

Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc.

Rules for Show Societies, Stewards, Judges, Exhibitors and Competitors at Agricultural Shows

1. This Show is conducted subject to the rules of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc, the constitution and rules of this Society and any other regulation, which appears within the Schedule for individual sections of this Show. Should there be any conflict between the rules of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc, the constitution and rules of this Society and the regulations appearing in any schedule, the constitution, rules and regulations appearing in the schedule of this Society shall prevail.
2. The President, Steward and/or the Committee person in charge of any section of this Show shall have the right to refuse any entry by an Exhibitor without expressing reason at any time up to the commencement of judging of the section to which that entry applies.
3. The Society reserves the right to refuse entry to any stallholder if the Society reasonably believes that it is necessary to do so in order to ensure that the standard, quality and safety of the Show is maintained.
4. The President, Committee person in charge or Steward of any Section shall have the right to alter or amend the programme or the time of any event.
5. This Society will not under any circumstances hold itself liable for any accident, loss, damage or nondelivery of livestock or other exhibits at the Society's Show, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold this Society blameless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising through any accident, loss, nondelivery or damage whatsoever.
6. Exhibitors must obey all lawful orders of the President, Secretary, the Committee person in charge or the Steward of the Section in which the Exhibitor is entered. Failure to abide by any such order may incur a fine of an amount to be determined by the President of this Society or on the order of the President, the Exhibitor may be removed from the grounds together with the exhibit.
7. Stewards shall have the power to remove exhibitors or other persons from the vicinity of the Judge while judging.
8. The Judge's decision in any section shall be final.
9. Any protest by an Exhibitor must be lodged in writing with the Committee person or Steward in charge of any Section within 30 minutes of the completion of the event together with a fee as determined by the Committee of this Society. The fee will be forfeited if the protest is considered to be frivolous or vexatious. The protest shall be heard according to the rules of the natural justice by a Dispute Committee of three appointed by the President of this show and the decision of the Disputes Committee shall be final.
10. Ribbons will be awarded at the Judge's discretion notwithstanding that there may be provision in the schedule for the awarding of ribbons.
11. Exhibitors shall ensure that they and all animals are entered and shown in the correct class.

12. All Exhibitors must attend for judging at the appointed time and place. Judging shall not be delayed for an Exhibitor who is not ready and the Committee person in charge or Steward of a section shall have the right to exclude and disqualify the exhibitor competing in that section who does not present on time.
13. If, in the opinion of the Committee person in charge or Steward of a Section, any animal or exhibit is entered in the wrong class, the Committee person in charge or Steward of the Section shall have the power to enter the animal or exhibit in its correct class prior to the commencement of judging of that class.
14. Where there is an age limit on an Exhibitor, any of the following shall be accepted as proof of age:-
 - (a) A Birth Certificate
 - (b) A Drivers Licence
 - (c) Current Passport.
15. Exhibitors shall at all times, behave in a proper and courteous manner to Judges, Show Officials and other Exhibitors. Should an Exhibitor behave in an offensive or improper manner, the Committee person in charge or Steward in the section shall have a right to exclude and disqualify that Exhibitor from competing in the Section.
16. All Exhibitors and/or grooms entering the showgrounds shall obey the lawful directions of the President, Committee, Stewards or employees of the Show Society and failure or refusal to do so, shall entitle the President of this Society to disqualify the Exhibitor and/or his/her exhibit from competing at the Show and may order the removal of the Exhibitor and/or his/her exhibit from the grounds
17. A Judge shall not adjudicate at more than one show, where practical, within 60 days unless judging different sections where it can be reasonably anticipated a number of the same exhibits are to be judged.
18. Judging cards and performance records shall be completed by the Committee person in charge, 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.
19. Judges must be suitably attired when judging.
20. Competitors must be suitably attired when exhibiting.
21. If a Judge is unable to fulfil a judging commitment, the Judge shall notify the Show Society as soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.
22. A Judge shall not send a substitute Judge. All invitations to judge shall be sent by this Society.
23. A Society shall report to the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc any Judge who fails to attend a Show to which he or she has accepted an invitation to judge or, who has failed to judge at the time advertised for the commencement of the class provided that the failure to attend or appear is without reasonable cause.

24. A Judge may not officiate in one Section of a Show and compete or exhibit in another Section at the same show unless exceptional circumstances exist such as sickness or unavailability of the appointed Judge.
25. An Exhibitor shall not compete in a Section if the Exhibitor is a member of the Judge's immediate family.
26. An Exhibitor shall not compete nor show any animal in a section if the animal 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.
27. An Exhibitor shall not compete if the Exhibitor or any member of the Exhibitor's immediate family has provided accommodation for the Judge within three months prior to or during the holding of the Show.
28. 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 three months prior to or during the show.
29. 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 months prior to or during the holding of the Show.
30. An Exhibitor shall not compete if the Exhibitor has given tuition to the Judge or has fed or trained an animal owned or leased by the Judge within three months prior to or during the Show.
31. A Judge shall not visit the livestock-housing complex of the Show Society, nor the owners, nor inspect or discuss any animal entered in the Show prior to or during the judging of the relevant section.
32. No Exhibitors shall deface or alter registration papers or performance cards for any exhibit.
33. A Judge or Steward must not knowingly permit an ineligible Exhibit or Exhibitor to compete.
34. No Exhibitor nor a member of the Exhibitor's immediate family or anybody 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.
35. In Breed Classes, all animals must have Current Registration & Ownership Certificate with the Breed Society.
36. In Breed Classes, registration papers (where applicable) must be available at the Show as proof of registration.
37. An Exhibitor required by the Show Section Schedule or rules of this 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.

38. The Exhibitor shall ensure that they and their exhibit comply at all times with all statutes, regulations and by-laws applying to the showground at the time of the show including but not limited to all animal health requirements.
39. Exhibitors and Space Holders who bring electrical equipment into the showgrounds must comply with current legislation.
40. Where animals are being led, worked and displayed, it is the responsibility of the owner/handler at the time to ensure the animal does not become a public safety liability.
41. 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 being able to injure or bite any person or other animal.
42. Any competitor who receives any physical or electronic communication aid during the judging of an event will have all nominations cancelled. The persons concerned may be asked to leave the Showground.
43. Energised electric fences are prohibited on the Showground at any time unless in a specified area and suitably signed.
44. Rules for individual Sections shall be as per the attached Schedule(s) and they shall be read in conjunction with the rules.