

**FOR THE CONDUCT OF 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 relevant to this schedule, the following General 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. GENERAL REGULATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES**

- 1.1 All affiliated Queensland agricultural shows are conducted subject to the rules of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc (QCAS), the constitution and rules of this Society, and any other special regulations which appear within the schedule.
- 1.2 Affiliated agricultural societies may, as required, supplement these regulations with their own special regulations ensuring they are consistent with QCAS regulations.
- 1.3 The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to the fact that entries are accepted subject to the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of QCAS 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 upon application to QCAS or the society relevant to this schedule.
- 1.4 No refunds will be made after close of entry.

#### **2. JUDGING**

- 2.1 Judging will be performed by a Judge or panel of Judges appointed by the Society
- 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.
- 2.3 It is considered good ethics that 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 Judges competition at that Show, BUT they can still enter at another Show where they are not acting in a judging roll.
- 2.4 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.

#### **3. NOTICE TO INTENDING EXHIBITORS**

- 3.1 No person under disqualification recognised by the Society may exhibit or compete.
- 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.
- 3.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of General Regulation 3.2 above, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Section Chief Steward.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Exhibitors whose entries have not been accepted shall be advised accordingly and entry fees refunded.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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 Show grounds.
- 3.8 Any persons causing a nuisance by loud comments, or the decision of the Judges or of otherwise unseemly behaviour will after being cautioned, be expelled from the show grounds, and in the case of exhibitors, be liable for disqualification.

#### **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.

#### **5. PRIVACY STATEMENT**

- 5.1 The information provided by exhibitors is used by QCAS 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 you 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.

#### **6. WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- 6.1 All QCAS 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 QCAS 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 Show ground's.
- 6.2 Each exhibitor/competitor will assess the risk to themselves, staff, family, volunteers, other exhibitors, agricultural society staff, show visitors, children and any person foreseeably affected by the presentation of their exhibit.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Exhibits will only be held & handled by competent persons whose experience is known to the Exhibitor/Competitor.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 Any exhibitors/competitors intending to bring electrical equipment to the Show ground'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.
- 6.7 The use of double adaptors is prohibited and all power boards must also be tested and tagged.
- 6.8 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 QCAS affiliated Shows

#### **7. DISCLAIMER**

- 7.1 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 QCAS 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 QCAS legal obligations and responsibilities, if you require confirmation of any information please contact the QCAS Office.

#### **8. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 The information an Exhibitor provides on the Application for Entry determines whether GST is applicable.
- 8.3 Any prize stated in this Schedule does not include GST.
- 8.4 GST will not apply:
  - a. If an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as a hobby or private recreational pursuit; or
  - b. 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.
- 8.5 If an Exhibitor enters an Exhibit as part of a business enterprise, the Exhibitor is not entitled to an ABN as the business or enterprise is not operating in Australia.
- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 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

## **9. PROTESTS**

- 9.1 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 \$50.

## **10. PENALTIES**

- 10.1 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 Show ground;
  - 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 Show ground;
  - k. any other mandatory requirement; and
  - l. any other penalty provided for in other regulations of the Society.
- 10.2 There shall be no appeal from any decision of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 10.3 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;
- 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.
- 10.4 The Society shall have no liability to any person in respect of any publication referred to above
- 10.5 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.