



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Ranking of State Cockfighting Laws

State	Cockfighting	Possession of Birds for Fighting	Spectator at a cockfight	Possession of Implements	Rank
4 Felony					
Florida	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	1
Michigan	Felony Max 4 years \$5,000 - \$50,000 500 – 100 hours community service	Felony Max 4 years \$5,000 - \$50,000 500 – 100 hours community service	Felony Max 4 years \$1,000 - \$5,000 250 – 500 hours community service	Felony Max 4 years \$1,000 - \$5,000 250 – 500 hours community service	2
Colorado	Class 5 Felony 1-3 years Max \$1,000	Class 5 Felony 1-3 years Max \$1,000	Class 5 Felony 1-3 years Max \$1,000	Class 5 Felony 1-3 years Max \$1,000	3
3 Felony					
Iowa	Class D Felony Max 5 years \$750 - \$7,500	Class D Felony Max 5 years \$750 - \$7,500	Aggravated misdemeanor Max 2 years \$500 - \$5,000	Class D Felony Max 5 years \$750 - \$7,500	4
Maryland	Felony Max 3 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 3 years Max \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 90 days Max \$1,000	Felony Max 3 years Max \$5,000	5
3 Felony, 1 Legal					
New Jersey	Crime of the 3 rd Degree 3-5 years \$3,000-\$5,000	Crime of the 3 rd Degree 3-5 years \$3,000-\$5,000	Crime of the 3 rd Degree 3-5 years \$3,000-\$5,000	Legal	6
Pennsylvania	3 rd Degree Felony Max 7 years Max \$15,000	3 rd Degree Felony Max 7 years Max \$15,000	3 rd Degree Felony Max 7 years Max \$15,000	Legal	7
New Hampshire	Class B Felony Max 7 years Max \$4,000	Class B Felony Max 7 years Max \$4,000	Class B Felony Max 7 years Max \$4,000	Legal	8

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Nebraska	Class IV felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class IV felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class IV felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Legal	9
Washington	Class C Felony 5 years \$10,000	Class C Felony 5 years \$10,000	Class C Felony 5 years \$10,000	Legal	9
Connecticut	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Legal	11
Vermont	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	Legal	11
Rhode Island	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,000	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,000	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,000	Legal	13
2 Felony					
Illinois	Class 4 Felony 1-3 years Max \$25,000	Class 4 Felony 1-3 years Max \$25,000	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,500	Class C Misdemeanor Max 30 days Max \$1,500	14
Indiana	Class D Felony 6 mo – 3 years Max \$10,000	Class D Felony 6 mo – 3 years Max \$10,000	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$5,000	Class B Misdemeanor Max 180 days Max \$1,000	15
Oregon	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$125,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$125,000	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$6,250	Class C Felony ¹ Max 5 years Max \$125,000	16
2 Felony, 1 Legal					
Minnesota	Felony Min 1 year 1 day	Felony Min 1 year 1 day	Misdemeanor Max 90 days Max \$1,000	Legal	17
Arizona	Felony 9 mo – 2 years Max \$150,000	Felony 9 mo – 2 years Max \$150,000	Misdemeanor Max \$25,000	Legal	18
Oklahoma	Felony Max 10 years Max \$25,000	Felony 1-10 years \$2,000 - \$25,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$5,000	Legal	19
Alaska	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$50,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$50,000	Violation No jail time Max \$500	Legal	20

¹ Possession of gaffs and slashers is a Class C Felony; possession of all other cockfighting implements is a Class A Misdemeanor.

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District of Columbia	Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	Misdemeanor Max 180 days Max \$1,000	Legal	21
Maine	Class C crime Court must impose a fine of \$500 max, in addition to: Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Class C crime Court must impose a fine of \$500 max, in addition to: Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Class D crime Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Legal	22
North Dakota	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Legal	23
Wyoming	Felony Max 2 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 2 years Max \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$750	Legal	24
Massachusetts	Felony equivalent Max 5 years (state prison) or Max 1 year (house of correction) Max \$1,000	Felony equivalent Max 5 years (state prison) or Max 1 year (house of correction) Max \$1,000	Misdemeanor equivalent Max 1 month Max \$250	Legal	25
New York	Felony Max 4 years Max \$25,000	Felony Max 4 years Max \$25,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$15,000	Legal	26
Wisconsin	Class I Felony Max 3 years, 6 months Max \$10,000	Class I Felony Max 3 years, 6 months Max \$10,000	Class A misdemeanor Max 9 months Max \$10,000	Legal	27
Delaware	Class F Felony Max 3 years Discretionary fine	Class F Felony Max 3 years Discretionary fine	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,300	Legal	28
2 Felony, 2 Legal					
Montana	Felony 1-5 years Max \$5,000	Felony 1-5 years Max \$5,000	Legal	Legal	29
1 Felony, 1 Legal					
Missouri	Class D Felony Max 10 years	Legal	Class A Misdemeanor Min 6 months	Class A Misdemeanor Min 6 months	30
1 Felony, 3 Legal					
Georgia	Felony 1-5 years Max \$15,000	Legal	Legal	Legal	31

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Texas	Felony 180 days – 2 years Max \$10,000	Legal	Legal	Legal	32
North Carolina	Felony 3 - 8 months to 4-10 months	Legal	Legal	Legal	33
Misdemeanor					
California	Misdemeanor Max of 1 year Max of \$5000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	Misdemeanor Max of 1 year Max of \$5000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	34
Misdemeanor	1 Legal				
Tennessee	Class A Misdemeanor Max 11 months and 29 days Max \$2,500	Class A Misdemeanor Max 11 months and 29 days Max \$2,500	Class C Misdemeanor Max 30 days Max \$50	Legal	35
West Virginia	Misdemeanor Max 1 year \$100-\$1,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months \$300-\$2,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year \$100-\$1,000	Legal	36
New Mexico	Petty Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$500	Petty Misdemeanor Max \$500 and max 6 months	Petty Misdemeanor Max \$500 and max 6 months	Legal	37
Ohio	4 th Degree Misdemeanor Max 30 days Max \$250	4 th Degree Misdemeanor Max 30 days Max \$250	4 th Degree Misdemeanor Max 30 days Max \$250	Legal	38
Misdemeanor	2 Legal				
Nevada	Gross misdemeanor 1-4 years Max \$5,000	Legal	Misdemeanor Max \$1000	Legal	39
South Carolina	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Legal	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Legal	40
Utah	Class B Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	Legal	Class B Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	Legal	41
South Dakota	Class 1 Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Legal	Class 1 Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Legal	42
Kansas	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Legal	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Legal	43

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Louisiana	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1000	Legal	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1000	Legal	44
Virginia	Class 3 Misdemeanor Max \$500	Legal	Class 3 Misdemeanor Max \$500	Legal	45
Misdemeanor	3 Legal				
Hawaii	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Legal	Legal	Legal	46
Arkansas	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Legal	Legal	Legal	47
Kentucky	Class A Misdemeanor Max 12 months Max \$500	Legal	Legal	Legal	48
Idaho	Misdemeanor Max 6 months \$100-\$5,000	Legal	Legal	Legal	49
Mississippi	Misdemeanor Max \$500	Legal	Legal	Legal	50
Alabama	Misdemeanor \$20.00 - \$50.00 fine	Legal	Legal	Legal	51