



**RNA** | THE ROYAL NATIONAL  
AGRICULTURAL AND  
INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION  
OF QUEENSLAND

# By Laws

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## DEFINITIONS

In these By-Laws, unless the context requires otherwise:

'Applicant' means the Person in whose name an Application for Entry is lodged with the RNA, whether or not the Application for Entry was signed by that Person and includes the representatives and agents of an Applicant.

'Application for Entry' means the form of application for entry of an Exhibit at the Show and includes entry form.

'Association' means The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland.

'Attendant' means the Person in charge of and any handler of an Exhibit in the Showground and may include an Exhibitor.

'Award' wherever the context of the By-Laws shall reasonably permit the expression award shall be deemed to include prize and trophy and vice versa.

'By-Laws' means the By-Laws of the Association made pursuant to the Rules for the time being in force.

'Chief Executive' means the person appointed as the Chief Executive, General Manager or Director of the Association.

'Claim' includes any action, suit, cause of action, arbitration, debt, dues, costs, claim, demand, verdict and judgment either at law or in equity or arising under statute.

'Class' where the context shall reasonably permit, includes an exhibition, parade, competition or event in respect of which prize is scheduled or offered or is or may be awarded.

'Code or Code of Conduct' means the RNA Code of Conduct.

'Competitor' means a person competing in any class whether or not any such person is also an Exhibitor.

'Council' means the Council of the Association.

'Council Steward' means the councillor appointed by the Council to act as a Council Steward in respect of any Class or Section of The Royal Queensland Show.

'Councillor' means a councillor of the Association, and where used without qualification includes Honorary Councillors.

'Entry Form' shall, unless the context otherwise indicates or requires, mean the form supplied by the Association to persons desiring to apply to enter an Exhibit or compete in any of the Association's competitions or the mode of entry to Exhibit or to compete in any event which those persons are required to complete and submit with the Association in order to apply to do so.

'Executive Committee' means the Executive Committee of Council constituted in accordance with the Rules.

'Exhibit' used as a verb shall, where the context reasonably permits, be deemed to include parade contest and display.

'Exhibit' used as a noun shall, where the context reasonably permits, be deemed to refer to anything (animate or inanimate) entered in any class or a section of the Royal Queensland Show.

'Exhibitor' means the person on whose behalf and in whose name the application for entry is lodged.

'Financial Year' means the period of twelve months commencing on the first day of January in any given year and terminating on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

'Grounds' means such grounds as are from time to time vested in or occupied by the Association.

'Honorary Council Steward' means a Steward appointed by the Council to act as an Honorary Council Steward in respect of any Class or Section of The Royal Queensland Show.

'Honorary Treasurer' means the person for the time being holding that office in accordance with the Rules.

'Member' means a member of the Association pursuant to the Rules, and where used without qualification includes a General Member, Life Member, Honorary Life Member, Junior Member and Corporate Member.

'Misconduct' includes:

- (a) any conduct that is contrary to or inconsistent with any rule or regulation of, or any direction given by or on behalf of, the Association;
- (b) any material error or misdescription contained in any document or communication (oral or written) to the Association;
- (c) any unseemly or disparaging conduct or comment concerning any act of any judge or any official of the Association;
- (d) any arrangement or understanding that has the purpose or effect of circumventing, avoiding or diminishing the effect of any rule, By-Law, regulation or any direction given by or on behalf of, or any penalty imposed by, the Association;
- (e) any act or omission likely to prejudice, or bring discredit upon, the Association or any person;
- (f) any conduct in relation to the judge that could give rise to the inference that an attempt is being made to influence the judge's attitude to a person or to an Exhibit;
- (g) any conduct deemed by the rules, By-Laws or regulations to be misconduct; and
- (h) any conduct likely to cause the judging or results in a competition to be determined other than upon the true and proper merits of each Exhibit.

'Misstatement' or 'Misdescription' includes a failure of an Exhibit to conform in all respects with the Application for Entry on the day of Exhibition.

'Month' means calendar month.

'Official of the RNA' includes any member of Council, the Chief Executive, a Steward or other Person appointed by the Association to exercise a function.

'Pass' means the pass, badge, ticket or card from time to time furnished by the Association in respect of the current Association's year.

'Person' words importing person include a firm, partnership, company or corporation.

'President' means the person for the time being holding that office in accordance with the Rules.

'Prohibited Substance' means any substance originating externally to an animal (and whether or not endogenous to the animal) capable of affecting the performance, presentation, appearance, characteristics or behaviour of the animal by its action upon:

- (a) the central or peripheral nervous system;
- (b) the cardiovascular system;
- (c) the respiratory system;
- (d) the alimentary digestive system;
- (e) the musculo-skeletal system;
- (f) the urogenital system; or
- (g) the endocrine system.

and includes without limitation:

- (i) analgesics;
- (ii) anti-histamines;
- (iii) anti-inflammatory agents;
- (iv) blood anti-coagulants;
- (v) diuretics;
- (vi) hormones and their synthetic counterparts;
- (vii) cortico-steroids;
- (viii) anabolic steroids;
- (ix) local anaesthetics;
- (x) muscle relaxants;
- (xi) tranquillisers;
- (xii) vitamins;
- (xiii) antibiotics;
- (xiv) stimulants;
- (xv) glues and bleaches;
- (xvi) silver compounds;
- (xvii) schedule drugs.

'Regulations' and 'Special Regulations' means those regulations applicable to a particular section of the Show as determined by the Committee responsible for that section.

'Royal Queensland Show' means the Annual Show held from the first Friday after the 4th August in each year until the Sunday of the following week.

'RNA' means The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland.

'RNA Staff Member' includes all employees of the RNA.

'Rules' means the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

'Sale' includes an agreement to sell.

'Seal' means the common seal of the Association.

'Show' means the annual event known as the Royal Queensland Show held from the first Friday after the 4th of August in each year until the Sunday of the following week, and includes any other competition conducted by the RNA at any time of the year and whether or not in conjunction with the Royal Queensland Show.

'Showground' means the Association's Showground and includes, where the context shall reasonably permit, public realm under the direct management and control of the Association.

'Unseemly behaviour' means behaviour either in person or by publication through media and online channels which includes:

- (a) causing annoyance or disrespect by conduct or comment upon:
  - (i) the decision of a Judge;
  - (ii) any act or omission on the part of a Judge; or
  - (iii) any Official of the RNA on duty in the Showground;
  - (iv) any direction of any Official of the RNA.
- (b) discriminatory or insulting behaviour;
- (c) any behaviour, whether or not apparently sanctioned by the By-Laws or other sectional regulation, that is considered by the RNA to be:
  - (i) unsportsmanlike;
  - (ii) causative of dissent or divisiveness;
  - (iii) detrimental to the interests of the Show, the Competition, Exhibitors or spectators; or
  - (iv) inappropriate in all the circumstances.
- (d) Reckless or negligent actions which put the RNA at risk of breaching health & safety laws, breach of privacy, defamation, bullying and harassment or discrimination laws.

'Vice President' means the person for the time being holding that office in accordance with the Rules.

'Stewards' are officials appointed by the Association to superintend the conduct of exhibitions and competitions comprised in the Show Program.

'Veterinary Surgeon' means any veterinarian who is a member of the RNA's Veterinary Committee and includes any veterinarian who has been appointed or engaged by the RNA to provide veterinary services in connection with the Show.

'Written' or 'In Writing' means any form of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

## **INTERPRETATION**

- 1. In the By-Laws, but subject to context:
  - (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
  - (b) the male gender includes the female gender and the neuter gender and vice versa; and
  - (c) headings are for ease of reference only and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of the By-Laws.

## **BY-LAWS BINDING**

- 2. All Applicants, Attendants, Exhibitors, Competitors, and every Person admitted into the Showground during a Show, are bound by the By-Laws and Regulations.

## **POWERS**

- 3. The RNA has the sole and absolute control of all matters affecting the conduct of the Show and the Showground.
- 4. Any power or discretion of:
  - (a) the RNA;
  - (b) the Council;
  - (c) any Committee;

- (d) any official of the RNA.

may be delegated in such manner and upon such conditions as may from time to time be determined by the RNA.

## **MAKING OF BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

5. By-Laws may be made and amended by the Council, as provided in the Rules.
6. Regulations and Special Regulations may be made and amended by the Committee responsible for the relevant section.
7. Regulations and Special Regulations may be published in the Schedule and/or Catalogue.

## **OPENING**

8. The Royal Queensland Show will be held from the first Friday after the 4th August in each year until the Sunday of the following week.

## **ADMISSION**

9. Subject to By-Law 18:-

Members and Guests, on presentation of their pass, will be admitted free to the Grounds, and such particular portion of the Grounds subject to such Regulations as the Council may make, while they are open to the public on Judging Days and subsequent days. The Members' Grandstand will be set aside for the exclusive use of Members. Members' passes which are not transferable, remain the property of the Association and may be recalled by the Council at any time.

10. The price of admission to non-members will be fixed by the Council.
11. Passes, granting authorized holders thereof free admission to the Grounds during the Royal Queensland Show, will be issued in proportion to the number and/or nature of, the Livestock, Produce or Works exhibited. Lessees of sites for the display of manufacturers' machinery and other goods, also the holders of Caterers' or Amusement Privileges or Permits, will be granted a reasonable number of Passes. All Passes must be obtained before the first Friday of the Show. Exhibitors, accompanied by an Exhibit, will be admitted free on presenting entry receipt at turnstiles. Passes will not be issued for sections 4, 7, 10-20, and 22 to 24.
12. Exhibitors' passes for managers and supervisors will admit authorized holders twice daily. Attendants' passes will admit authorized holders once daily. No Passes will be issued unless the Exhibitor or his representative presents the Receipt for Entry Fees or identification is established. Livestock Attendants Passes will admit authorized holders twice during each day session and once each night.
13. All Passes must bear in the space provided the name of the Exhibitor or Space Holder; no Passes will be valid unless so compiled. Passes are not transferable and misuse of a Pass will entail forfeiture.
14. Every person admitted to the Showgrounds and every person admitted to any Grandstand or other area or building in respect to which a charge is made or to any Grandstand area or building in respect to which no charge is made shall be deemed to have agreed to observe and to comply with the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations and to be admitted subject thereto.
15. Every such person shall be a bare licensee, and the Council reserves the right at any time to terminate such person's licence, and upon such termination such person shall forthwith vacate the Association's Showground or such part thereof as the Council may direct.
16. The Council may cause to have removed from the assembly yards any person who is not in possession of an identification ticket properly issued by the Association or who for any reason

- refuses to produce such identification ticket upon being asked to do so by an Official of the Association.
17. The discretion and powers vested in the Council by these By-Laws shall be exercisable by any Councillor, Chief Executive, Steward or other Official of the Association; provided that no such Councillor or Officer of the Association shall exercise such discretion or power without the general or specific authority of the Council.
  18. No provision of this By-Law shall entitle any person who has been forbidden by or under the authority of Council to enter upon the grounds of the Association or any part thereof to enter or remain upon the grounds or that part contrary to that prohibition. The obtaining by any such person whether by the payment of money or by any other means whatsoever of an admission ticket, pass or other document or thing otherwise giving the right to enter shall not constitute a contract between the Association and that person waiving or varying that prohibition.
  19. No animal may be brought onto the Showground unless it is an Exhibit in respect of which an Application for Entry has been accepted by the RNA or the RNA has provided its prior consent.
  20. A person shall not:-
    - (a) injure, damage or destroy any property within the Grounds of the Association;
    - (b) gain admission to the said Grounds contrary to the Rules, By-Laws or Regulations of the Association;
    - (c) do or omit to do any act or thing, the doing or omission to do which causes danger or annoyance to the public on the said Grounds;
    - (d) do or omit to do any act or thing, the doing or omission of which causes hindrance to the Association or its lessees, licensees or permittees or to the public in the lawful use of any land vested in the Association.
    - (e) bring any liquor on to the grounds of the Association without the permission of an Official of the RNA.
    - (f) consume any liquor on any area of the grounds not designated by Council as an area on which liquor may be consumed.
    - (h) in this By-Law the word "liquor" shall bear the same meaning as it bears for the purposes of the Liquor Act 1992, or of any legislation amending or substituted for that Act.
    - (i) No vehicle (within the meaning set out in the Traffic Acts for the State of Queensland) shall enter the Grounds under the control of the Association without the authority of an Official of the RNA and such vehicle shall remain on the Grounds only for the purpose authorized.
    - (j) An Official of the RNA may require the removal from any part of the said Grounds to such place as he may decide of any unauthorized vehicle and shall be entitled to remove and employ all reasonable force for the removal of the vehicle; and without limiting the right of the Association to damages or distress, shall be entitled to charge the Owner of the vehicle with the cost of its removal. The Association or any Official thereof shall not be liable for any damage suffered by the Owner of the vehicle.

- (k) Without limiting the power conferred by any other By-Law, Regulation or Rule of the Association, the Chairman of the Horse Committee or a Council Steward of the Section may order any person who is not an Exhibitor to leave the Ring or Assembly Area and if such person fails or refuses to do so, the Association may remove the person or cause the person to be removed.
- (l) If, in the opinion of an officer of police, any person whether by reason of intoxication or otherwise is causing or is likely to cause danger or annoyance to the public or hindrance to the Association, or its lessees, licensees or permittees or to the public in the lawful use of land vested in the Association that officer of police, in addition to any other action he may lawfully take, may remove that person from the grounds.

## **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

- 21. These By-Laws and Regulations, together with Special Regulations and notes as set forth in the respective sections of the Prize Schedule, are to be the conditions of competition.
- 22. 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 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 Association, or
    - (ii) The new Owner of the Exhibit by notice in writing to the Chief Executive may confirm the entry in his name and upon so doing shall for all purposes of the competition become the Exhibitor.
- 23. 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 authorized to act on behalf of the club or group in relation to all matters relating to the entry. The Association shall be entitled to deal with the person so authorized 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 authorized to act of any trophy prize or moneys won by or payable in respect of the Exhibit shall be a complete discharge to the Association.
- 24. Exhibits are eligible (with special entry) to compete for all special prizes in their respective sections.
- 25. Exhibits entered in the wrong class by the Exhibitor may be transferred to the proper class by the Council Stewards.
- 26. 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 shall comply with the age requirements of the Section.

## **ENTRIES COMMITTEE**

- 27. The Council may from time to time appoint an Entries Committee consisting of not less than five of its members.
- 28. The Entries 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 to furnish it with such information or certificates as it may see fit;
  - (d) The 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;
  - (e) Three members of the Committee shall be a quorum;
  - (f) Nothing in this By-Law shall be or be deemed to be a waiver or any other right of the Association or limit or be deemed to limit any other power of the Association or of any Committee or Officer of the Association under the Rules or any other By-Law of the Association.
29. An Exhibit, Attendant, Exhibitor or Competitor must not appear on a day of Exhibition in any part of the Showground set aside for judging purposes, bearing any medal, ribbon or other mark which, in the opinion of an Official of the RNA, may influence a judge.

## **ENTRY**

30. All applications for entry must be:
- (a) in writing on the Association's Entry Form or an on-line entry;
  - (b) complete with all questions on the spaces for information on the entry relevant to the Exhibit answered in detail and the form must be signed by the Exhibitor or his agent or if the Exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, signed by the Exhibitor's parent or guardian. If the entry is submitted on-line, the Exhibitor must accept the terms and conditions of entry;
  - (c) accompanied by the entry fee set out in the relevant schedule; and ,
  - (d) submitted to the Association on or before the closing date for entries as set out in the relevant schedule..
31. An Entry Form must not be enclosed with an Exhibit or any other goods or materials sent to the Association and any form so enclosed will be ineffective unless it is actually discovered and handed to the Chief Executive prior to the said closing date.
32. The Applicant represents and warrants to the Association that the information set out on the Entry Form is complete, accurate and not misleading in any way.
33. An Applicant must not make any Misstatement or Misdescription in an Application for Entry or accompanying documentation lodged by or on behalf of an Applicant.
34. An Application for Entry may be withdrawn by an Exhibitor on the written request of the Exhibitor and with the consent of the Association.
35. Entry fees may be remitted by credit card, EFTPOS or cheque, money order or postal note, made payable in each instance to The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland.
36. In the event of overpayment of entry fees by an Exhibitor the Association shall be entitled to retain out of the amount of the overpayment such amount as in the opinion of the Chief Executive is necessary to reimburse the Association for the administrative costs of processing that overpayment to enable a refund of the balance to be returned to the Exhibitor.
37. The fact that money is tendered as entry fees and promptly banked shall not constitute an acceptance of the entry or restrict in any way the Association's right of refusal under the provisions of the Association's Rules. If that right is exercised the moneys so tendered shall be refunded.

## **ADJUDICATING ON QUESTIONABLE ENTRIES**

38. The Council reserves the right of adjudicating on any questionable entry or any other point not provided for in the Rules or By-Laws of the Association and of making any alteration that may be deemed necessary.
39. The decision of the Council on all points shall be final and conclusive.

## **CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES**

40. No Entry Fee shall be repayable by the Association in respect of any entry that may be withdrawn or cancelled or in respect of any Exhibit which may be disqualified, unless the entry shall be withdrawn or cancelled with the approval of the Chief Executive or a Council Steward for the Section.

## **APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE**

41. For the exhibition of all classes of manufacturers' machinery, etc., application for Commercial space should be made on the prescribed form and lodged with the Leasing Department on or before the date set for the close of applications. Such charge as the Leasing Department may determine shall be made for the ground and wall space. The Leasing Department shall use discretionary power as to space to be allotted to each Exhibitor, and the manner of allotment. A contract shall be issued for all space let. If the Licensee, not less than sixty (60) days but less than ninety (90) days prior to the commencement of the said Show requests the Association to cancel this Licence, the Association may do so on the condition that it retains 25% of the Licence Fee hereinbefore provided. If the Licensee makes a similar request within the said sixty (60) days, the Association may cancel the Licence on the condition that it retains 100% of the Licence Fee hereinbefore provided.

## **ARRANGEMENTS OF EXHIBITION**

42. The Licensee shall be permitted access to his site from a date to be notified to prepare the Exhibit. All stands must be completed and ready for public patronage before 9.00am on the first day of the Royal Queensland Show and any stand not occupied and staffed at this time to the satisfaction of the Association shall revert to the Association.
43. The Licensee shall not before the designated closing time on the day of the Show remove any displays, stalls, fixtures from the site. All such goods and materials must be removed from the site no later than the close of business on the Monday after the conclusion of the Show unless permission is given in writing to remain by the Association.
44. The whole of the arrangements, both in connection with the inside and outside of all Exhibition Buildings, shall be under the control of the Council and particularly as regards to the allotment of space and the decoration of the building and all matters tending to make the display of Exhibits more effective.
45. Where space has been let to any Exhibitor, the Council reserves the right, in case such Exhibitor shall fail to make or maintain an adequate or creditable display, to declare the space allotted to him, or any portion thereof, forfeited.
46. The Council reserves the right to prescribe the dimensions and regulate the positions of all signs and generally to direct the arrangement or articles on exhibition so far as the same may be necessary to secure harmony and an attractive appearance. No advertisement or notice for which permission has not yet been received from the Council is permitted on any stall or building.
47. The distribution of printed or other matter or goods by any spaceholder or Exhibitor must be confined to the area (detailed in the space contract) occupied by such spaceholder or Exhibitor. Any other person distributing or selling printed or any other matter or goods about the Grounds or Buildings is liable to confiscation of the articles or goods and to ejection from the Grounds.

48. No Exhibitor or his employees will be permitted to make unseemly noises that may be considered a nuisance in calling the attention of the visitors to his Exhibits; and any Exhibitor or attendant who may be guilty of distributing advertising cards or other notices that may be considered immoral, objectionable, or in any way infringing the privileges disposed of by the Council, shall forfeit his space and all other privileges, and shall be removed from the Grounds.

## EXHIBITS

49. All Exhibits must be delivered to and removed from the Grounds at the cost and risk of the Exhibitors.
50. No Exhibit shall be admitted to the Ground unless the person in charge produces the Chief Executive's documentation for the entry and each Exhibit when admitted must be at once put into its proper place by the Exhibitor.
51. Exhibitors or their agents must point out to the Stewards their respective Exhibits in order that they may be identified, classified and numbered according to the catalogues before being submitted to the Judges.
52. All stock entered and brought onto the Showgrounds must be presented for judging; any Exhibit which is not paraded before the Judges shall (unless such omission is explained to the satisfaction of the Council Steward) be rejected from the Ground and the Exhibitor fined.
53. All Livestock may be removed from the Ground at 10.00pm. each day of the Royal Queensland Show on depositing \$10 for each animal as a guarantee that the animal will be returned to the Showgrounds before 7.00am on the following morning. Failing return of the animal at the time and day specified, the deposit, together with all prize money (if any), awarded to the Exhibitor, shall be forfeited to the Association. Deposits not forfeited will be refunded at the close of the Show. This Regulation does not apply to Prime Stock or Dairy Cattle.
54. Livestock Attendants will be supplied by the Stewards with tie-on Labels, bearing the Catalogue Numbers of the Exhibits in their charge; they shall be under the entire control and direction of the Stewards, and shall be in attendance each day and night of the Royal Queensland Show for the purpose of exhibiting and parading stock as provided.
55. Exhibitors or their Agents, when called upon by the Stewards or Council, shall prove the correctness of their entries. In case of protest based on question of age, animals are to be submitted to the Association's Veterinary Surgeon for opinion, but the Stewards may receive any other evidence.
56. In order to obviate the expense of unnecessary preparation for Exhibits, if any Exhibit entered is not brought to the grounds and submitted for judging in each event for which it has been entered, the Exhibitor may be required to pay to the Association such sum, not exceeding \$100, as the Council Stewards for the Section may determine in respect of each such Exhibit for each event in which the Exhibit is not presented for judging as liquidated damages and not as a penalty unless:
- (a) The Owner shall have advised the Chief Executive not later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the Show that he does not intend to bring his Exhibit forward; or
  - (b) The Owner shall prove to the satisfaction of the Council Stewards of the section, that the absence was caused by death or sickness of, or accident to the Exhibit, or by some other reason justifying its absence in the circumstances.
57. In all cases when an Exhibit is For Sale, and the price entered on the Entry Form, or exhibited on the Ground, the understanding shall be that such Exhibit may be claimed at the price named on payment of a deposit to the Chief Executive at his Office. Delivery will not be made until the full amount is paid.
58. No Exhibitor shall be deemed to have any right whether of occupation or otherwise, to any stall or portion of Showground allocated to him from time to time by the Association and he shall forthwith vacate same upon being requested to do so by an Official of the Association.

59. Horticultural and Farm Produce, excepting Exhibits of a perishable nature, shall remain until 4.00pm. on the Final Day of the Show or such extended date as the Council may decide. However, arrangements may be made with the Stewards to remove and renew plants, if necessary during the Royal Queensland Show.

#### **DISEASE OR DANGER**

60. Should there be any reason to suspect that any Exhibit is either diseased or dangerous, or objectionable, the Council through its Officials, reserves the rights of removing the same from or refusing its admittance to the Royal Queensland Show.
61. An Exhibitor who detects or suspects any illness amongst any of his entries whilst the animals are at the Showgrounds must:
- (a) Report this fact immediately to the Superintendent responsible for that particular section;
  - (b) Ensure that the animal/s is/are contained within its/their accommodation area/s unless advised otherwise by the Superintendent or the Association's Veterinary Surgeon; and
  - (c) Where feasible to do so, contain soiled bedding from the animal/s within its/their accommodation area.
62. Council may at its discretion require to have any biological tests carried out on any animal exhibited at the Royal Queensland Show or to have materials collected from such animals in order to have tests carried out, after such animals arrive at the Showgrounds.
63. If in the opinion of a Council Steward of a Section, an Exhibit in such Section requires Veterinary treatment then if the Exhibitor cannot be contacted immediately, the Council Steward may instruct a Veterinary Surgeon to treat such Exhibit and the costs of such Veterinary Surgeon shall be paid by the Exhibitor to the Association. The Association shall not be in any way liable to an Exhibitor for any damage to or injury to such Exhibit.
64. Where, in the opinion of the Association, an Exhibit, being an animal, should be destroyed or removed from the Showgrounds, the Association's Veterinary Surgeon or the Association may destroy or remove the Exhibit from the Showgrounds, or both. Alternatively, the Association may require the Exhibitor to destroy or remove the Exhibit from the Showgrounds, or both. Any costs incurred by the Association pursuant to this By-Law must be re-imbursed by the Exhibitor.
65. The Association shall not be responsible for any loss or damage caused (inter alia) through disease or infection howsoever arising.

#### **CONTROL OF EXHIBITS**

66. Exhibitors shall, under the direction of the Stewards, arrange their Exhibits, and no Exhibits shall afterwards be removed or interfered with unless by sanction of the Stewards, under a penalty not exceeding \$100.
67. The Members of the Council, the Stewards in the Section and Chief Executive or Officials of the Association, shall at any time have the power to enter any space allotted to any Exhibitor and give such directions as regards the Exhibits as they may think fit.
68. Exhibitors will render themselves liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 by removing any official placard, ticket or ribbon, affixed or posted by the Stewards, or by affixing any other placard, ticket or ribbon in lieu thereof, or by refusing in any way to carry out their instructions; the Stewards shall incur no responsibility by enforcing these Regulations.
69. The Council shall have the power to retain any Exhibit until all fines are paid.
70. No Exhibitor or his Agent shall be permitted to be with the Stewards, Judge or Judges, during the time of judging, unless by special request of the Stewards. No Exhibitor shall be allowed to act as

a Judge's Steward in the class or classes in which he exhibits. The Exhibitor or any person infringing this Rule shall be at once disqualified.

71. Exhibitors and persons admitted to the Ground shall be subject to these Regulations and the direction of the Stewards.
72. The Stewards shall have the power to order the removal of any machinery working without their authority.

#### **CARE AND FEEDING OF STOCK**

73. The Association undertakes to find the necessary accommodation for animals during the Royal Queensland Show, subject to stalls or pens being available, but no provision will be made for feeding same. Feed may be purchased by Exhibitors on the Showground at current charges. Poultry will be fed by the Association's Attendants and at the expense of the Association.

#### **DEPARTURE OF EXHIBITS**

74. No Exhibit shall be removed from the Ground without Official Permit from the Stewards for Livestock, and for other Exhibits from the Chief Executive or Council Steward.
75. All Livestock, otherwise than permitted or provided for by the Sectional Regulations, are to remain in the Showgrounds until 4.00pm on the Second Friday of the Royal Queensland Show.

#### **PARADE OF LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS**

76. Due notice will be given to Exhibitors of the various Parades of Livestock. All prize winning Exhibits of horses and cattle must attend the parades at the times specified.
77. Any Exhibit not taking part in the parade on each day or any day shall forfeit prize money won and the Owner shall be subject to a fine.

## PRIZE AWARDS

78. The Prize Ribbons, affixed to Exhibits, shall be distinguished by the following colours, viz:-
- Grand Champion - Red, White and Blue
  - Champion - Purple
  - Reserve Champion - Dark Green
  - First - Blue
  - Second - Red
  - Third - White
  - Fourth - Yellow
  - Fifth - Light Green
  - Sixth - Brown
  - Seventh - Buff
  - Eighth - Pink
  - Ninth - Orange
  - Tenth - Grey
  - Special Prizes - Pale Blue
79. For Group Classes - Pink and Blue, Pink and Red, Pink and White, Pink and Yellow, for First, Second, Third and Fourth respectively. Ribbons will only be attached to Exhibits in the Horse, Cattle, Sheep, Pig, Goat and Dog Sections.
80. All cash prizes and trophies must be claimed within six months from the closing date of the Royal Queensland Show. 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 Association.

## PROTESTS

81. A protest against a Judge's Award must:-
- (a) be in writing addressed to the Chief Executive, and signed by the person lodging the protest;
  - (b) be lodged by delivery to the Chief Executive'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 authorized 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 \$50.
82. The Chief Executive shall advise the President when a protest is received and the President shall appoint a Protest Committee consisting of such members of the Council as he may determine, to consider and determine the matter.
83. The Protest Committee 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.
84. A protest shall not be upheld on the ground that the Judge made an honest but incorrect decision unless it be proved to the satisfaction of the Protest Committee that the Judge had been wilfully or accidentally misled by the act of some other person.
85. If the Protest Committee should be of the opinion that the protest was frivolous the deposit may be forfeited.

86. The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final and conclusive.
87. For the purpose of this By-Law 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.

### **NON-COMPETITIVE**

88. The Council may receive for exhibition only, and not for competition, any Exhibit not specified in the Schedule, provided there be sufficient space. All such entries are to be paid for at a current rate and may be catalogued.

### **APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES AND STEWARDS**

89. The Council will select Judges and Stewards for all Sections and fill any subsequent vacancies.
90. Provision will be made at the Royal Queensland Show for necessary meals for all Judges and Honorary Stewards whose duties require their attendance. Tickets for such meals will be supplied by the Chief Executive to the Council Stewards of the various sections.

### **JUDGING**

91. The judging will commence in accordance with the judging timetable published in the sectional schedules and continue each day during the week. Each Judge will be supplied with instructions which he must adhere to as closely as possible.
92. If in the opinion of the Judge, any Exhibit in any class is not in accordance with the conditions, he shall, before making the awards in the class, refer the matter to the Council Stewards for inquiry.
93. If a Judge has reason to doubt:
  - (a) the age specified in respect of and livestock Exhibit; or
  - (b) whether the Exhibit is qualified to compete in the Class in which it is entered for judging, he shall at once refer to the Council Steward, who may make enquires and require such evidence as he considers appropriate in order to establish whether or not the Exhibit is eligible to compete the Class.
94. 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 Judges, sufficient to entitle them to a prize, the Judge may withhold any or all prizes in the class.
95. If in the opinion of the Judge there is equality of merit in any class the Judge may award prizes of equal merit to the Exhibits concerned. Where Exhibits are considered by the Judge to be of equal merit, the prize awarded shall include the next lower prize; for example, equal First shall be shown as equal 1st and 2nd and the next prize awarded shall be 3rd. The Judge shall not have the power to increase prize money.
96. Each Judge shall fill in all details of the Award Cards which must be signed by the Judge before handing them to the Stewards.
97. The Council may withhold any prize when statements regarding the Exhibits have been made or information supplied by the Exhibitor which may have been proven to be erroneous or fraudulent, or where any doubt exists as to whether any Exhibit has been shown in accordance with these Regulations. Any Exhibitor found guilty of false entries or statements may be debarred from again exhibiting.
98. Should any Exhibit, having gained a prize, be disqualified, the next on the list does not necessarily obtain the prize. The Council, with or without the advice of the Judge, shall decide the question.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIONS**

99. The Exhibitor must fully comply with the directions and requests of the Association. Without limitation, directions and requests of the Association may apply to the entry of the Exhibit, the conditions of entry, the Exhibitor, the conditions of the Event, the conduct of the Exhibitor, the conduct of the Event, the decision of the Judge or the award of prizes.
100. Without limiting By-Law 99, upon a request from the Association, an Exhibitor must make a statutory declaration in the form and with respect to matters the Association in its discretion requires.
101. Without limiting By-Law 99, upon request from the Association, an Exhibitor must submit his Exhibit for inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon.

#### **OBJECTIONABLE CONDUCT**

102. Any person who, in the opinion of an Official of the RNA shall cause annoyance by loud or unseemly comment upon the decision of a Judge or upon any act or omission on the part of a Judge or of any Official or other person on duty in or about the Judging Ring, and any person whose conduct shall contravene the Association's Rules, Regulations or By-Laws and any person who may, in the opinion of the Association or any Member of its Council, the Chief Executive or General Manager (EKKA) of the Association, be guilty of annoying, unseemly or insulting behaviour, may be expelled from the Showground, and shall, upon being requested so to do by any Member of the Council, the Chief Executive, the General Manager (EKKA), or by an Honorary Council Steward of his Section forthwith vacate and leave the Showground or such part thereof as any of such aforementioned persons shall request.
103. If any person dealt with under By-Law 102 is an Exhibitor such person may in addition be disqualified.
104. A person must not commit misconduct.
105. If the Council is satisfied that any person has infringed the Association's Rules, By-Laws or Regulations, the Council may prohibit such person from exhibiting and/or competing in any section or class of the Royal Queensland Show or at any future Royal Queensland Show and may direct that any Exhibit entered or offered for exhibition by or on behalf of such person be forthwith removed from the Showground
106. For the purpose of enforcing compliance with this By-Law the Association or any person acting thereunder may obtain such assistance and use or cause to be used such force as may be necessary for that purpose.

#### **UNETHICAL CONDUCT**

107. The Exhibitor, the Owner or any person in charge of an animate Exhibit shall not engage in unethical conduct. The Exhibitor, the Owner and any person in charge of an animal to which unethical conduct relates are deemed to have acted in breach of this By-Law, whether or not having been knowingly concerned in the unethical conduct. The Council or relevant Sectional Committee shall decide whether or not any conduct constitutes unethical conduct but without in any way restricting the meaning of that expression, unethical conduct may include the presentation as an Exhibit for judging:
  - (a) of an animal other than in its natural conformation after normal feeding and grooming, except as otherwise provided either expressly or by necessary implication in the regulation or in the definition of a class in which the animal is entered;
  - (b) of any animal having undergone any operation or procedure materially altering the structure or natural conformation of any part of its body, whether by the introduction of any substance or thing subcutaneously, or by any surgery, or by the administration of any substance or chemical or by the attachment of any object or thing;



- (c) of an animal having undergone any operation or procedure that changes by exaggeration, minimisation or otherwise in natural conformation or physical constitution or appearance;
  - (d) of an inanimate object, that is created, constituted, formed or includes goods, substances or things not normally found in objects of like nature;
  - (e) that is not the animal or the object or thing entered for the Class to be judged;
  - (f) in breach of the Regulation.
108. An Exhibitor, or person in charge of an animate Exhibit must:
- (a) use all reasonable steps to ensure that the Exhibit is housed and cared for in accordance with the Association's current animal welfare policy;
  - (b) obey any direction from a member of the Association's Council, or from any other official of the Association, relating to the care and welfare of that or any other Exhibit;
  - (c) if called upon to do so, surrender the Exhibit to the Association, in circumstances where in the reasonable opinion of the Association's Veterinarian, the Exhibit is in need of urgent veterinary attention.
109. An Exhibitor must not use, or have in his possession, any electric or electronic apparatus or any improper contrivance capable of affecting the performance of an Exhibit.

## **AWARDS**

110. An Exhibit shall not receive an award if in the opinion of the Judge it is unworthy of such award.

## **STEWARDS**

111. Stewards in all Sections shall perform such duties as the Council Stewards of the Section may direct. Subject to any such directions the Stewards shall:-
- (a) Attend at the time and place notified to them.
  - (b) Where required examine as to the correctness of the Entry Form in their respective sections prior to the completion of the Catalogue.
  - (c) Attend to the reception, classification, numbering and the placing of all Exhibits and to all matters in connection therewith and when required by the Council Steward of the Section, shall supervise the removal of Exhibits from the Showgrounds.
  - (d) Record all transfers and withdrawals on the Judges Award Cards and advise the Chief Executive accordingly. When such transfers are made the Exhibit must retain its original Catalogue Number.
  - (e) Attend upon the Judges, furnish them with Award Papers, Prize Cards and/or Ribbons and afford them all information and attention necessary to the discharge of their duties and see that there is no interference on the part of the public or Exhibitors with the Judges, nor discuss the merits or demerits of any Exhibits with the Judge nor do anything calculated to influence the Judge's decision.
  - (f) Sign the Judge's Award Cards, prepare Prize Cards and see these and the Ribbons are properly affixed to the prize Exhibits and in the case of dispute shall certify to the correctness and identity of the Awards.
  - (h) After each class has been judged, check the Awards as marked on the Judge's Award Cards with the Catalogue numbers on the Exhibits to verify that the correct Awards have been recorded, then arrange for the Cards to be forwarded to the Chief Executive at the completion of the judging.

- (i) Arrange amongst themselves for the constant and effective supervision of their Sections, the behaviour of the attendants and employees and the comfort and convenience of both Exhibitors and the public.
- (j) Carefully explain to the Judge the conditions of the Competition in each class and advise him that if he is of the opinion that there is equality of merit in any class or in the awarding of Special Prizes, he does not have authority to increase the prize money.
- (k) In the Livestock Sections which participate in the Grand Parades, assist in marshalling stock for such parades.
- (l) In the case of Weighing Stewards, record the weights of all stock weighed and arrange for details to be forwarded to the Chief Executive at pre-arranged intervals during each day's weighing.

### **PRIVILEGES**

- 112. The privilege or licence to sell or distribute refreshments, fodder, etc., may be granted by the Association for such consideration as the Council or Executive Committee may determine.
- 113. The arrangements for refreshments for the Judges and Stewards and for the general public during the Royal Queensland Show, shall be under the supervision of the Council or a House Committee appointed by the Council, who shall decide upon the tariff of charges for same.
- 114. Deliveries by the contractors for the supply of refreshments, fodder etc., will only be made before 9.30am each day, unless under specially unavoidable circumstances, when permission must be obtained from the Chief Executive.
- 115. No entertainment or rides for which a special charge is made shall be allowed without special permission in writing from the Chief Executive.

### **AUCTION SALES**

- 116. Public Sales of such Exhibits as Owners may desire to dispose of shall, with the sanction of the Council, be held on such day, and in such order as shall be duly notified.
- 117. Only Stud Stock, Prime Beef Cattle and Prime Sheep and Lambs, entered and judged in a competition class at the Show, shall be sold at such Sales.
- 118. All Stock are to be bona fide for Sale.
- 119. The name of the Owner's accredited Selling Agent is to be stated on the Entry Form.
- 120. No Auctioneer will be allowed to sell unless he is a member of this Association.

### **COMMISSION ON SALES**

- 121. The Council or Executive Committee may from time to time set a commission payable to the Association by the Sellers or their Agents on all sales of Exhibits, affected either by auction or privately, either on the Ground or elsewhere, during the period of the Royal Queensland Show.

### **ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER**

- 122. All electric energy used in the Association's Grounds must be obtained through the Association, which has provided distributing mains throughout the Grounds and buildings. Energy and installation charges and conditions can be obtained on application. Applications for requirements should be lodged before 31st May. No installations are to be made on the Association's Grounds, unless approved by the Association's Electrical Engineer.

### **DISPLAYING OR DISPOSING OF GOODS OR STOCK**

123. Except with the written licence of the Council no person shall whilst on the Showgrounds, do or permit to suffer to be done any one or more of the following acts:-
- (a) Give, sell, advertise, distribute, display, or canvass any goods, livestock, or matter whether for sale or otherwise; or
  - (b) Present or advertise any entertainment, attraction or display; or
  - (c) Solicit, canvass, advertise, or do any act, matter, or thing for the purpose of or as an inducement for or incidental to the collection of money or goods; or
  - (d) Do any act, matter, or thing to induce or calculated or designed to induce or for the purpose of inducing any person or persons to join any club, association, society or other body.

### **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

124. A Person must not administer a Prohibited Substance or cause one to be administered to an Exhibit, except as permitted by the By-Laws or the Regulations.
125. The Exhibitor, the Owner and Attendant of any Exhibit to which a Prohibited Substance has been administered is in breach of the By-Laws unless the Prohibited Substance is:
- (a) permitted by the by-laws to be administered; and
  - (b) administered to the Exhibit in accordance with the procedures set out in the By-Laws.
126. An Exhibit to which a Prohibited Substance has been administered in breach of the By-Laws must be removed from the Showground upon demand by the Association.
127. The administering of antibiotics may be permitted provided:
- (a) a Treatment Notification Form is submitted in accordance with the By-Laws; or
  - (c) in the case where a Treatment Notification Form has already been submitted, the antibiotics are administered in accordance with the procedures set out in the By-Laws.
128. A Treatment Notification Form must be:
- (a) completed if a Prohibited Substance has been administered to an Exhibit within:
    - (i) in the case of hormones and their synthetic counterparts, cortico steroids and anabolic steroids, 180 days; and
    - (ii) in all other cases, 14 days,  
before the day of Exhibition;
  - (b) signed by a qualified veterinarian;
  - (c) submitted to the Superintendent's office of the relevant section by 6pm on the day before the Day of Exhibition.
129. An incomplete Treatment Notification Form may be rejected by the Association and if that occurs, the Exhibit must not compete in any event unless, prior to that event:
- (a) the Exhibit has been examined as contemplated by By-Law 127 and 128;
  - (b) the Exhibitor has paid to the Association an examination fee as determined by the relevant Sectional Committee; and

- (c) permission to compete has been given in writing by the Chairman of the Veterinary Committee or the Association's Veterinary Surgeon.
130. A Prohibited Substance must not be administered to an Exhibit after submission of the Treatment Notification Form in respect of that exhibit except:
- (a) with prior written permission of the Chairman of the Veterinary Committee or;
  - (b) by Association's Veterinary Surgeon.
131. Where there has been compliance with the Regulations, an Exhibit to which a Prohibited Substance has been administered may be Exhibited:
- (a) at the discretion of the Chairman of the relevant Sectional Committee who may consult with the Chairman of the Veterinary Committee; and
  - (b) subject to such conditions as the Chairman of the relevant Sectional Committee may impose.
132. The Association may in its discretion and at any time, cause an examination to be made of an Exhibit by the Association's Veterinary Surgeon who, in the course of such examination, may:
- (a) take such samples (including, without limitation, urine, blood, saliva and faeces) from such Exhibit as he considers necessary or advisable;
  - (b) have such samples tested by such methods and procedures as he considers appropriate; and
  - (c) examine the Exhibit for desensitised limbs.
133. Any Exhibit found by the Association's Veterinary Surgeon to have a limb (or part thereof) desensitised is deemed to have had administered to it a Prohibited Substance in breach of the By-Laws.
134. Where, prior to an event, the Association's Veterinary Surgeon is of the opinion that a Prohibited Substance may have been administered to an Exhibit, the said Veterinary Surgeon may require that the Exhibit be examined prior to competing in that event.
135. The Association may publish procedures relating to the examination of Exhibits. Such procedures are binding on Exhibitors, Owners and Attendants.
136. Any exhibit which has been brought to the Showgrounds and is found to have had administered to it any prohibited substance as defined above may, without prejudice to any other action which may be taken in respect of the matter, be debarred by the Council Stewards from competing in any event for which it may have been entered.
137. Subject to the By-Laws, the exhibitor, the owner and any person in charge of an animal to which a prohibited substance has been administered, by any person, and whether or not with the knowledge of the exhibitor, owner or person in charge, is deemed to have acted in breach of this By-Law.
138. No person shall have in his possession on the Showgrounds any prohibited substance, syringe, needle or other instrument which could be used to administer a prohibited substance to an animate exhibit, unless that person shall have obtained the permission of the Association to be in such possession, or satisfies the Association that such possession is for lawful and proper use.
139. The Association and any Council Steward servant or agent of the Association shall not be liable to an exhibitor for the death of or for injury damage or infection which may be sustained by his exhibit occasioned by or arising out of any act or omission of any Council Steward, servant or agent of

the Association during the course of the testing of the exhibit whether due to the negligence of any such Council Steward, servant or agent or otherwise.

## **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

140. If there is any inconsistency between By-Laws 141-162 and any other By-Laws of the Association, By-Laws 141-162 will prevail.

### **Functions of the Disciplinary Committee**

141. 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 By-Laws or Sectional Regulations.
  - (b) any alleged breach of the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Association by an Exhibitor and relating to an Exhibit or to a competition, except if the alleged breach is of a kind that the Chairman of a Sectional Committee considers is of a less serious nature and should properly be dealt with by the Sectional Committee, and
  - (c) any other alleged breach of the Association's Rules, By-Laws, Regulations, Code of Conduct or other matters that may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee pursuant to By-Law 146

### **Constitution of the Disciplinary Committee**

142. The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise such members of Council as are appointed by the Council from time to time.
143. The Council shall appoint a member of the Disciplinary Committee as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.
144. For the purposes of any proceedings of the Disciplinary Committee, the Disciplinary Committee shall comprise, subject to By-Law 137, no less than three of its members and those persons shall constitute the Disciplinary Committee for the purpose of those proceedings.
145. 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 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.

### **Initiation of Proceedings before the Disciplinary Proceedings**

146. Proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee may be initiated:
- (a) upon the request, orally or in writing, of the President, any Chairman of a Sectional Committee or Chief Executive.
  - (b) upon receipt by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of a written complaint relating to a matter referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b) of By-Law 141.
  - (c) by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee on his or her own motion.

### **Conduct of Proceedings**

147. The Disciplinary Committee may conduct proceedings at any time between 6.00am and 11.00pm on any day.
148. All persons who constitute the Disciplinary Committee for the purposes of any proceedings must be present at any hearing conducted by the Disciplinary Committee.
149. 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 Association.
150. The Disciplinary Committee may conduct proceedings notwithstanding that any person who has been given notice fails to attend the proceedings.
151. 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.
152. 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 the Disciplinary Committee seems fit.
153. The Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion, call for and hear expert evidence.
154. No person will be legally represented without the leave of the Disciplinary Committee.

#### **Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee**

155. 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.
156. If the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee is not unanimous, the decision of the majority shall prevail. 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.

## **PENALTIES**

157. If the Disciplinary Committee considers that there has been a breach of the Rules, By-Laws or regulations of the Association, 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 and in such manner 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;
  - (f) where the person concerned is a member, a suspension or termination of that membership;
  - (g) a ban;
  - (h) exclusion;
  - (i) prohibiting a Person from exhibiting or competing at the current Show or at any future Show;
  - (j) a direction that an Exhibit be removed from the Showground;
  - (k) any other mandatory requirement; and
  - (l) any other penalty provided for in other regulations of the Association.
158. There shall be no appeal from any decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

### **Publication of Results of Disciplinary Procedures**

159. The Association may publish to:
- (a) all Royal Show Societies in Australia;
  - (b) the relevant Breed Societies;
  - (c) the body with which the Exhibit is registered, or is eligible for registration;
- 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.
160. The Association shall have no liability to any person in respect of any publication referred to in By-Law 159.
161. No person shall have any claim against the Association or against any Councillor, member, employee or agent of the Association in respect of any act, matter or thing done in good faith during or in connection with the proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee.
162. The RNA may recognise and act upon any Penalty imposed by any other similar association, organisation or body on any Person or Exhibit.

## RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES

163. The RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA shall not be liable to any Person for any loss or damage by reason of any defect, accident, negligence, neglect or breach of duty howsoever arising.

The maximum liability of the RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA to any Exhibitor or other Person arising out of such defect, accident, negligence, neglect or breach of duty whether under the law of contract, tort or otherwise, shall be:

- (a) in the case of an Exhibitor, an amount not exceeding the total of all Entry Fees paid by the Exhibitor in respect of the Show in question;
  - (b) in all other cases, the sum of \$25,000 (or such other greater amount as the Chief Executive may in writing have agreed).
164. Each Applicant, Attendant, Exhibitor, Competitor and every Person admitted into the Showground:
- (a) releases the RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA from and against all Claims by the Applicant, Attendant, Exhibitor, Competitor or the Person admitted into the Showground or any Person claiming by or through the Applicant, Attendant, Exhibitor, Competitor or the Person admitted into the Showground in connection with any act, matter or thing done or omitted by the RNA, RNA Staff Members or Officials of the RNA, whether deliberately, inadvertently or negligently;
  - (b) indemnifies the RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA against all Claims by any Person in connection with any act, matter or thing done or omitted by that Applicant, Attendant, Exhibitor, Competitor or Person admitted into the Showground or its Exhibits, employees or agents.
165. An Exhibitor's or Competitor's participation in any Exhibition, or Competition, entertainment or activity is at his own risk.
166. Every Person who enters the Showground does so at his own risk.

For the comfort, safety and enjoyment of all persons, the RNA advises that:

- (a) Person gaining unauthorised access to the Showground and/or any of the Showground's specific areas may be liable for prosecution;
- (b) RNA is not liable nor does it accept any responsibility for any loss or damage whatsoever to any person or property or the death of or injury suffered to any person or animal whilst at the Showground;
- (c) The RNA reserves the right to inspect and/or search bags brought into or out of the Showground and search all persons, their clothing and other items of such persons;
- (d) Persons causing a disturbance or refusing to comply with requests from the RNA will be ejected from the Showground;
- (e) The RNA may refuse admission to or eject persons from the Showground at its sole discretion;
- (f) Persons entering the Showground must adhere to the Work Health & Safety legislation and in particular the RNA Work Health and Safety Policy;
- (g) Additional entry conditions and requirements may apply to ticketed events conducted on the Showgrounds;
- (h) Any ticket purchased to enable entry into the Showground or any particular area or event at the Showground cannot be exchanged or returned after purchase;
- (i) The RNA and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) conduct surveillance on the Showground, and have access to security footage. A person entering the Showground may be photographed, filmed, taped and/or subjected to monitoring by close circuit television and it is deemed that a person by entering the Showground consents to the RNA or third parties appointed by the RNA photographing, filming or taping. The RNA or third parties appointed by the RNA can broadcast, publish, license and use any photographs, film,



- recordings or images without compensation. The RNA, third parties and anyone acquiring from them a right to use the material are not liable to the subject for its use in any way;
- (j) Entry to the Showground does not guarantee automatic entry to all events and activities on the Showground during the period of entry;
  - (k) Parking is restricted to areas as designated by the RNA from time to time and vehicles must not block emergency egress doors or emergency vehicle access roads and are to give way to emergency vehicles;
  - (l) All accidents or emergencies are to be immediately reported to the RNA Administration Office; and
  - (m) Persons must obey all signs, notices and directions given by the RNA whilst at the Showground.
167. The RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA are not responsible or liable for any error, Misstatement or Misdescription appearing in any:
- (a) Schedule;
  - (b) Catalogue;
  - (c) Application for Entry;
  - (e) Form;
  - (d) Advertisement; or
  - (f) Notification, whether advertised, posted, displayed or published.
168. An Exhibitor who sells an Exhibit must indemnify the RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA against any Claim at the instance of any Person purchasing or otherwise acquiring an interest in the Exhibit.
169. A Person acquiring the Ownership of or any interest in an Exhibit sold on the Showground:
- (a) does not have any Claim against the RNA, RNA Staff Members or Officials of the RNA in respect of the Exhibit to which the Exhibitor would not himself have had, had the Exhibitor continued to be the Owner of the Exhibit; and
  - (b) has the same obligations and liabilities to the RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA as he would have if he were the Exhibitor.

## **INSURANCE**

170. The RNA may (but is not obliged to) take out a policy of insurance in respect of the legal liability on the part of an Exhibitor for loss or damage suffered by a third party caused by any act or omission of an Exhibit or the Exhibitor.
171. The RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA are not liable to any Exhibitor if the RNA fails to take out a policy of insurance effectively protecting any Exhibitor or Exhibit, or if any such policy does not operate to indemnify the Exhibitor in respect of the loss or damage in question.

## **GST**

172. Unless specified all monetary amounts, including fees, commissions, penalties and awards, set out in the By-Laws and Regulations are exclusive of GST.
173. If the RNA is or becomes liable to pay GST in relation to the monetary amounts specified in By-Law 172, GST will be added to such amount.
174. Where applicable, an Exhibitor must issue a valid tax invoice and do all things necessary to ensure that the RNA is able to claim an input tax credit, set off, rebate or refund.

## WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

175. All Persons entering the Showground shall comply to the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Laws, have in place an Work Health and Safety (WHS) Policy and comply in every respect to the RNA Work Health and Safety (WHS) Policy.

## ENVIRONMENT OBLIGATIONS

176. An Exhibitor, Competitor or Attendant must not bring or permit any other Person to bring onto the Showground any dangerous, noxious, volatile, explosive, inflammable or environmentally hazardous substance or compound in any form or substance or thing unless all necessary approvals and the RNA's consent are first obtained and the said material is essential for the Exhibitor or Competitor to compete in a Competition.
177. An Exhibitor, Competitor or Attendant must not contaminate or pollute the Showground or any other property real or personal, or any part of the environment with any hazardous material or breach the biosecurity status of the Association's grounds.
178. If an Exhibitor, Competitor or Attendant causes or contributes to a breach of the biosecurity status of the Association's grounds, or causes or contributes to any pollution or contamination (including bio-contamination) of the Showground then the Exhibitor, Competitor or Attendant must at his own cost and expense remove all hazardous material, contaminants or things causing or contributing to the pollution or contamination from the Showground and immediately make good any damage caused and comply with all requirements from any relevant authority in respect of the contamination including notices to make good and pay fines.

## INFORMATION HANDLING

179. The Association is bound by the *National Privacy Principles of the Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and other applicable laws governing privacy.
180. Collection of Personal Information:-
- (a) The Association may collect, hold and use personal information about Exhibitors, their family members, invitees or Agents.
  - (b) The types of information that may be collected include names and addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, credit card details, qualifications, results of the Exhibitor's entry into the relevant Event and any warning, reprimand, suspension, fine, disqualification, dismissal, withdrawal of an award or penalty imposed on the Exhibitor in connection with entry of the Exhibit in the relevant Event. Information may also be collected from other bodies relating to the Exhibitor's entry into events held by that Body including, without limitation, warnings, reprimands, suspensions, fines, disqualifications, withdrawals of awards or penalties imposed on the Exhibitor by that Body.
  - (c) Personal Information is collected for the purpose of administration of Events, including, without limitation, processing Entry Forms, managing the Events, awarding prizes, assessing compliance with the By-Laws, Regulations and standards expected of Exhibitors participating in an Event, assessing protests made under the By-Laws and providing services to the Exhibitor during the Event.
  - (d) Personal Information may also be collected for the purposes related to the administration of Events including, without limitation:
    - (i) publication of winners' information in Association publications;
    - (ii) maintenance of records of information relevant to qualifications for future events such as warnings, reprimands, suspensions, fines, disqualifications or penalties issued in connection with the Exhibitor's entry in an Event or issued by another Body in relation to the Exhibitor's entry into an event held by that Body;

- (iii) maintenance of health and safety records in relation to Events;
  - (iv) applicable insurance cover for Events including for Exhibitors and Exhibits being animals; and
  - (v) making claims under the Association's insurance for incidents which involve an Exhibitor and occur during an event.
- (e) Personal Information may also be collected for the purpose of informing Exhibitors about future events organised by the Association.

181. Sharing Personal Information

- (a) The Association may share personal information with sponsors of Events.
- (b) The Association may share information with health service providers including medial practitioners and Ambulance officers engaged or required to provide services during Events.
- (c) The Association may also share information with service providers such as telecommunications suppliers who are providing services to the Exhibitor during the Event.
- (d) The Association will share personal information with providers of insurance and indemnity services for the purpose of providing relevant insurance cover to Events, including for all Exhibitors and Exhibits being animals, or for the purpose of making a claim under insurance held by the Association in connection with an incident involving the Exhibitor.
- (e) The Association may also share personal information with other Bodies.
- (f) If legal, health or safety issues arise, the Association may be required to disclose information relevant to organisations to deal with these matters.

182. Access and Correction

- (a) An Exhibitor may contact the Association if the Exhibitor has a complaint or a query about the information handling practices of the Association.
- (b) An Exhibitor may request that the Association remove any personal information about that Exhibitor published in connection with an Exhibit or an Event from the Association's publications. The Association will, to the extent that it can reasonably do so and as soon as is reasonably practical, remove such information from the relevant publications.
- (c) An Exhibitor may request the Association to provide access to any personal information held by the Association about the Exhibitor, to the extent authorised by the Privacy Act and all other applicable laws. Those laws may not give rise to a right of access to all information or in all circumstances.

An access request must be made in writing, addressed to:

The Privacy Officer  
The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland  
Locked Bag 1010  
**ALBION QLD 4010**

**Brendan Christou**  
**Chief Executive**  
**26 March 2025**