00 per entry

Judging Time: Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1:00 pm after Poultry judging

Superintendent:

### Rules and Regulations

**NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00am midnight – 5:00am.**

**All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, barns and campgrounds. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.**

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors must buy one (1) week long exhibitor pass, **no exceptions.**
3. All birds must check-in and be in their cages between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, and remain on the grounds until 5:00 pm Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
4. **Due to biosecurity, it is REQUIRED that you feed and water your own birds during the fair to help decrease any cross contamination between different flocks. You must supply your own feeders, waterers, and your own feed. You are responsible for their care!**
5. Standards are determined by National Pigeon Association and American Dove Association standards respectively
6. All pigeons born in 2022 must be banded and all doves must be banded with ADA issued leg bands.
7. Only birds entered in the fair may be brought. Substitutions may be made in the same breed, age and sex only.
8. All birds must be in show shape. Any sick or vermin infested birds will be disqualified and removed from the fairgrounds. It is required that all pigeons be vaccinated for PMV-1.
9. There will be a designated place for advertising. For Sale signs may be placed on or around cages on Friday.
10. Champions and Reserve Champions are to be picked in each Division. Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions are to be picked from Champions.
11. No interfering with Judging. Questions may be asked after judging. Exhibitors or a representative should be present at judging to be sure every bird is judged in the right Division.
12. Dove exhibitors must furnish suitable cooping which must be clean, sanitary, and house no more than 2 doves which must be of differing breeds or otherwise readily distinguishable, exhibited by the same exhibitor. Cooping must have minimum dimensions of 18 inches cubed with a removable pull out tray and secure food and water crocks.
13. If in doubt, contact the Superintendent. The Superintendent's decision is final.
14. **While exhibiting on the McHenry County Fairgrounds, owners of animals in need of additional nutritional supplements or medical attention must let the superintendent know immediately AND have the Fair Veterinarian fill out and sign off on the Veterinarian Treatment Form. Any forced substances used on breed or market animals while on fairground property, must be approved by the Fair Veterinarian. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
15. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

**Premiums** First-\$4.00; Second-\$3.50; Third-\$3.00; Forth-\$2.50

Champion (one per Division): Rosette

Grand Champion: Rosette and Trophy

Reserve Champion (one per Division): Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion: Rosette and Plaque

### Class Definitions

Old Bird—birds hatched before January 1, 2024

Young Bird—birds hatched after January 1, 2024

Fancy—Clean-legged bird

Ornamental—feather-legged bird

Cock—old male chicken  
 Cockerel—young male chicken  
 Hen—old female chicken  
 Pullet—young female chicken

Utility—dual purpose: meat/show  
 Doves—ring neck or exotic  
 Sporting—racing or performing

<b>Division</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>COCK</b>	<b>HEN</b>	<b>COCKEREL</b>	<b>PULLET</b>
<b>A Fancy</b>	American Fantail, white	1	2	3	4
	American Fantail, any other color	5	6	7	8
	Jacobin, any	9	10	11	12
	Any other fancy	13	14	15	16
<b>B Ornamental</b>	Dutch Pouter, white	1	2	3	4
	Dutch Pouter, red/yellow	5	6	7	8
	Dutch Pouter, any other	9	10	11	12
	Pouter, any other	13	14	15	16
	Swallow, any	17	18	19	20
	Any other ornamental breed	21	22	23	24
<b>C Utility</b>	Carmeau, all	1	2	3	4
	King, all	5	6	7	8
	Modena, any	9	10	11	12
	Giant Homers, any other color	13	14	15	16
	Giant Runt, any solid	17	18	19	20
	Giant Runt, any grizzle	21	22	23	24
	Giant Runt, any bar	25	26	27	28
	Giant Runt, any other	29	30	31	32
	Any other utility	33	34	35	36
<b>D Sporting</b>	Any Tumbler	1	2	3	4
	Birmingham Roller, any	5	6	7	8
	Racing Homer, white	9	10	11	12
	Racing Homer, any bar	13	14	15	16
	Racing Homer, any check	17	18	19	20
	Racing Homer, any grizzle	21	22	23	24
	Racing Homer, any other color	25	26	27	28
	Any other sporting	29	30	31	32
<b>E Doves</b>	White	1	2	3	4
	Wild	5	6	7	8
	Fawn	9	10	11	12
	Pied/pearl	13	14	15	16
	Any other color	17	18	19	20

# Pigeons Open Entry Form

- Register online at [www.mchenrycountyfair.com](http://www.mchenrycountyfair.com) or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Tuesday from 9 am – 2 pm. In person registration dates: Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2-7pm and July 19<sup>th</sup> 11 am-2pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, online entries are due at midnight. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry (include Breed)
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website:

[mchenrycountyfair.com](http://mchenrycountyfair.com)

Number of Head _____
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Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#	Fee	Total
	\$2.00 per entry and stall fee	
	\$45.00 Late Entry Fee – Per entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>