



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					
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	1
Oregon	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$125,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$125,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$125,000	Class C Felony ¹ Max 5 years Max \$125,000	2
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	3
Virginia	Class 6 Felony Max 5 years Max \$2,500	Class 6 Felony Max 5 years Max \$2,500	Class 6 Felony Max 5 years Max \$2,500	Class 6 Felony Max 5 years Max \$2,500	4
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	5
3 Felony					
Illinois	Class 4 Felony 1-3 years Max \$25,000	Class 4 Felony 1-3 years Max \$25,000	Class 4 Felony 1-3 years Max \$25,000	Class C Misdemeanor Max 30 days Max \$1,500	6
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	7

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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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	Class I misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	8
Maryland	Felony Max 3 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 3 years Max \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,500	Felony Max 3 years Max \$5,000	9
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	10
Arizona	Class 5 Felony 9 mo – 2 years Max \$150,000	Class 5 Felony 9 mo – 2 years Max \$150,000	Class 6 Felony 6 mo – 1.5 years Max \$150,000	Legal	11
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	12
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	13
District of Columbia	Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	Legal	14
Washington	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Legal	15
Connecticut	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Legal	16
Vermont	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	Legal	17
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	Felony equivalent Max 5 years (state prison) or Max 2.5 year (house of correction) Max \$1,000	Legal	18

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Delaware	Class E Felony Max 5 years Discretionary fine	Class E Felony Max 5 years Discretionary fine	Class F Felony Max 3 years Discretionary fine	Legal	19
Rhode Island	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,000	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,000	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,000	Legal	20
2 Felony					
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	21
Minnesota	Felony Min 1 year 1 day	Felony Min 1 year 1 day	Gross Misdemeanor Max 90 days Max \$1,000	Gross Misdemeanor Max 90 days Max \$1,000	22
2 Felony, 1 Legal					
Oklahoma	Felony Max 10 years Max \$25,000	Felony 1-10 years \$2,000 - \$25,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$5,000	Legal	23
Arkansas	Class D Felony Max 6 years Max \$10,000	Class D Felony Max 6 years Max \$10,000	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Legal	24
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	25
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	26
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	27
New York	Felony Max 4 years Max \$25,000	Felony Max 4 years Max \$25,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$15,000	Legal	28
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	29

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Wyoming	Felony Max 2 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 2 years Max \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$750	Legal	30
2 Felony, 2 Legal					
Montana	Felony 1-5 years Max \$5,000	Felony 1-5 years Max \$5,000	Legal	Legal	31
North Carolina	Felony 3-8 months to 4-10 months	Legal	Felony 3-8 months to 4-10 months	Legal	32
1 Felony, 1 Legal					
Missouri	Class D Felony Max 10 years	Legal	Class A Misdemeanor Min 6 months	Class A Misdemeanor Min 6 months	33
Kansas	Level 10 nonperson felony Max 1-5 years Max \$100,000	Legal	Class B nonperson Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$ 1,000	Class A nonperson misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,500	34
1 Felony, 3 Legal					
Georgia	Felony 1-5 years Max \$15,000	Legal	Legal	Legal	35
Texas	Felony 180 days – 2 years Max \$10,000	Legal	Legal	Legal	36
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	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	1 st Degree Misdemeanor Max 180 days Max \$1,000	38
Misdemeanor 1 Legal					
Nevada	Gross misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Gross misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1000	Legal	39
Tennessee	Class A Misdemeanor Max 11 months and 29 days	Class A Misdemeanor Max 11 months and 29 days	Class C Misdemeanor Max 30 days Max \$50	Legal	40

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	Max \$2,500	Max \$2,500			
West Virginia	Misdemeanor Max 1 year \$100-\$1,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months \$300-\$2,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year \$100-\$1,000	Legal	41
Louisiana	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$500	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	Legal	42
New Mexico	Petty Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$500	Petty Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$500	Petty Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$500	Legal	43
Misdemeanor	2 Legal				
South Dakota	Class 1 Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Legal	Class 1 Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Legal	44
South Carolina	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Legal	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Legal	45
Utah	Class B Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	Legal	Class B Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	Legal	46
Misdemeanor	3 Legal				
Hawaii	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	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 10 days-100 days \$10-\$100	Legal	Legal	Legal	50
Alabama	Misdemeanor \$20.00 - \$50.00 fine	Legal	Legal	Legal	51