



# Queensland Ag Shows

## GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

(For the conduct of competitions at Queensland Ag Shows affiliated Queensland Agricultural Shows)

Subject to the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Society's Inc. (Queensland Ag Shows) and the Society/Association relevant to this schedule, the following Regulations shall apply.

Where there is a conflict between these regulations and the regulations and rules of the local Agricultural Society, the rules of the Affiliated Agricultural Society prevail.

### 1.1 GENERAL REGULATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES

- 1.1.1 All affiliated Queensland agricultural shows are conducted subject to the rules of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc, (Queensland Ag Shows) the constitution and rules of this Society, and any other special regulations which appear within the schedule.
- 1.1.2 Affiliated agricultural societies may, as required, supplement these regulations with their own special regulations ensuring they are consistent with Queensland Ag Shows Regulations.
- 1.1.3 The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to the fact that entries are accepted subject to the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of Queensland Ag Shows and the society relevant to this schedule, in addition to any special regulations which appear in this schedule. Copies of the Rules and By-Laws may be obtained from the Queensland Ag Shows website [www.qldagshows.com.au/competitions/young-judges-paraders/](http://www.qldagshows.com.au/competitions/young-judges-paraders/) or the show society relevant to this schedule.
- 1.1.4 No refunds will be made after close of entry.
- 1.1.5 In the case of insufficient numbers being nominated or shown in any class, the society retains the right to suspend classes at any time.
- 1.1.6 The section Chief Steward retains the right to reduce prize money where classes are not sufficiently patronized.
- 1.1.7 Any competitor, who receives any physical or electronic communication aid during the judging of an event on an affiliated Society's Showground, will have all nominations cancelled. The persons concerned may be asked to leave the Showground.
- 1.1.8 Any persons causing a nuisance by loud comments or the decision of the judges or otherwise unseemly behavior will, after being cautioned, be expelled from the Judging Area and in the case of exhibitors, be liable for disqualification.
- 1.1.9 All Judges and Stewards who accept engagements with Queensland Ag Shows and Show Societies must follow the rules set in the Code of Practice and Conduct – Show Judges and Stewards document. The Code of Practice and Conduct document may be obtained from the Queensland Ag Shows website [www.qldagshows.com.au/competitions/young-judges-paraders/](http://www.qldagshows.com.au/competitions/young-judges-paraders/) or the show society relevant to this schedule.

- 1.1.10 All Employees - full time, part time, casual, permanent, Independent Contractors, Volunteers, Trainees and Work Experience Placements representing Queensland Ag Shows must abide by The Handbook. The Handbook has been established to provide employees, contractors and volunteers with all relevant information regarding Queensland Ag Shows code of conduct and key workplace policies & procedures. The Handbook document may be obtained from the Queensland Ag Shows website [www.qldagshows.com.au/resources/](http://www.qldagshows.com.au/resources/)
- 1.1.11 These By-Laws and Regulations, together with Special Regulations and notes as set forth in the respective sections of the Competition Schedules or Catalogues, are to be the conditions of competition. In these By-Laws, the Regulations, the Special Regulations and notes the words "entry form" shall, unless the context otherwise indicates or requires, mean the form supplied by the Show to persons desiring to apply to enter an Exhibit in any of the Show's competitions or to compete in any event which those persons are required to complete and lodge with the Show in order to apply to do so.
- 1.1.12 Subject to this By-Law and to any Regulation, Special Regulation or Condition of Entry in any section or class.
- (a) An Exhibit must be the bona fide property of the person who enters the Exhibit.
  - (b) If the Ownership of an Exhibit shall be changed before judging day or the final judging day in the class:-
    - (i) The original Exhibitor/Competitor may with the consent in writing of the new Owner exhibit that entry and delivery or payment to him of any trophy, prize or moneys won by or payable in respect of the Exhibit shall be a complete discharge to the Show, or
    - (ii) The new Owner of the Exhibit by notice in writing to the Chief Steward may confirm the entry in his name and upon so doing shall for all purposes of the competition become the Exhibitor/Competitor.
- 1.1.13 In any class in which entries are accepted from a club or other groups of Owners, the name of the club or particulars sufficient to identify the group shall be stated on the Entry Form together with a statement of the name and address of a person who is authorised to act on behalf of the club or group in relation to all matters relating to the entry. The Show shall be entitled to deal with the person so authorised as if he were the sole Owner of the Exhibit and delivery or payment to that person or the club or group by whom such person is authorised to act of any trophy prize or moneys won by or payable in respect of the Exhibit shall be a complete discharge to the Show.
- 1.1.14 Exhibits entered in the wrong class by the Exhibitor/Competitor may be transferred to the proper class by the Chief Stewards.
- 1.1.15 For all classes in the Livestock Sections, in which the age of the Exhibit is a condition of the competition (unless otherwise specified), the Exhibitor/Competitor shall comply with the age requirements of the Section.

1.1.16 The Management Committee thus appointed in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefore:-

- (a) may reject any entry or entries in any section;
- (b) may cancel any entry or entries already accepted in any section;
- (c) without prejudice to the foregoing may require any Exhibitor/Competitor to furnish it with such information or certificates as it may see fit;
- (d) The Management Committee if it so rejected or cancelled any entry may at its absolute discretion refund the Entry Fee paid in respect of such entry so rejected or cancelled;

1.1.17 All applications for entry must be:

- (a) made in writing on the approved Entry Forms;
- (b) All questions on the spaces for information on the form relevant to the Exhibit must be answered or completed in detail and the form must be signed by the Exhibitor/Competitor or his agent;
- (c) The Entry Form, accompanied by the entry fee set out in the relevant schedule, must be on or before the closing date for entries.

1.1.18 Exhibitors/Competitors must fully comply with all lawful directions and requests

1.1.19 Any uncollected item must be removed from the Show precinct within 24 hours of the event otherwise it will be forfeit

## 1.2 JUDGING

1.2.1 Judging will be performed by a Judge or panel of Judges appointed by the Society.

1.2.2 In the event of the Judge deciding that the exhibits in any Class are not worthy of a prize, no prize will be awarded.

1.2.3 A Judge shall not adjudicate at more than one show within 30 days within a Sub-Chamber unless judging different sections. This rule applies to all affiliated agricultural show sections.

1.2.4 In all affiliated Agricultural Show sections, Judges should not judge the same section within a two (2) year period at the same show.

- 1.2.5 Judging cards and performance records shall be completed by the committee person in charge, Chief Steward and/or the Judge of a section (if required) during or immediately after the judging of the section or at the Judge's convenience.
- 1.2.6 If a Judge is unable to fulfil a judging commitment, the Judge shall notify the Society as soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.
- 1.2.7 A Judge shall not send a substitute Judge but may nominate a replacement judge to the society. All invitations to judge shall be sent by the affiliated Society.
- 1.2.8 A Judge may not officiate, and compete or exhibit in the same section at the same show unless exceptional circumstances exist such as sickness or unavailability of the appointed Judge.
- 1.2.9 A Steward assisting the Judge in a particular section shall remove him/herself from the section if within a period of six (6) months prior to or during the show he/she or any member of their immediate family, business partners, or employee has owned, leased, bred, trained or schooled an animal or competitor exhibiting in any class in that section.
- 1.2.10 An Exhibitor shall not compete in a section if the Exhibitor is a member of the Judge's immediate family.
- 1.2.11 No Exhibitors shall deface or alter registration papers or performance cards for any exhibit.
- 1.2.12 A Judge or Steward must not knowingly permit an ineligible Exhibit or Exhibitor to compete.
- 1.2.13 No Exhibitor or members of the Exhibitor's immediate family or employed by the Exhibitor shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision made by the Judge unless they first obtain permission from the Committee person in charge or Steward of the Section.
- 1.2.14 An Exhibitor shall not compete if the Exhibitor or any animal being shown by the Exhibitor has been given tuition by the Judge or the Judge's business partner within ONE (1) month prior to or during the Show.
- 1.2.15 An Exhibitor is ineligible to compete, if the Exhibitor has employed or has been employed by or has been a business partner of the Judge of the Section within three (3) months prior to or during the holding of the Show.
- 1.2.16 A Judge shall not visit the livestock-housing complex of the Agricultural Society, nor the owners, nor inspect or discuss any animal entered in the Show prior to or during the judging of the relevant section.

- 1.2.17 If a Junior Judge or Associate Judge has been judging in his/her own right at any affiliated Agricultural Show, they are not eligible to enter the Young Judging competition at that Show.
- 1.2.18 Should any Exhibit, having gained a prize, be disqualified, the next on the list does not necessarily obtain the prize. The Management Committee, with or without the advice of the Judge, shall decide the question.

### 1.3 NOTICE TO INTENDING EXHIBITORS

- 1.3.1 No person under disqualification recognised by the Society may exhibit or compete.
- 1.3.2 Entries for the upcoming Agricultural Show relevant to this schedule can be made as described for each section in the schedule. Entries submitted other than on the correct form or online will be returned to the Exhibitor and, unless all requirements are complied with, and the forms returned to the Agricultural Society office by completion of business on the closing date, as shown in this Schedule, they will not be considered.
- 1.3.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of General Regulation 3.2 above, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Section Chief Steward.
- 1.3.4 In Breed Classes, registration papers (where applicable) must be available at the Show as proof of registration.
- 1.3.5 An Exhibitor required by the Show Section Schedule or rules of the Affiliated Society to parade an exhibit in the Grand Parade and who fails to do so, shall not be entitled to and shall forfeit any prize money or trophy to that Exhibitor and/or for that Exhibit.
- 1.3.6 Entries are accepted subject to the Rules, By- Laws and Regulations of the Society, in addition to any Special Regulations, which appear in the Schedule.
- 1.3.7 Exhibitors whose entries have not been accepted shall be advised accordingly and entry fees refunded.
- 1.3.8 The exhibitor irrevocably consents to the Society publishing or reproducing in any manner whatsoever any particulars or information in relation to their exhibits; the publication or reproduction may be in a printed form or visual image through electronic means and/or on the internet.
- 1.3.9 Whilst all reasonable care is taken, the affiliated Agricultural Society cannot accept any responsibility for any losses and/or damage or injury to or by any livestock exhibits, equipment, vehicles or any other property or person whilst on the Showground's.
- 1.3.10 Dogs, other than those owned by members of the Canine Control Council, must be kept in a closed float, a vehicle, or on a short leash and must be suitably muzzled as to prevent

it from being able to injure or bite any person or other animal, whilst on the Affiliated Society's Showground. The Society reserves the right to impound or have impounded any stray or nuisance animal whilst on the Showgrounds.

- 1.3.11 The use of straw, sawdust and/or shavings for bedding of livestock is at the discretion of the Agricultural Society Management Committee.

## **1.4 ELECTRIC FENCES**

- 1.4.1 Energised electric fences are prohibited on the showground at any time, without the express permission of the society or unless specified in the societies schedule. Any fences are to be suitably signed.

## **1.5 INSURANCE**

- 1.5.1 All exhibitors must have Public Liability Insurance and to have same endorsed for traveling to affiliated Agricultural Shows.

## **1.6 BIOSECURITY**

- 1.6.1 All Queensland Ag Shows affiliated agricultural societies have developed a comprehensive *Agricultural Show Biosecurity Plan* and all event organisers, competitors and spectators have a joint responsibility to ensure the successful implementation of a biosecurity plan. Agricultural Show Societies and Exhibitors should contact their local Biosecurity office should they have any questions or concerns.
- 1.6.2 It is the responsibility of the owner/person in charge of the stock, to ensure all cattle movement with regard to ticks have been met, by contacting their nearest Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries office, to acquire a Travel Permit with endorsed treatments if necessary. Persons not fulfilling requirements will be refused entry to showgrounds.

## **1.7 EXCLUSION OF ANIMALS**

- 1.7.1 Any animal, which in the opinion of the Stewards is not in a fit state to be exhibited, may be rejected by them and debarred from competing in the class or classes for which it is entered. Any animal rejected must be removed from the judging ring as soon as the exhibitor is notified.

## **1.8 PRIVACY STATEMENT**

- 1.8.1 The information provided by exhibitors is used by Queensland Ag Shows and the society relevant to this schedule to organise, process and conduct competitions at the relevant agricultural show, sub chamber and state finals. By entering such competitions, they consent to their personal information being used for this purpose including this

information being made available to sponsors, breed associations, the media, the public, promotional purposes, archival purposes, published in publications and could be made available to other third parties for the purpose of promoting the Queensland agricultural show movement, or as otherwise required by law. Queensland Ag Shows and show societies have the right to take or use photographs of exhibits or exhibitors (and/or property) and use the photos in any and all marketing and media worldwide including online, now or in the future.

- 1.8.2 Exhibitors have a right of access to and alteration of personal information concerning them-selves in terms of the Privacy Act. This may be done by contacting Queensland Ag Shows.

## 1.9 WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 1.9.1 All Queensland Ag Shows affiliated society's showground's are designated workplaces within the meaning of *the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011* and exhibitors / competitors are required to ensure that they and all persons under their direction or control, including their contractors or sub- contractors, comply with all requirements of the Act and Queensland Ag Shows holds each exhibitor responsible to discharge its obligations to provide and maintain a safe place and system of work during occupation by the exhibitor/competitor of any area of the affiliated Agricultural Society's Showground's.
- 1.9.2 Each exhibitor/competitor will assess the risk to themselves, staff, volunteers, family, other exhibitors, agricultural society staff, show visitors, children and any person foreseeably affected by the presentation of their exhibit.
- 1.9.3 Risks identified by exhibitors/competitors will be eliminated or controlled by the exhibitor/competitor and particular attention will be paid to ensuring public safety and safety of other exhibitors/competitors.
- 1.9.4 Exhibits will only be held and handled by competent persons whose experience is known to the Exhibitor/Competitor.
- 1.9.5 Exhibitors/competitors are advised that the use of primus stoves, any heating or lighting appliances of a like character, or any naked light, is strictly prohibited in pavilions or any other building or area defined by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service.
- 1.9.6 Any exhibitors/competitors intending to bring electrical equipment to the Showground's will be required to ensure that such equipment is fitted with earth leakage circuit breakers / residual current protection and that all electrical leads, tools and appliances have been inspected by a licensed electrical contractor and currently tagged. This is essential for the safety of all exhibitors and the general public AND is a requirement of the current Electrical Safety Regulations.
- 1.9.7 The use of double adaptors is prohibited and all power boards must also be tested and tagged.

- 1.9.8 All exhibitors/competitors will comply with the requirements of the Act and its Regulations and Standards in every other respect. This is essential for the safety of all exhibitors / competitors and the general public. The Act imposes very severe penalties in the event of noncompliance with its provisions. Any exhibitors/competitors who do not comply will not be allowed to exhibit at Queensland Ag Shows affiliated Shows.

## **1.10 DISCLAIMER**

- 1.10.1 The information contained in the Competitions Schedule/Catalogue is gathered for the purpose of providing information to Exhibitors and show patrons. The information is a compilation of information provided by third parties and Queensland Ag Shows and affiliated Agricultural Society's does not warrant its accuracy and advises that any such information may be subject to change or amendment occurring at any time and thereby making the information incorrect. Subject to Queensland Ag Shows legal obligations and responsibilities, if you require confirmation of any information please contact the Queensland Ag Shows Office.

## **1.11 GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

- 1.11.1 The Australian Taxation Office has deemed that GST is payable on prizes if an Exhibitor is registered for GST and enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise.
- 1.11.2 The information an Exhibitor provides on the Application for Entry determines whether GST is applicable.
- 1.11.3 Any prize stated in this Schedule does not include GST. GST will not apply:
- 1.11.4 If an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as a hobby or private recreational pursuit; or
- 1.11.5 If an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor has an ABN, but the Exhibitor is NOT REGISTERED for GST.
- 1.11.6 If an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor is not entitled to an ABN if the business or enterprise is not operating in Australia.
- 1.11.7 GST will apply if an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor has an ABN, and the Exhibitor is REGISTERED for GST.
- 1.11.8 Where GST applies, the Society will pay the prize money quoted in this Schedule plus 10% GST. The Society will issue a recipient created tax invoice

## **1.12 PRIZE AWARDS**

- 1.12.1 The Prize Ribbons / Rosettes / Sashes, affixed to Exhibits, can be distinguished by the following colours:
- a) Supreme Champion - Wide Sash any colour at Show's discretion



- b) Grand Champion - Red, White and Blue Sash or equivalent
- c) Champion - Purple Sash or equivalent
- d) Reserve Champion - Dark Green Sash or equivalent
- e) First - Blue Ribbon or equivalent
- f) Second - Red Ribbon or equivalent
- g) Third - White Ribbon or equivalent
- h) Fourth - Yellow Ribbon or equivalent
- i) Fifth – Light Green Ribbon or equivalent
- j) Sixth – Brown Ribbon or equivalent
- k) Seventh – Buff Ribbon or equivalent
- l) Eighth – Pink Ribbon or Equivalent
- m) Ninth – Orange Ribbon or equivalent
- n) Tenth – Grey Ribbon or equivalent
- o) Special Prizes - Pale Blue Ribbon or equivalent

1.12.2 All cash prizes and trophies must be claimed within six months from the closing date of the show (or as otherwise advised in this schedule). Prizes not claimed and prize cheques not presented by that date will be considered to have lapsed, and the amount will become a donation to the society.

## 1.13 PROTESTS

1.13.1 A protest against a Judge's Award must:

- a) be in writing addressed to the Secretary, and signed by the person lodging the protest;
- b) be lodged by delivery to the Secretary's Office within twenty-four hours of the making of the Award;
- c) give the name and address of the person lodging the protest, and where two or more persons join in the protest, state which one of those persons is authorised to receive correspondence or notices on behalf of all;
- d) set out in reasonable detail particulars of the matter complained of including but not necessarily limited to the number of the Class and the Award protested against
- e) be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.

- 1.13.2 The Secretary shall advise the President when a protest is received and the President shall appoint a Protest Board consisting of such members of the Board as she/he may determine to consider and determine the matter.
- 1.13.3 The Protest Board shall proceed in all respects according to the justice of the case and may decide the issue according to equity and good conscience without being bound by legal technicalities or the laws of evidence.
- 1.13.4 A protest shall not be upheld on the ground that the Judge made an honest but incorrect decision unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Protest Board that the Judge had been wilfully or accidentally misled by the act of some other person.
- 1.13.5 If the Protest Board should be of the opinion that the protest was frivolous the deposit may be forfeited.
- 1.13.6 The decision of the Protest Board shall be final and conclusive.
- 1.13.7 For the purpose of this Guideline an Award shall be deemed to be made when the results of the class in question are announced or otherwise made available to the public.

#### **1.14 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- 1.14.1 The functions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be to hear and determine all complaints, allegations and other matters relating to:
- a) prohibited substances, as defined in these General Rules or Sectional Regulations.
  - b) any alleged breach of the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Society by an exhibitor and relating to an exhibit or to a competition, except if the alleged breach is of a kind that the Chief Steward of a Section considers is of a less serious nature and should properly be dealt with by the Sectional Sub Committee, and
  - c) any other alleged breach of the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Society that may be referred to Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.14.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise of such members of the Societies Management Committee as are appointed by the Management Committee from time to time.
- 1.14.3 The Management Committee shall appoint a member of the Disciplinary Committee as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.14.4 For the purposes of any proceedings of the Disciplinary Committee, the Disciplinary Committee shall comprise, no less than three of its members and those persons shall constitute the Disciplinary Committee for the purpose of those proceedings.

- 1.14.5 If a member of the Disciplinary Committee dies or becomes otherwise unable or unwilling to participate in proceedings, then:
- a) if this occurs prior to the commencement of any hearing in relation to the matter, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall appoint a replacement; and,
  - b) if this occurs after the commencement of any hearing in relation to the matter, the remaining members of the Disciplinary Committee shall constitute the Committee for the purposes of concluding the proceedings.
- 1.14.6 Proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee may be initiated:
- a) upon the request, orally or in writing, of the President.
  - b) upon receipt by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of a written complaint relating to a matter referred to in these regulations.
- 1.14.7 by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee on his or her own motion.
- 1.14.8 The Disciplinary Committee may conduct proceedings at any time.
- 1.14.9 All persons who constitute the Disciplinary Committee for the purposes of any proceedings must be present at any hearing conducted by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.14.10 A person whose conduct is called into question in any proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee must be given notice of a hearing. It shall be sufficient for such notice to be given orally and by any such person acting with the apparent authority of the Society.
- 1.14.11 The Disciplinary Committee may conduct proceedings notwithstanding that any person who has been given notice fails to attend the proceedings.
- 1.14.12 The Disciplinary Committee shall not be bound by any rules of evidence and shall conduct the proceedings with the minimum of formality and in such a manner as it sees fit.
- 1.14.13 The Disciplinary Committee may require any member or exhibitor to attend at any proceedings of the Disciplinary Committee and to furnish such information and evidence and to produce such documents relevant to the proceedings as to the Disciplinary Committee seems fit.
- 1.14.14 The Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion, call for and hear expert evidence.
- 1.14.15 No person will be legally represented without the leave of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.14.16 The Disciplinary Committee may announce its decision orally or in writing. A decision that is announced orally shall have effect in accordance with its terms.

1.14.17 If the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee is not unanimous, the decision of the majority shall prevail. If the Disciplinary Committee are equally divided on any question concerning the guilt or innocence of a person, the question shall be resolved in that person's favour.

## 1.15 PENALTIES

1.15.1 If the Disciplinary Committee considers that there has been a breach of the rules, By-laws or regulations of the Society, it may impose such a penalty as it considers to be appropriate, including without limitation:

- a) a reprimand;
- b) a monetary fine (payable at such time/s as the Disciplinary Committee may determine);
- c) withdrawal or withholding of any award or ribbon;
- d) disqualification in respect of any class;
- e) expulsion from the Showground;
- d) where the person concerned is a member, a suspension or termination of that membership;
- e) a ban;
- f) exclusion;
- g) prohibiting a Person from exhibiting or competing at the current Show or at any future Show;
- h) a direction that an Exhibit be removed from the Showground;
- i) any other mandatory requirement; and
- j) any other penalty provided for in other regulations of the Society.

1.15.2 There shall be no appeal from any decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

1.15.3 The Association may publish to:

- a) all Agricultural Societies in Queensland;
- b) the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies

- c) the relevant Breed Societies;
  - d) the body with which the exhibit is registered, or is eligible for registration;
  - e) the result of any proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee in which a person has been found guilty of a breach of any Rule, By-Law or Regulation.
- 1.15.4 The Society shall have no liability to any person in respect of any publication referred to above.
- 1.15.5 No person shall have any claim against the Society or against any Committee member, member, employee, volunteer or agent of the Society in respect of any act, matter or thing done in good faith during or in connection with the proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee.

## 2. CATTLE

### 2.1 NOTICE TO INTENDING EXHIBITORS

- 2.1.1 The Stewards shall have the power to redirect any beast to its correct class, BUT if the exhibitor objects the Steward can then ask that the animal in question and the person in charge exit the Judging Ring.
- 2.1.2 All bovine over four (4) months must have appropriate nose grips and all bulls 12 months and over must have a nose ring. All stock MUST be in the charge of exhibitor or representative at all times.

### 2.2 JUDGING OF ANIMALS

- 2.2.1 A Judge shall have no further information provided other than what is provided on the Neck Card of each entry by the Affiliated Show Society.
- 2.2.2 Judging in Stud Classes to be on the basis of merits of the animal for breeding purposes.
- 2.2.3 Should it be necessary to reduce numbers as a result of entries exceeding the available space for Stud Cattle, the first action will be to eliminate multiple entries by any single exhibitor in any one class.
- 2.2.4 The section Chief Steward reserves the right to reallocate space previously allocated to any exhibitor upon the arrival of their exhibits on the grounds if the numbers indicated by them do not arrive.
- 2.2.5 No animal will be allowed in the judging ring, unless its correct age and weight, if

applicable, is on its neck card.

- 2.2.6 In Breed Classes, ALL animals must have current Registration and Ownership Certificates with the Breed Society.

## **2.3 IDENTIFICATION AND AGE OF CATTLE**

- 2.3.1 All animals must bear a brand, either tattooed (in ear) or fire. The brands and or tattoo must be stated on the entry form.
- 2.3.2 Age of all cattle to be 1<sup>st</sup> day of month of the affiliated show where competing.
- 2.3.3 In Breed Classes, registration papers (where applicable) must be available at the Show as proof of registration.
- 2.3.4 If in the case of any exhibit in the opinion of the judge:
- a. The Exhibit is not in a healthy breeding condition; or
  - b. For any other reason its breeding potential is or has been reduced, such exhibit shall not receive a prize.
- 2.3.5 An animal shall not be penalized for accidental injury which in the opinion of the Judge does not affect its breeding capacity.

## **2.4 DENTITION**

- 2.4.1 With the exception of Prime Beef classes, only cattle showing not more than four permanent incisors may be exhibited (Some Classes may provide for a lesser number). Whether an exhibit is showing the correct number of teeth shall be subject to determination by the Chief Steward.

## **2.5 BIOSECURITY FOR CATTLE**

- 2.5.1 All cattle to have National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) identification tags.
- 2.5.2 The Queensland Ag Shows NLIS Fact Sheet is available in the resource section of the website [www.qldagshows.com.au](http://www.qldagshows.com.au).
- 2.5.3 All cattle must be accompanied by a current version of the National Vendor Declaration Form / Waybill must be submitted with the Travel Permit at the Showgrounds.

## **2.6 EXHIBITOR ATTIRE**

- 2.6.1 All persons leading Stock during judging or parades are required to be neatly attired. Stud Brands embossed on clothing or equipment must not be displayed during judging.

Footwear must be worn in compliance with safety requirements.

## 3. STUD BEEF CATTLE

### 3.1 REGISTRATION

3.1.1 All cattle entered must be registered in the name of the exhibitor, as owner in a Herd Book of the respective breed recognized by the Association for that breed in accordance with the Rules of the Herd Book Society, provided that an animal shall be deemed to be so registered if the exhibitor furnishes proof at time of the entry. Registration certificate must be made available to Stewards if requested.

3.1.2 Dual Society Registered animals can be shown in one breed only.

3.1.3 Cattle can enter in Large or miniature/small breeds but cannot enter in both.

### 3.2 AGE OF EXHIBITS

3.2.1 Animals 20 months and under are to be shown in the appropriate classes in the Junior Section.

3.2.2 Animals 20 months and over are to be shown in the appropriate classes in the Senior Section.

## 4. PRIME BEEF CATTLE

### 4.1 JUDGING

4.1.1 Judging will be on the basis of their ability to meet respective market (Trade or Export) suitability. Consideration will be given to the age and weight of each exhibit.

4.1.2 No heifer in calf will be eligible to compete in Prime Beef. Any prize awarded to any heifer/cow found, after being sold or killed, to be in calf, shall be forfeited. No bull or bull stag may compete in any class.

4.1.3 All cattle entered in this division must be dehorned or poll. Horned cattle which have not been dehorned will not be eligible to compete.

4.1.4 Led Commercial Cattle can be used as an alternative when Prime Cattle facilities are not available.

## 5. DAIRY CATTLE

### 5.1 REGISTRATION

- 5.1.1 All Dairy Cattle to be from herds classified as Accredited Free from Enzootic bovine leucosis (EBL).
- 5.1.2 Cattle must not be introduced at the show if they are under current quarantine restrictions.
- 5.1.3 Only Dairy Cattle approved by the Herd Book Societies will be accepted for entries.
- 5.1.4 All cattle entered must be registered in the name of the Exhibitor as owner, in a Herd Book of the respective breed recognized by the Association for that breed in accordance with the Rules of the Herd Book Society provided that an animal shall be deemed to be registered if the Exhibitor furnishes proof that at the time of entry:
- a. In the case of an animal of sufficient age to be registered, all necessary documents to procure registration in his name have been lodged with the authority controlling the Herd Book and the delay in registration is in no way due to his default; or
  - b. in the case of an animal not eligible for registration by reason of age that it is the progeny of registered parents and all necessary steps required to the date of entry have been taken to enable its registration in his name upon its attaining the required age.
  - c. Any animal owned by a partnership, or group of persons, may be entered in the name of the joint owners or, with the written consent of the others, in the name of any one, or in joint names of two or more of the co-owners.
- 5.1.5 All dairy cattle entered in classes must conform to the policy of each individual Breed Society. Any animal not meeting Breed Society showing policies will be withdrawn.

## **5.2 AGE OF EXHIBITS**

- 5.2.1 A junior entry is any animal under three (3) years.
- 5.2.2 A senior entry is any animal three (3) years and over.

## **5.3 BIOSECURITY IN DAIRY CATTLE**

- 5.3.1 All Dairy Cattle exhibited must be Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) and BRUCELLOSIS tested according to existing rules.

## **5.4 ANIMAL WELFARE – CODE OF ETHICS**

- 5.4.1 Cattle presented in the Show ring should be presented in a natural, (normal appearance), condition. Competitions must be conducted to standard under the All Breeds National Show Ring Code of Ethics compiled by the All Dairy Breeds Show Ring Committee. The All Breeds National Show Ring Code of Ethics document may be obtained from the Queensland Ag Shows website [www.qldagshows.com.au/competitions/young-judges-paraders/](http://www.qldagshows.com.au/competitions/young-judges-paraders/).



## 6. POULTRY & CAGED BIRDS

### 6.1 AGE OF EXHIBITS

6.1.1 Birds 12 months and over will be judged as adults.

### 6.2 JUDGING

6.2.1 Judging standards will be those recognised by the Australian Standard or the British Poultry Standard where applicable.

6.2.2 Exhibitors are not to talk to Judges during judging.

6.2.3 Judges are not to judge classes in which they have entered.

6.2.4 An Exhibitor shall not compete nor show any bird in a section if the bird has been owned or leased by the Judge or a member of the Judge's immediate family or if the Judge is the Exhibitor's employer or business partner.

6.2.5 An Exhibitor shall not compete if the Exhibitor or any bird being shown by the Exhibitor has been given tuition by the Judge or the Judge's business partner within three (3) months prior to or during the show.

6.2.6 An Exhibitor is ineligible to compete, if the Exhibitor has employed or has been employed by or has been a business partner of the Judge of the Section within three (3) months prior to or during the holding of the Show.

6.2.7 A Judge shall not visit the bird-housing complex of the Agricultural Society, nor the owners, nor inspect or discuss any animal entered in the Show prior to or during the judging of the relevant section.

### 7.3 BIOSECURITY

7.3.1 All Queensland Ag Shows affiliated agricultural societies have developed a comprehensive *Agricultural Show Biosecurity Plan* and all event organisers, competitors and spectators have a joint responsibility to ensure the successful implementation of a biosecurity plan.

7.3.2 All Birds are to be free of lice and disease. Any affected Birds must be moved to a quarantine area or collected by owner immediately.

## 8. ALPACA

### 8.1 NOTICE TO INTENDING EXHIBITORS

8.1.1 All rules where applicable, of the Australian Alpaca Association Limited in their current Showing Rules Manual are to be adhered to.

- 8.1.2 The Agricultural Society reserves the right to combine colour classes if there are insufficient entries in any one class.
- 8.1.3 Open to all registered Alpaca Breeders.
- 8.1.4 No companion animals are permitted other than Crias.
- 8.1.5 Alpacas must be registered in a recognised Herd Book. The registered number of the animal together with full breeding details of sire and dam must be provided with each entry. Even though wethers do not have to be registered, they must have a tag.
- 8.1.6 The age of an animal is taken on the first day of the show.
- 8.1.7 A copy of the Australian Alpaca Association rules can be obtained from their website [www.alpaca.asn.au](http://www.alpaca.asn.au).

## 9. HORSES

HORSE EVENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH QLD AG SHOWS RULES – EQUESTRIAN V8 OCTOBER 2023 - (GENERAL HORSE REGULATIONS)

## 10. SHEEP & WOOL

### SHEEP CLASSES

- 10.1 All breeders must supply a current Brucellosis Accredited Certificate.
- 10.2 All stud sheep must be the bona fide property of a registered member of the Australian Stud Sheep Breeds Association and other Registered Sheep Breed Societies.
- 10.3 All sheep must be free of external parasites.
- 10.4 NLIS tags are required for all sheep.
- 10.5 Entries will only be received subject to the right of judge and steward to reject stock which they may consider are not of sufficient merit to compete or are the wrong age of classes in which they are entered.
- 10.6 All sheep will be inspected prior to judging to ensure that they comply with the above regulations and conditions.
- 10.7 All sheep must be accompanied by a fully completed NVD or Waybill.

10.8 Entry cards which include tag numbers are to be completed and presented to the steward prior to judging.

10.9 Wool Length: shorn classes shall not exceed 12 mm for short wools and 38 mms for long wools.

## **WOOL CLASSES**

As set out by the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia the Special Regulations hereunder apply to this section only and are merely supplementary to the General Regulations.

10.10. Exhibitors must attach a Wool - Deliver Label, showing name, contact details and class number to each fleece, and attach to the wrapping or bag used.

10.11. Fleeces must be securely packed and delivered to the Showgrounds

10.12. No fleece will be accepted unless full freight has been prepaid. No 'Pay on Delivery' will be accepted.

10.13. All Exhibitors are requested on the entry forms to include precise instructions as to the desired distribution of your fleece at the conclusion of the Show. It is also recommended that you have provided clear instructions to your Broker regarding your fleece post Show.

10.14. The Judges will transfer any fleece to the class to which it rightfully belongs. All fleeces must be skirted to the satisfaction of the Steward. Fleeces which in the opinion of the Judges are overgrown, will be judged accordingly.

10.15. A fleece shall be the wool shorn from one sheep at the one time. An entry which in the opinion of the Steward does not comply with the aforesaid condition shall be rejected and shall not be judged. Future entries by the owner of any such entry for any class or classes in the Sheep & Wool Section of the Association may be rejected.

10.16. In the event of the Judge deciding that the fleeces in any class or Championship are not worthy of any prize, they shall use their discretion as to what prize, if any, to allot. All fleeces are to be shorn from sheep that are the bona fide property of the exhibitors.

10.17. The Association shall not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any exhibit irrespective of the cause of such loss or damage.

10.18. In the event of there being no competition in a class the merit of the exhibit shall be the sole guide in awarding or withholding of any prize, also if the merit of exhibits in any class is not, in the opinion of the Judge, sufficient to entitle them to a prize, the Judge may withhold any or all prizes in the class.