



Cockfighting: State Laws

Cockfighting is illegal in every state, and all interstate transportation or export of birds for fighting purposes is prohibited by the federal Animal Welfare Act as a felony. 35 states and the District of Columbia have made cockfighting a felony offense, 33 states and the District of Columbia prohibit the possession of birds for fighting, 40 states and the District of Columbia prohibit being a spectator at cockfights, and 11 states prohibit the possession of cockfighting implements.

<i>State</i>	<i>Cockfighting: on the Law Books</i>	<i>Cockfighting: a Felony or a Misdemeanor</i>	<i>Loophole: Possession of Cocks for Fighting</i>	<i>Loophole: Being a Spectator at a Cockfight</i>	<i>Loophole: Possession of Implements</i>
Alabama	Code of Ala. § 13A-12-4	Misdemeanor	Legal	Legal	Legal
Alaska	Alaska Stat. § 11.61.145	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
Arizona	A.R.S. §§ 13-2910.03; 13-2910.04	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
Arkansas	§ 5-62-101	Misdemeanor	Legal	Legal	Legal
California	Cal Pen Code §§ 597b; 597c; 597j; 597i	Felony	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor
Colorado	C.R.S. 18-9-204	Felony	Felony	Felony	Felony
Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53-247i	Felony	Felony	Felony	Legal
Delaware	11 Del. C. § 1326	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
Florida	Fla. Stat. § 828.122	Felony	Felony	Felony	Felony
Georgia	O.C.G.A. § 16-12-4	Felony	Legal	Legal	Legal
Hawaii	HRS § 711-1109	Misdemeanor	Legal	Legal	Legal
Idaho	Idaho Code § 25-3506	Misdemeanor	Legal	Legal	Legal
Illinois	510 ILCS 70/4.01	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor
Indiana	Burns Ind. Code Ann. §§ 35-46-3-8; 35-46-3-8.5; 35-46-3-9; 35-46-3-10	Felony	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor
Iowa	Iowa Code §§ 717D.2 & 717D.4	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony
Kansas	K.S.A. § 21-4319	Misdemeanor	Legal	Misdemeanor	Legal
Kentucky	KRS § 525.130	Misdemeanor	Legal	Misdemeanor	Legal
Louisiana		Felony	Felony	Legal	Legal
Maine ¹	17 M.R.S. § 1033	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal



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Maryland	Md. Criminal Law Code Ann. §§ 10-608; 10-605	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony
Massachusetts	ALM GL ch. 272, §§ 94 & 95	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
Michigan	MCLS § 750.49	Felony	Felony	Felony	Felony
Minnesota	Minn. Stat. § 343.31	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
Mississippi	Miss. Code Ann. § 97-41-11	Misdemeanor	Legal	Legal	Legal
Missouri	§ 578.173 R.S.Mo.	Felony	Legal	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor
Montana	Mont. Code Anno., § 45-8-210	Felony	Felony	Legal	Legal
Nebraska	R.R.S. Neb. § 28-1005	Felony	Felony	Felony	Legal
Nevada	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 574.070	Felony	Legal	Felony	Legal
New Hampshire	RSA § 644:8-a	Felony	Felony	Felony	Legal
New Jersey	N.J. Stat. §§ 4:22-24 & 4:22-26	Felony	Felony	Felony	Legal
New Mexico		Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal	Legal
New York	NY CLS Agr & M § 351	Felony	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Legal
North Carolina	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-362	Felony	Legal	Felony	Legal
North Dakota	N.D. Cent. Code, § 36-21.1-07	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
Ohio	ORC Ann. 959.15, ORC Ann. 959.99	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Legal
Oklahoma	21 Okl. St. §§ 1692.2; 1692.3; 1692.5; 1692.6	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony
Oregon	ORS §§ 167.428 & 167.431	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor
Pennsylvania	18 Pa.C.S. § 5511	Felony	Felony	Felony	Legal
Rhode Island	R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 4-1-9; 4-1-10; 4-1-11	Felony	Felony	Felony	Legal
South Carolina	S.C. Code Ann. § 16-17-650	Misdemeanor	Legal	Misdemeanor	Legal



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South Dakota	§ 40-1-9	Misdemeanor	Legal	Misdemeanor	Legal
Tennessee	Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-203	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Legal
Texas	Tex. Penal Code § 42.09	Felony	Legal	Legal	Legal
Utah	Utah Code Ann. §§ 76-9-301; 76-9-301.5	Misdemeanor	Legal	Misdemeanor	Legal
Vermont	13 V.S.A. §§ 352 & 353	Felony	Felony	Felony	Legal
Virginia	Va. Code Ann. § 3.1-796.125	Misdemeanor	Legal	Misdemeanor	Legal
Washington	Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 16.52.117	Felony	Felony	Felony	Legal
West Virginia	W. Va. Code §§ 61-8-19; 61-8-19a; 61-8-19b	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Legal
Wisconsin	Wis. Stat. §§ 951.08 & 951.18	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
Wyoming	Wyo. Stat. § 6-3-203	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
		<i>36 Felony 14 Misdemeanor</i>	<i>27 Felony 6 Misdemeanor 17 Legal</i>	<i>13 Felony 27 Misdemeanor 10 Legal</i>	<i>6 Felony 5 Misdemeanor 39 Legal</i>
Washington DC	§ 22-1015	Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Legal
American Samoa	Legal	Legal	Legal	Legal	Legal
Guam	Legal	Legal	Legal	Legal	Legal
Puerto Rico	Legal	Legal	Legal	Legal	Legal
Virgin Islands	Legal	Legal	Legal	Legal	Legal

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