



International Cockatiel Association
Educational Leadership Matches

Rules and Procedures

ICA Match Leaders: Shall have at LEAST 10 years of breeding and educational leadership abilities. Leaders are expected to have at least ONE of the following specialty areas:

1. Standard for Exhibition
2. Nutrition and Health
3. Genetics
4. Care and Housing
5. Linebreeding/Inbreeding Expert
6. Breeding for traits

Each Match leader will be trained with coursework plus field training for the following topics (Spanish speaking leaders are available in certain regions)

- ICA Standard of Excellence
- Instructional Leadership and how to run a successful match
- Rules and Regulations of ICA Match shows
- Genetics and Mutation Identification

Once a Match leader obtains their judging certification they will be awarded a yearly badge that shall be worn at local , regional and national matches. Continuing educational credits (EC's) will be available through online learning courses at the ICA website at www.cockatiels.org

ICA Match Rules:

1. This is a learning experience facilitated by an experienced and licensed ICA Match Leader
2. Each bird is exhibited and judged on it own merits and notes regarding each bird will be expressed on each tag.
3. Each bird is judged in relation to the ICA Standard for the section and division in which it is entered

4. Birds do not need to be banded but banding is encouraged for breeding facilitation
5. ICA denotes the following divisions and sections
 - a. Common Mutations
 - i. Normal (Wild Type) Greys and Pearl
 - ii. Cinnamons and Cinnamon Pearls
 - iii. All Lutinos
 - iv. All Pies
 - v. All Whitefaces
 - b. Rare Mutations
 - i. Recessive Silver
 - ii. Dominant Silver
 - iii. Fallow
 - iv. Emerald
 - v. Pastel
 - vi. Yellowcheek
 - vii. Any other Rare or New Mutation
 - c. Young Birds: Birds less than 2 years old
 - d. Senior Birds: Birds over the age of 10 years old
6. Birds are placed with the following confirmation in mind (listing most important first)
 - **Proportion:** The cockatiel should be a proportionate bird with equal proportionate in the following areas:
 - Top of the head to the vent area
 - Vent Area to the tip of the tail
 - Top of the shoulder to end of the wing.
 - **Size:** A Cockatiel shall be a streamline bird suited for health and flying. Birds should sit high on the perch in an alert manner and have no signs of excess fat that would hinder flight. Hens may present a broader chest than a cock, but should be proportional. Neither too large or too small birds will be considered "Ideal". The ideal cockatiel shall be no more than 12' long with a 2' crest. The crest shall be in proportion to the rest of the body.
 - **Condition:** Birds shall be shown in tip top health to show off their best attributes. Feathers should be clean and tail feathers tidy to show off the bird as a whole. Birds in full molts are not encouraged to be shown during this stressful time.
 - **Color:** The cockatiel in the wild has a deep, rich color and this color should be strived for by breeders. The chest shall be uniform with deep intensity in all colors. Cheek spots, when visible, shall be round, full, and dark orange in a normal grey and the appropriate color in cheek spot mutations. Standards for each color mutation can be found in the color mutations standards booklet

Cost of a match show:

All 501(c) 3 exempt local clubs shall have match shows **FREE** of charge for their first show and \$20 after each show but may charge a showing fee no more than \$4 a bird. No affiliation is necessary. Affiliation comes with the following:

1. Premiums - Premiums will be available for each section winner of the show as dictated by sponsorships
2. Participation: Participation ribbons will be awarded to every participant who is present at the show. Participants will be noted in the show reports
3. Judges Awards: Judges will have special awards to chose special superb birds that they think have special attributes to them.