

How to Enter Helmets in a Show by Bob Bollinger

Many of you may recall the challenges that we have seen at some of our meets regarding show paperwork. It seems that as helmet exhibitors, we are not very consistent with how we list our birds on our show entry forms. Some people list an MFC as “Helmet” or “Medium Face Helmet” or “Helmet MFC” or other names. When you then add plainheads and short face to the mix you can see that show secretaries are getting many different names. This is where the confusion occurs. Many of our shows are getting new or less seasoned show secretaries. When they see all of our different names, they assume that they are all different breeds or styles of helmets and then they create many classes. I have seen up to 3 different classes created for MFC helmets at some of our larger shows. When multiple classes for the same variety are created at a show we risk missing birds or having to re-judge classes.

In an effort to standardize our entries, several years ago we created template for members to use as a reference when filling out show entry forms. The template is kept on the AHA web site and it is also included in this bulletin. Basically, we use the name HELMET followed by the variety; Helmet MFC, Helmet MFP, Helmet SFC, Helmet SFP, Helmet Muffed

If we follow the template we will not only help out the show secretaries, but we will make the book work much easier for ourselves at the shows.