

# Open & Youth Pigeons & Doves

Entry Forms due August 15

Chris Raines, Superintendent  
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Judges: Howard Tess, Chris Raines, and Andrew Kerns

*Sponsored by the Virginia Pigeon and Dove Association with the State Fair of Virginia*

2009 Official Schedule	
Check –in, all birds caged and ready by:	Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.
Judging:	
Open Show:	Saturday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Youth Show:	Sunday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. until finished
*Pigeon Rolling Demonstrations:	see Superintendent
Release:	Sunday, Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. Vehicles allowed on the grounds <u>after</u> 8 p.m.

## Open Pigeons & Doves Special Rules:

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by these rules.

- Competition is open to the world.
- All Breeds of Pigeons and Doves welcome. Young Bird and Old Bird Show. Small breed of Doves (e.g., Diamonds, etc.) may be shown, but exhibitor must supply their own exhibition cages that can be readily maintained to feed and water. Entries are limited by the cooping capacity of 600 pigeons and 75 doves.
- In all breeds there must be five (fully paid up) entries to constitute a competition. There must be at least 3 birds shown for ribbons/prizes to be awarded.
- No Judge will be allowed to compete in the breed which he or she is judging.
- Use the Pigeons and Doves entry form. Youth and Open shows judged separately, except for Champion of Champions. The following fees are required:
  - Youth, 17 years of age and under **\$1.00 per class**
  - Open **\$2.00 per class**
 Entries must be accompanied by check or money order and made payable to the State Fair of Virginia for the full amount of all entry fees. Exhibitors will need to purchase additional Exhibitor's Ticket/Season Pass in advance. Mail all entries to:  
**Chris Raines, 1801 Wildlife Run, Beaverdam, VA 23015**
- Rollers and Racing Homers will be judged as two (2) types, "Flown" or "Show Type." When the type is not specified, the bird will be judged as "Show Type."
- All birds entered must be delivered in person (no shipping). All breeds must be banded with seamless bands of reputable banding organization and proper size. No split bands.
- A substitution of a valuable animal may be made if this substitution is the same breed, color, sex, etc. and exhibitor has the Superintendent's permission.
- Awarded ribbons and rosettes will be attached to cages after judging and must remain on cages until close of the Fair on Oct. 4, at 8 p.m.
- The State Fair of Virginia will furnish all feed, water, coops, ribbons, rosettes, and cash prizes. Birds are entered at the risk of the owner. The State Fair of Virginia will not be responsible for loss by fire or otherwise, but will exercise due vigilance. Sick animals must be removed by owner or by the Superintendent if the owner is unavailable.
- Youth exhibitors are required to be present during show judging on Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. If there are any conflicts, see Superintendent prior to judging day. Birds entered by juniors that are not present on judging day may not be judged.

Awards Each Class	1st Ribbon	2nd Ribbon	3rd Ribbon
Best in Show ("Champion of Champions")			\$40 and Rosette
Reserve Best in Show:			\$30 and Rosette
Best of Breed (only paid if 10 or more in each breed)			\$20 and Rosette
Reserve Champion (only paid if 20 or more in each breed)			\$10 and Rosette