



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

NEW HAMPSHIRE



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	America.
CATEGORY:	Heavy breed, soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	Brown. (Sitters)
MASSES:	
LARGE:	
Cock:	3.5 kg
Hen:	2.6 kg
Cockerel:	3.0 kg
Pullet:	2.0 kg
BANTAMS:	
Male:	1.5 kg max
Female:	1.3 kg max

This breed originated in New Hampshire, U.S.A. over many years beginning about 1915 from Rhode Island Reds brought in from Rhode Island and Massachusetts. There is no record of any other than Rhode Island Red blood being introduced and the breeding was developed through continual selection by New Hampshire farmers of breeding stock for early maturity, large brown shelled eggs, rapid feathering, strength and vigour and a light under-colour. The breed took many years to establish and was accepted into the American Standards in 1935. The first importations into South Africa were made in 1947.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Body and fluff: Body, medium length, relatively broad, deep, well rounded keel, relatively long, extending well to front of breast; fluff, moderately full.

Breast: Deep, full, broad and well rounded.

Back:	Medium length, broad its entire length, forming a gradual concave sweep to tail.
Wings:	Moderately large, well folded, carried horizontally and close to body, fronts well covered by breast feathers; primaries and secondaries broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.
Tail:	Medium length, well spread, carried at an angle of 45 degrees above horizontal; sickles, medium length, extending well beyond main tail; lesser sickles and coverts, medium length, broad; main tail feathers broad and overlapping.
Head:	Medium in length, fairly deep, inclined to be flat on top rather than round. Face smooth, full in front of eyes, skin fine in texture.
Comb:	Single, medium size, well developed, set firmly on head, perfectly straight and upright having five well-developed points, those in front and rear smaller than those in centre, blade smooth, inclining slightly downward, but not following too closely the shape of the neck.
Beak:	Strong, medium in length, regularly curved.
Eyes:	Large, full, prominent, setting moderately high on head.
Wattles:	Moderately large, uniform, free from folds or wrinkles.
Ear-lobes:	Elongated-oval, smooth, setting close to head.
Neck:	Medium length, well arched, hackle abundant, flowing well over shoulders, moderately close feathered.
Legs and toes:	Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front; lower thighs, large and muscular, of medium length; toes, four, medium length, straight and well spread.
Plumage:	Feather character of broad, firm structure, overlapping well and fitting tight to the body.

THE FEMALE

The general characteristics of the female are similar to that of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences. Comb inclined to lop at rear. Wattles of medium size, well developed and well rounded. Tail moderately well spread, carried at an angle of 35 degrees. Wings rather large, carried nearly horizontal.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

One or more entirely white feathers showing in outer plumage.

COLOURS

ALL VARIETIES

In both sexes:

Comb:	Face, wattles and ear-lobes; Bright red.
Beak:	Reddish horn.
Head:	Plumage, brilliant reddish bay.
Eyes:	Bay.

THE RED MARKED BLACK

THE MALE

Neck:	Rich, brilliant reddish bay.
Wings:	Fronts, medium chestnut red; bows brilliant deep chestnut red; coverts, deep chestnut red; primaries, upper web, medium red; lower web, black edged with medium red; primary coverts, black edged with medium red; secondaries, upper web medium chestnut red; having a broad black stripe extending along shaft to within 25 mm of tip; lower web, medium chestnut red; shaft red.
Back and Saddle:	Back, brilliant deep chestnut red; saddle, rich, brilliant reddish bay; slightly darker than neck collar.
Tail:	Main tail feathers, black; sickle feathers, rich, lustrous greenish black; coverts, lustrous greenish black, edged with deep chestnut red; lesser coverts, deep chestnut red.
Breast:	Medium chestnut red.
Body and Fluff:	Medium chestnut red.
Legs and Feet:	Lower thighs, medium chestnut red, shanks and toes, rich yellow tinged with reddish horn. A line of reddish pigment down sides of shanks extending to tips of toes is desirable.
Under-colour:	Plumage of all sections, light salmon. Slight smoky tinge not to be considered a disqualification.

THE FEMALE

Head:	Plumage, medium chestnut red.
Eyes:	Bay.
Neck:	Medium chestnut red, each feather edged with brilliant chestnut red; lower neck feathers distinctly tipped with black; feathers in front of neck, medium chestnut red.

Wings:	Fronts, bows and coverts, medium chestnut red, primaries, upper web, medium red; lower web, medium red with a narrow line of black extending along the shaft; shaft, medium red; primary coverts, black edged with medium red; secondaries, lower web, medium chestnut red; upper web, medium chestnut red with a black marking extending along edge of shaft two thirds its length.
Back:	Medium chestnut red.
Tail:	Main tail. Black edged with medium chestnut red; shaft, medium chestnut red.
Breast:	Medium chestnut red.
Body and Fluff:	Medium chestnut red.
Legs and Feet:	Lower thighs, medium chestnut red, shanks and toes, rich yellow tinged with reddish horn. A line of reddish pigment down sides of shanks extending to tips of toes is desirable.
Under-colour:	Plumage of all sections, light salmon. Slight smoky tinge not to be considered a disqualification.

THE RED MARKED BLUE

Plumage in both sexes:	Similar markings as in the Red Marked Black, but substituting the black with blue in the wings and tail of both sexes and also in the neck of the female.
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SCALE OF POINTS		
Weight		4
Symmetry		4
Condition		4
Comb		6
Beak	Shape 2, Colour 2	4
Head	Shape 2, Colour 2	4
Eyes	Shape 2, Colour 2	4
Wattles		2
Ear-Lobes	Shape 2, Colour 2	4
Neck	Shape 4, Colour 6	10
Wings	Shape 4, Colour 6	10
Back	Shape 5, Colour 5	10
Tail	Shape 5, Colour 5	10
Body and Fluff	Shape 5, Colour 3	8
Breast	Shape 5, Colour 5	10
Legs and Feet	Shape 3, Colour 3	6
TOTAL		100

BANTAMS

The same standards as for the large fowl applies, but should be miniatures of their large counterparts.

	LARGE	BANTAM
ENTRY CODE	248	644
RING SIZE COCK	F	C
RING SIZE HEN	E	B
Colour code		
Red marked black	454	
Red marked blue	456	