

AWARDING CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Minor	Best in Show	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
16-20	4	3	2	1						
21-25	5	4	3	2	1					
26-30	6	5	4	3	2	1				
31-35	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
36-40	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
41-45	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
46-50	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Major	BIS	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
51-60	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
61-70	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
71-80	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
81-90	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
91-100	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
101-110	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
111-120	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Add one additional point per place for every 10 additional entries.										
Add one additional point for places 1-10 in Class 'A' Shows.										

Minor Show: Consists of 16 to 50 Cockatiels entered by a minimum of 5 exhibitors.

Major Show: Consist of 51 or more Cockatiels entered by a minimum of 7 exhibitors.

Champion Cockatiel: Any Cockatiel that has accumulated a total of 35 points from 3 or more open cockatiel shows and judged by 3 or more different NCS Panel Judges. Included in this must be a Best in Show win in a Major show or 2 Best in Show wins in Minor Shows.

Grand Champion Cockatiel: Any Cockatiel that has accumulated a total of 75 points from 4 or more open cockatiel shows and judged by 4 or more different NCS Panel Judges. Included in this must be a Best in Show win in a Major show or 2 Best in Show wins in Minor Shows.

Novice and Advanced Sections: An exhibitor moves up to advanced once he or she has won a Best Novice Award and placed four or more different birds, *Bred and Banded by the Exhibitor*, on the Top Bench in a Major Show(s), or six or more different birds on the Top Bench in a Minor Show(s). If an exhibitor chooses to move to Advanced standing before this point, he or she may do so, but will not be permitted to return to Novice for future shows. Although exhibitors are encouraged to move up to Advanced as soon as they qualify, they are permitted to finish the year (they qualify) in Novice. If an exhibitor has exhibited as

advanced in another society (providing a novice section was available to them) they must exhibit as advanced in this society.

All Cockatiels Bred and Banded by Advanced Exhibitors must be entered in the Advanced Sections even if owned and exhibited by a Novice (this does not effect the status of the Novice exhibitor.).

All Cockatiels entered in the Advanced Sections must have a Closed, Traceable Band. Cockatiels without closed traceable bands may be entered in the Novice Sections by a Novice Exhibitor and receive novice awards it earns. No unbanded birds shall be allowed on the Top Bench. At the judges discretion, an unbanded bird maybe worked into the Top Ten to show the owner where the bird would have placed if banded.

Young and Old Classes: For a cockatiel to be exhibited as a young bird it must have a closed traceable band stamped with the current year. Birds not meeting this requirement are classified as old since there is no way of proving the age of the bird.

AOV: Any Other Variety (AOV) is a class which includes birds split to Pied that have visual spots (ticking) on the back of the head or neck. It is also a “catch-all” class for cockatiels not covered in the other classes (for color, etc.).

THE NCS VISUAL STANDARD

The NCS Standard envisions a long, graceful bird of good body substance and equal proportions. The cockatiel should measure 14 inches in length from the top of the crown to the tip of the tail. In addition, the crest should approach 3 inches in length. Proportionally, the bird should measure equally in length from: the top of the crown to the vent, the top of the shoulder to the tip of the wing, and from the vent to the tip of the tail.

The crest, as the cockatiel’s chief physical trademark, should be full and showy, curving back gracefully, with the longer filaments graduating evenly down towards the shorter ones at the rear of the skull. The head should be large and well-rounded without evidence of a “flat top” either behind the crest or at the back of the skull (with good width between) and sheltered by a pronounced frontal brow line, creating a proud “hawk like” appearance when viewed from the front. The bright orange cheek patches should be round, well-colored, and free of “bleeding” extraneous orange feathers elsewhere on the face. The beak should be clean, tucked in and of normal length. The lower mandible should be only partly visible. The yellow face of adult males should be brightly colored and without extraneous grey or orange feathers (except for

young males going through the molt) and clearly contrast where it meets the main body feathers. The bib should be deep. The neck, adding grace to the form, should be neither too long nor too short, and particularly evident when the bird is in an alert stance.

The cockatiel is a sleek, stream-lined bird, yet full bodied, showing good substance. When viewed from the front (or back), a generous width across the chest and shoulders in adults (particularly hens) should be evident. The back should be straight, blending with the slender, tapering abdomen. The wings should be large and wide, held tightly, hugging the body with the tips close to the tail, without crossing or drooping. All flight feathers should be present. The wing patch should approach $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in width and be clear of extraneous dark feathers.

NCS JUDGING CRITERIA

Cockatiels are judged in accordance with the NCS Visual Standard. Cockatiels are compared one against another, with the better of the two birds being placed to the left of the other (the spectators' left) on the show bench. Several factors are given relative importance according to the "Judging Point Scale".

Judging Point Scale

Conformation: 50 Points

Size: 20 Points

Crest: 10 Points

Proportions/Shape: 20 Points

Condition: 20 Points

Department: 15 Points

Color/Markings: 10 Points

Depth: 5 Points

Uniformity: 5 Points

Staging: 5 Points

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NATIONAL COCKATIEL SOCIETY

NCS is an international nonprofit organization founded to educate its members on the proper care, handling, maintenance and breeding of the Cockatiel.

Our bi-monthly Journal features beautiful color photograph covers and articles on pet care, nutrition, breeding, genetics, handfeeding, veterinary advice, exhibiting.

We support the use of closed traceable bands, record keeping and a uniformity of judging. Our annual show is held in conjunction with the National Cage Bird Show.

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