

Western Waterslager Club

Show Rules and Procedures

(Updated 11/1/24)

● **GENERAL RULES, PROCEDURES, AND ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS**

- All birds entered into the contest must be purebred Waterslagers that have closed bands that are traceable to a Waterslager club/Federation or organization. Non WWC members are welcome to exhibit, however, a \$50 non-member fee will be assessed to help cover show costs. This fee may be applied to membership in WWC for the upcoming year.
- Birds entered into the “Young bird” division must have bands indicating they were hatched the previous Spring (Ex. For 2025 show, birds must have hatched Spring of 2024).
- Birds entered into the “Old Bird” division must have bands indicating they were hatched at least two seasons before the contest. (Ex. For the 2025 show, they would have hatched prior to the 2024 breeding season such as 2023, 2022 etc.)
- Birds may be entered ‘for evaluation only’ if time permits. These birds are usually birds that have slipped bands or perhaps purchased from another breeder. These birds are handled the same way as birds entered into the contest (entry fees, cages, kept in the holding room etc.) They will receive the same evaluation score sheet as the contest birds but not be considered for awards regardless of scores.
- Exhibitors may enter up to three ‘single birds’ in each division (young birds or old birds). An individual single entry will be ‘staged’ for judging with other single entries from other breeders as determined by the show committee upon check-in. Note: Single entries from different breeders will not be kept together in the same box in the holding room. They will be brought in to be staged in their separate boxes and then combined on the staging table. Single entries from different breeders will be separated again after they have been staged.
- All colored plastic bands must be removed prior to entry.

- There is no limit to the number of teams that an exhibitor may enter, HOWEVER if there are too many birds entered into the show to comfortably judge, the WWC leadership reserves the right to limit the number of teams per exhibitor to fit within the show hours.
- Only healthy birds will be accepted into the contest. It is each breeder's responsibility to ensure that, to the best of their knowledge, their birds are free of disease and/or parasites or mites of any kind. Proper preventative treatment for common bird parasites prior to the show is requested, and precautionary treatment after the show is recommended. Show stewards reserve the right to reject entries, eject birds from the competition and/or remove birds from the holding room if there is strong evidence of sickness, parasites, or mites. Evidence of such will be reviewed by entire show committee before action is taken. The breeder will NOT receive a refund for birds ejected from the competition due to disease, parasites, or mites. Show equipment will be clean and pre treated to assist in the prevention of any disease, parasites, or mites, BUT ultimately it is the responsibility of the breeder to ensure that their birds are healthy, free of disease, parasites, and mites, and to follow up with preventative treatment after the show to keep their birds healthy.
- In the event of an emergency beyond an exhibitor's control (example: airline delays, blizzards etc.) and with preregistration to show chairs, late entries will be accepted at 6:30am on the first day of the show and presented for judging in the order their lottery number appears.
- White, variegated and 'green' or potentially 'blue' birds are acceptable. Additionally, they may be exhibited in mixed color teams. No "color bred" birds (red, lizards etc.) or crested birds are acceptable since they cannot be pure bred waterslagers.
- Once birds are accepted into the show and placed into the holding room, they will remain there for the duration of the show with the exception of extreme emergencies or if a bird(s) are determined to be sick.
- The order of presentation of the birds before the judge will be determined by a lottery after registration is complete.

- All birds entered into the competition must be presented in an approved show cage. Approved cages are the wooden waterslager show cage or matched sets of “Song Bird Cages from Italy as sold by Glamorous Gouldians (9.25”x 6.5” x 8” made with plastic bottom and metal bars with Spring loaded front door). Each team must also have their own carrying box (cardboard boxes may be allowed if wooden carrying boxes are not available).



- When more than the maximum number of birds is presented for entry in a given contest, the show officials shall decide which birds to accept based on having the largest number of exhibitors possible. For example, show officials may decide to eliminate “evaluation only birds, followed by birds entered by breeders who have an excess of birds compared to other breeders, who will regrettably have to be asked to choose some of their entries in favor of giving another exhibitor an opportunity to enter birds (NOTE: the breeder will decide which birds to withdraw and WILL be entitled to a refund of those entry fees).

HOLDING ROOM

- The holding room will be kept completely dark except during the wakeup/feeding time. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to ensure that all birds entered into the WWC contest are properly prepared for these holding room conditions; that is, they must be comfortable in show cages, able to find food and water in the dark without any signs of stress. Any birds showing signs of ill health, stress such as not eating or drinking may be ejected from the contest by show stewards.

- All birds will be fed the same 50/50 mix of rape and canary seed and the same water. No supplements, vitamins or medicines will be allowed.
- For the safety of the birds and the integrity of the show, only show stewards and their designated assistants are allowed into the holding room.
- All birds entered into the competition will remain in the holding room until after the contest has been concluded and winning birds' bands confirmed. Show stewards will release birds to their owners only at the conclusion of the show. Exception: Extreme emergency or sick birds.
- All birds entered into the show must be reclaimed by exhibitors within 2 hours of the conclusion of the show.

SHOW ROOM

- Only show stewards are allowed to open the doors to the show room between judging of teams or singles. Exhibitors and guests who desire to enter or exit the show room must wait for show stewards to open the door and may only enter when a team has finished and is going to be exchanged.
- Cell phones must be silenced upon entry to the show room. Taking photos, video and/or audio recording in the show room during judging is strictly prohibited under ALL conditions. Causing disruptions during judging such as talking, excessive movement, or any of the above listed prohibited actions may result in members of the show committee asking you to leave the show room.

I, _____ have read and understand the rules and procedures of the show and pledge to follow and support them.

Signed: _____