

## Proposed changes to the National Modena Club Constitution and Bylaws 2018

### Proposal # 1

Article X

B. Show Rules to be followed at all (delete) District or Regional NMC Meets

7. A correct and accurate account of placement of birds (add) **including Special Awards, Parade of Colors Top-Ten and Color Class results** must be kept and available to all that show, upon request.

I submit the following proposal to clarify the title of Section B to include all NMC Meets including the National and to No. 7 in that section to require the Parade of Colors Top-Ten be included in all show results.

Show Reports document the placings at our Meets, in addition to being a permanent record of the results, many of us use them to remember our results. A complete record is a service to all of us now and adds to the history of our Club. I propose requiring that the Parade of Colors Top-Ten be required in our Show Reports. This will add to the completeness of our results and celebrate the accomplishments of our members in a positive way.

Submitted by Ed Loomis

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### Proposal # 2

Article III, Membership

4. Foreign Membership: Any member of good character interested in the breeding of Modena pigeons is eligible to membership, and may become a member upon payment of the prescribed fee, completion of the membership form and agreeing to comply with this constitution and by-laws. (delete) ~~Voting privileges to be the same for individuals and husbands/wives as in USA.~~ (add) **Voting privileges or the right to hold any office will not be allowed for members who do not live in the United States or Canada.**

Reason for the change --any member not living in the USA or Canada will more than likely not be able to attend the annual meeting or any other special meeting called for the board of directors. Members not in the USA or Canada will more than likely not be attending and/or showing at any district, regional or annual meeting. Since the decision for judges for our annual meet is decided by a vote of the membership and more than likely they will not be showing it only makes good sense to let those that will be showing to make this decision.

Submitted by Dan Tucker

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### Proposal # 3 (previously published in 2017 Yearbook, revised October 2018)

#### **ARTICLE X**

Section 18. The Certificate Chairman will have stewardship of the NMC Certificate System and be accountable to the NMC President in the administration of the Certificate System. The Certificate System records are public and available to the membership. No part of the certificate records is considered confidential to NMC members in good standing.

#### **A. CERTIFICATE SYSTEM**

##### 1. Challenge Certificate Shows

~~(d) a Challenge Certificates may be awarded at the Annual NMC Meet, three NMC Regional Meets, all NMC District Meets, and three NMC sponsored Young Bird Meets.~~

1) Challenge Certificate will be awarded at the Annual Meet, three NMC Regional Meets, all NMC District Meets according to the guidelines in 2.a & b.

2) Challenge Certificates will be awarded at the NMC sponsored Young Bird Meets according to the guidelines in 2.c.

##### 2. Challenge Certificates

a. — Challenge Certificates will be awarded to the "best of color" or section (i.e., Best NCC) when the following conditions are met.

1) The Modena must wear a seamless band of correct size; one band only.

2) There must be competition, i.e., more than one exhibitor in each class (YH, YC, OH, and OC). All four classes must be represented.

3) At least three exhibitors must be showing in the color or section.

4) The judge must believe that the quality of the winning exhibit justifies awarding a Certificate.

~~b. Challenge Certificates must be awarded to the following in both Gazzi and Schietti: Best Old Cock, Best Old Hen, Best Young Cock, Best Young Hen (i.e. Best Old Gazzi Cock, etc.)~~

~~(add) b. Challenge certificates must be awarded in the following manner:~~

~~1) A Challenge Certificate must be awarded to the Best Modena regardless of the number of entries.~~

~~2) A Challenge Certificate must be awarded based on the number of entries of Gazzi or Schietti being judged in the following manner:~~

~~a. No challenge certificates less than 10 birds~~

~~b. One challenge certificate (Best Gazzi or Schietti) for 10-24 birds~~

~~c. Two challenge certificates (Best Gazzi/Schietti and Reserve Gazzi/Schietti) for 25-49 birds~~

~~d. Four challenge certificates or more Best Old Cock, Best Old Hen, Best Young Cock, Best Young Hen, Reserve (i.e. Best Old Gazzi Cock, etc.) 50 or more birds~~

~~3) A Challenge Certificate may be awarded to a bird who has beaten a certificate winning bird, when picking Best Gazzi or Best Schietti old cock, old hen, young cock, young hen; but was not best of color.~~

~~(delete) c. At the three NMC sponsored young bird meets per year. If the total entries are 200 birds or greater, four to six challenge certificates will be awarded, depending on the placement of the birds, challenge certificates will be awarded for Best Young Gazzi Cock, Best Young Gazzi Hen, Reserve Gazzi, Best Young Schietti Cock, Best Young Schietti Hen and Reserve Schietti.~~

~~At the three NMC sponsored young bird meets per year. If the entries are 175 birds or greater, four challenge certificates will be awarded. Best Young Gazzi Cock, Best Young Gazzi Hen, Best Young Schietti Cock, Best Young Schietti Hen.~~

~~At the three NMC sponsored young bird meets per year. If the entries are 150 birds or greater, two challenge certificates will be awarded. Best Young Gazzi and Best Young Schietti.~~

~~No challenge certificates will be awarded if entries are below 150 birds.~~

~~No challenge certificates will be awarded for color classes at these young bird shows.~~

Submitted by Kevin Angle

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#### **Proposal # 4**

Article XIII

Sportsmanship Guidelines

2. Penalties for Sportsmanship Conduct Violations

f. Lifetime expulsion as a member of the NMC

In addition: Any member that is serving a suspension will not be permitted to (add) **show at any NMC sanctioned meets, receive any NMC awards**, hold an NMC office, receive an NMC appointment, or serve as an NMC judge.

Submitted by Richard Haas

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#### **Proposal # 5**

Article III

Membership

(j) No privileges, including voting on club matters, receiving the (delete) ~~bi-monthly~~ NMC bulletin...

Submitted by Richard Haas

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#### **Proposal # 6**

Article VI

Duties of the Bulletin Editor

(d) The Bulletin Editor will also serve as the Yearbook Coordinator. (delete) ~~Every two years, the NMC will publish a yearbook~~ (add) **The Bulletin Editor will publish all Yearbooks** based on membership support under the direction and financial approval of the Board of Directors.

Submitted by Richard Haas

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### **Proposal # 7**

Revise Article X, A. 2. c to read the following:

(add) c. At the three NMC sponsored young bird meets per year, challenge certificates will be awarded in the following manner:

- 1.) If the total entries judged are less than 50 birds, no challenge certificates will be awarded.
- 2.) If the total entries judged are between 50 and 99 birds, one challenge certificate will be awarded for Best Modena.
- 3.) If the total entries judged are between 100 and 149 birds, two challenge certificates will be awarded for Best Modena and Reserve Modena.
- 4.) If the total entries judged are between 150 and 199 birds, two to three challenge certificates will be awarded for Best Modena, Reserve Modena, and Best opposite of Gazzi or Schietti.
- 5.) If the total entries judged are between 200 birds and 249 birds, four challenge certificates will be awarded, challenge certificates will be awarded for Best Young Gazzi, Reserve Gazzi, Best Young Schietti, and Reserve Schietti.
- 6.) If the total entries judged are 250 birds or more, four to six challenge certificates will be awarded, depending on the placement of the birds, challenge certificates will be awarded for Best Young Gazzi Cock, Best Young Gazzi Hen, Reserve Gazzi, Best Young Schietti Cock, Best Young Schietti Hen and Reserve Schietti.
- 7.) No challenge certificates will be awarded for color classes at these young bird shows. The three annual NMC sponsored Young Bird shows will consist of one show per region; defined as:  
The Eastern Region - Districts 1, 2, & 8.  
The Central Region Districts 3, 4, & 5.  
The Western Region - Districts 6, & 7.

Submitted by Jerry Mitosinka

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### **Proposal # 8**

Article X. Show Rules

Number 5 (ADD)

All members are required to bring their own bird to the judging area both before and after the judging. If the member is unable to do so, then he/she will appoint another member to handle those duties for them. The judge's steward will assign coops to the birds once they have been brought up to the judging area. After the bird has been placed in the judging coop the bird cannot be moved or handled by anyone other than the judge or the judge's steward. No one is allowed to be in the judging area once the judge has been brought in for judging the class other than the judge and the judges steward. All birds brought up for judging must be checked in with the show record keeper before and after the class judging has been completed. Failure to do can result in the bird being shown as last in the show record. Each class will be called forward for judging a maximum of three times. After the judge is brought to start judging no bird will be allowed to be brought forward. The judge will leave the judging area and if possible the room as each class is brought forward and after the class judging is completed. Changes in the entry such as substitutions must be made before judging has started.

Submitted by Dan Tucker

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### **Proposal # 9**

Proposal to shorten the number of days new proposals need to be published in the NMC Bulletin before the annual meeting. With the dawn of the internet, most everything can and is viewed and discussed almost instantly. The current method of 90 days before the annual meet makes it very difficult to get anything accomplished. So my thought is 30 days prior to the Annual meet is plenty of time. This just gives everyone a heads up before the Annual meet. Then it is discussed and voted on at the Meeting. If passed at the meeting, then it is forwarded on to the membership to vote on. So there is no way anything can be "slipped in". Just makes it easier for all involved and makes it more flexible for the bulletin publications.

PROPOSAL: Under BYLAWS, ARTICLE XII, Duties of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee Section 21 (A)

Current: (A) The Constitution and By-Laws of the NMC may only be amended by a majority vote of the membership. Proposed changes by members must be submitted in writing or electronically mailed to the Secretary and published in the Bulletin (90) days in advance of the annual meeting.

Change to Read: (A) The Constitution and By-Laws of the NMC may only be amended by a majority vote of the membership. Proposed changes by members must be submitted in writing or electronically mailed to the Secretary and published in the Bulletin thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meeting.

Submitted by Jim Johnson

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## Proposal # 10

Proposal for creation of new foreign districts. As we have a many members in foreign countries it makes sense to have a “district” for them to enjoy the benefits of NMC membership...NMC sanctioned shows, NMC certificates, eligibility for NMC awards and accomplishments. Master breeder, Hall of Fame.... etc.... As our bylaws make it difficult to make any changes quickly, I have formatted this in a way that the NMC board can do this easily when the requirements are met....

Proposal: Since there is nothing in the constitution about the districts, I feel it is best to add this section as a new Article in the Constitution portion.

ADD: Article VIII

A: Districts shall be laid out as follows:

1st District – Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware.

2nd District – Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi.

3rd District - Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kentucky.

4th District – Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Minnesota

5th District - Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico

6th District - Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawaii.

7th District - Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho.

8th District – All of Canada. The Manitoba/Ontario border will be the split between the Eastern and Western Regions.

B: Additional foreign districts may be created when there are ten (10) or more paid NMC members in that Country. One of those members must be willing to be the Director for the new district. Directors from these “new” districts will have all the same responsibilities and privileges as the other directors.

C: Any District with no Director in place will not be eligible for any District meets in that District.

To correct the current language, also would need to change part of Article VI Officers, Section 6 and Terms of office Section 10. Those changes are in underlined bold text below.

Article VI, Officers, Section 6, The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Eastern Vice President, Western Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Election Commissioner, and a Board of Directors consisting of **12 (or more in the case of new districts)**, with the President serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The **12 (or more)** members of the board of directors will be the President, Eastern Vice President, Western Vice President, Secretary- Treasurer, and one Director from each of the **8 (or more)** Districts.

Article VI, Terms of Office, Section 10, (add this new line after current districts)

**Any other foreign country, provided the requirements are met.**

Submitted by Jim Johnson

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## Proposal # 11

The reason for these changes are simple. Over the last few years our entries have fallen quite a bit. With the time allowed at the annual meet a good judge can handle judging entry of less than 500 birds without any real problem. As the NMC ( see 5.) will provide transportation and lodging for judges at our annual meet with a minimum of \$250, and a maximum of \$650. With today's cost of flying and motels I would think that \$650 is used in most cases for two judges total \$1300. With the way this reads now even a third judge who will usually only needed to break a tie between two judges also should get the same expenses paid as the two elected judges.

Article VI. Method of election

(B) judges for the annual meet will be nominated at the annual meeting of the national Modena club one year in advance.

Change to The Judge for the annual meet will be nominated at the annual meeting of the national Modena club one year in advance.

Now reads --A minimum of two (2) willing candidates shall be nominated and placed on the ballot for both gazzi and schietti judge.

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2. Now reads ---The NMC will provide transportation and lodging for the judges at the annual meet.

Change to read --The NMC will provide transportation and lodging for the judge and second judge , if needed at the annual meet.

2. Add the following --If a third judge is required the NMC will pay that person \$1.00 per bird judged.

Submitted by Dan Tucker

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### **Proposal # 13**

Article 111 duties of the secretary - treasurer

Add to section 4.

The Secretary -Treasurer shall notify the District Director of any new member in his/her District within 15 days of receiving that new members being approved as a member. The secretary - treasurer shall also forward to the new member a copy of the Modena standard , welcome letter and membership card within that same 15 day time period.

The secretary-treasurer will notify the director of any current member not renewing his/her membership in that directors district.

This notice to the director should be within 15 days of the close of the final date for renewing dues.

Next change Article v duties of the district director.

Section 10 . Add the following --once a director has been notified of a new member or non renewing member is his/ her district he/she should contact that member within 15 days of that notice. The district director shall contact new members in their district to offer any help needed to assure they have received all the needed information they need to enjoy the Modena breed and the NMC. The director will contact any non renewing member to asset with handling of any problems that might help that member continue his/ her membership in the NMC.

Submitted by Dan Tucker

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### **Proposal # 14**

Article x E. Hall of fame qualifications

1. Now reads -- Must be a member in good standing of the N.M.C. For ten years or more.

Change to read -- Must be a member in good standing of the N.M.C. for 15 years or more.

8. Now reads -- The Hall of Fame Committee members shall be made up of all living hall of fame members of the N.M.C. The

president will appoint a chairman from those eligible members.

Change to read -- The President will appoint five current Hall of Fame members and assign one of those five members as the chairman as the Hall of Fame Committee. The committee will be provided with written information from the nominating person as to all the requirements of membership to the Hall of Fame.

Change to Article V11 appointment of standing committees.

4. Delete number 4.

Change to read -- The Hall of Fame committee will consist of five current Hall of Fame members all appointed by the President with the President appointing one of those five members as the committee as chairman.

Submitted by Dan Tucker

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### **Proposal # 15**

Article VI Master Breeder qualifications

Delete all of the current qualifications

Replace with the following

1. The master breeders award is based on a points system with a total of 2000 points required to receive the Master Breeder award. Master Breeder points are to be given only to the breeder of the winning bird. Anyone found to have given false information about being the breeder of the winning bird will be stripped of all points earned for that entire year.

2. The president will appoint a Master Breeder Coordinator. All show records of district , regional , NMC young bird show and annual meet shall be forwarded to the Coordinator. The show report should include the total number of birds shown , all exhibitors names, complete band numbers of all birds eligible for Master Breeder points, the judge or Judges names and the date of the show. It also a good ideal for the members showing to keep their own records ( official show records etc. ). All disputes regarding show results will be settled by a grievance committee selected by the president. The Master Breeder Coordinator shall forward the name of a member has reached the total points required and all records to verify the total points to the president For his verification at which time he will contact the member so that he/ she can make arrangements to be in attendance at the annual meeting to receive the award.

3. Only birds with proper band size will be eligible to receive the Master Breeder points. No splits bands are allowed. Only wins at NMC young bird meets , district meets , regional meets and NMC annual shows will be eligible for Master Breeder points. Eligible shows must have at least five exhibitors to qualify for master breeders points.

4. The number of Master Breeder points awarded shall be based on the total birds shown at that meet. Each winning bird can only receive one set of points per show. Example - bird wins best gazzi , and best Modena. The birds will receive the points for best Modena which is the highest points awarded between the wins there will be no combination of points.

5. Points awarded as follows

Show size ( number of modenas shown)

1 to 75 modenas shown

Best Modena 10 points

Reserve Modena 5 points

76 to 150 modenas shown

Best Modena 30 points

Reserve Modena. 20 points

Best gazzi 15 points

Best schietti. 15 points

Reserve gazzi 13 points

Reserve schietti. 13 points

2nd reserve gazzi 12 points

2nd reserve schietti. 12 points

3 rd reserve gazzi. 11 points

3 rd reserve schietti. 11 points

4 th reserve gazzi. 10 points

4 th reserve schietti. 10 points

151 to 300 modenas shown

Best Modena 50 points

Reserve Modena. 40 points

Best gazzi 35 points

Best schietti. 35 points

Reserve gazzi 25 points

Reserve schietti. 25 points  
2nd reserve gazzi 20 points  
2nd reserve schietti 20 points  
3rd reserve gazzi 15 points  
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4th reserve gazzi. 10 points  
4th reserve schietti 10 points

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Best Modena 75 points  
Reserve Modena 70 points  
Best gazzi. 60 points  
Best schietti. 60 points  
Reserve gazzi 55 points  
Reserve schietti. 55 points  
2nd reserve gazzi 50 points  
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The parade of colors shall serve as to the placement of best gazzi/ schietti , reserve gazzi/ schietti via the birds placing in that judging.

6. The points System will come into effect on January 1st of the year the system is approved by the general membership vote. Points received will roll forward from year to year with no limit as to the number of years required to the reach the total needed for the Master Breeder award.

The Master Breeder award will be presented at the annual meet .

Change to Article VII appointment of standing committee

3. Delete

Submitted by Dan tucker

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