

Exhibitor & Public Biosecurity & Welfare Instruction & Information'

The committee would ask that exhibitors note the responsibilities of both the show organisers, and their own responsibilities when attending and arranging poultry gatherings, as listed below.

- 1: In advance of every poultry gathering produce a complete list of exhibitors including in every case the exhibitor name, the exhibitor address and number of birds entered into the poultry gathering by the exhibitor. Ensure this list is available at the time of the poultry gathering;
- 2: Disinfect all display cages and all bird related equipment with appropriate DEFRA approved disinfectant before and after use;
- 3: Make arrangements for a veterinary surgeon to be present at the poultry gathering or is at least available on call for the duration of the event. Ensure all applicable contact details are available at all times;
- 4: Advise DEFRA of the intention to hold a poultry gathering at least 7 days in advance of the event;
- 5: Ensure sufficient sanitised hand wash is made available to exhibitors and the general public at every poultry gathering;
- 6: Ensure biosecurity leaflets are made available to all exhibitors and the general public at every poultry gathering;
- 7: Ensure all birds are thoroughly inspected before the poultry gathering. Birds not in good health, birds with mites and birds with visible signs of disease are not permitted to be entered into the poultry gathering. The event secretary is to report notifiable diseases of birds to DEFRA Animal Health immediately, to contact the appointed veterinary practitioner and the Local Authority Animal Health Department without delay and take all actions as deemed necessary. Ensure all applicable contact details are available at all times.**
- 9: Ensure water has been made available for all exhibitors to provide their birds with water once judging has been completed. All birds to be inspected once judging has been completed to ensure water has been provided.
- 10: All exhibitors must ensure all poultry are transported to and from poultry gatherings in either purpose built boxes or cardboard boxes that are suitable for use. If used purpose built carrying boxes are to be cleansed and disinfected with a DEFRA approved product before and after use. If used cardboard boxes are to be clean and are to be appropriately disposed of. Disposal of cardboard boxes may be by incineration with all litter after use or by treatment with an approved disinfectant and composting where birds do not have access.