

# **SPECIAL POULTRY AND CAGED BIRDS REGULATIONS**

(For the conduct of Poultry and Caged Birds competitions at QCAS affiliated Queensland Agricultural Shows)

Subject to the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Society's Inc. (QCAS) and the Society/Association relevant to this schedule, the following General Horse 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.

**These regulations are to be read in conjunction with the General Regulations contained in this schedule.**

## **1. NOTICE TO INTENDING EXHIBITORS**

- 1.1 Birds can only be removed from showing area with the permission of the Chief Steward.
- 1.2 Any Bird entered in the incorrect class can, at the discretion of the Chief Steward, be re-entered in the correct class.
- 1.3 No birds to be removed or handled without the Steward's permission.
- 1.4 Any Bird found to have been tampered with may, at the discretion of the Stewards and Committee, be disqualified.
- 1.5 Eggs remain the property of the affiliated Agricultural Society.
- 1.6 No trimming, plucking or dyeing of feathers, staining of legs or any fraudulent practice will be allowed.
- 1.7 Every Exhibitor will be deemed responsible for the condition in which his/her exhibit appears in the pen. It shall be permissible for Exhibitors to dub male game fowl and game bantams.
- 1.8 Birds must be true to breed, no cross breeds.
- 1.9 Banded birds are eligible for judging.
- 1.10 Junior Exhibitors must pen and unpen their own entries.

## **2. AGE OF EXHIBITS**

- 2.1 Birds 12 months and over will be judged as adults.

## **3. JUDGING**

- 3.1 Judging standards will be those recognised by the Australian Standard or the British Poultry Standard where applicable.
- 3.2 Exhibitors are not to talk to Judges during judging.
- 3.3 Judges are not to judge classes in which they have entered.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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.

## **4. BIOSECURITY**

- 4.1 All QCAS 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.
- 4.2 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.