POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP
(Adapted from “Poultry Showmanship,” Level II - 4-H Poultry Leader Notebook
Tag-A-Long, Juniors 7-9 yrs, Intermediate 10-13 yrs, and Seniors 14 yrs and older

Name: __________________________  4-H Age (as of Jan. 1): _______________________

Division: (circle) Tag-A-Long  Junior  Intermediate  Senior

SECTION 1: 4-Hers APPEARANCE AND INTRODUCTION — 10 points possible
- Well-groomed and proper attire .................................. 5 pts
- Introduction (name, age, etc.) .................................... 5 pts

Score Section 1 ________

SECTION 2: QUALITY AND CONDITION OF BIRD — 10 points possible
- Pleasing appearance ........................................... 2 pts.
- Good, smooth plumage ......................................... 2 pts
- Breed and variety characteristics ................................. 2 pts
- Free from diseases and parasites ................................. 2 pts
- Gentle and not flighty.......................................... 2 pts

Score Section 2 ________

SECTION 3: KNOWLEDGE OF POULTRY TERMS — 20 points possible (1 pt. each correct answer)
- Holding bird, point out and name the following:   (Chart can be found in Level I of 4-H Poultry Leader Guide)
  4. Eyes - cushion (female) 18. Hock Joint
  6. Ear 12. Tail feathers on male, note spur
  7. Hackle feathers (male) 13. Wing 20. Toes
  Neck feathers (female) 14. Flight feathers

Score Section 3 ________

SECTION 4: EXAMINATION AND HANDLING OF BIRD — Routine in any order should be smooth — 35 points possible
- Proper carrying and handling of bird .............................. 5 pts
- Examination of head, wattle, etc. ................................. 5 pts
- Wings, color pattern, condition of feathers, check for lice or mite damage ............................ 5 pts
- Show width of back, undercolor .................................. 5 pts
- Check keel bone, breast, feather color, undercolor ................... 5 pts
- Feet, toes, shank .............................................. 5 pts
- Tail, proper carriage, condition .................................. 5 pts

Score Section 4 ________

SECTION 5: PLACING BIRD IN CAGE — 10 points possible
- Hold bird in basic hand position .................................. 4 pts
- Open the cage door, turn the bird, put into cage head first .............. 3 pts
- Place it gently on the cage floor, and close the cage door .............. 3 pts

Score Section 5 ________

SECTION 6: SHOWING BIRD IN CAGE — 5 points possible
- Stand at a relaxed attention facing the judge. Allow the judge to have full view of bird at all times.
- Listen and follow the judge’s directions carefully.

  The object of this section is to get your bird to “show” or stand alertly and in proper station for its breed.

Score Section 6 ________

SECTION 7: REMOVAL OF BIRD FROM CAGE — 10 points possible
- Open the cage door. Reach across the bird’s back, grasp the far wing, turn the bird so it faces the cage door. ......................... 4 pts
- Slide second hand beneath bird’s body, placing one or more fingers between bird’s legs and grasping them so that the bird, when lifted, can be balanced on the palm of that hand .......................... 3 pts
- Place first hand on bird’s back and remove bird from cage, head first.
  Come to attention and watch judge for further direction ............... 3 pts

Score Section 7 ________

SECTION 8: EXHIBITOR’S SPEAKING ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT - 15 pts possible

Score Section 8 ________

115 POINTS POSSIBLE  TOTAL SCORE ______