

# **NEWCASTLE BUDGERIGAR CLUB INC**

## **SHOW RULES**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1. "Club" means the Newcastle Budgerigar Club Inc.
- 1.2. "Constitution" means the Newcastle Budgerigar Club Inc. Constitution.
- 1.3. "Committee" means the Committee (as defined in clauses 13 & 14 of the Constitution) of the Club.
- 1.4. "Supplementary Rules" means the Supplementary Rules drafted by the Committee Group of the Club.
- 1.5. "Show Sub-Committee" means the sub-committee appointed under clause 23 of the Club Constitution and as described in Rule 2 of the Show Rules.
- 1.6. "Show Rules" means rules drafted by the Show Sub-Committee of the Club. (This document)
- 1.7. "Unbroken Cap" (a.k.a. "Nest Feather") is a bird in general nest feather and must not have the following features:- a solid iris ring (where present in the variety) coupled with adult coloured cere, pin feathers in the cap, visible adult feathers in cap, neck, body or wing.
- 1.8. "Juvenile" is a bird rung with a ring issued for the current calendar year
- 1.9. "Young" is a bird rung with a ring issued in the previous calendar year
- 1.10. "Old" is any bird older than a young bird.
- 1.11. "Any Age" is any juvenile, young or old bird.
- 1.12. "Committee Group" means the combined Committee and Operations Sub-Committee.

### **2. SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 2.1. The Show Sub-Committee shall consist of the President, Show Manager, Assistant Show Manager, Secretary, Show Secretary, Assistant Show Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Stewards, Editor and any other persons appointed by the Committee Group under clause 23 of the Constitution.
- 2.2. A quorum for a Show Sub-Committee meeting shall be 3 members of the Show Sub-Committee.
- 2.3. At a meeting of the Show Sub-Committee:-
  - a) the President or, in the President's absence, the Show Manager shall preside, or
  - b) if the President and the Show Manager are absent or unwilling to act, one of the remaining members of the Show Sub-Committee chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.

### **3. CONDUCTING OF SHOWS**

- 3.1. All shows conducted by the Club will be held in accordance with the Show Rules, the Constitution and Supplementary Rules.

### **4. ENTRIES**

- 4.1. Entries shall be communicated to the Show Secretary or his assistants not later than the date and time indicated in the Show Schedule.
- 4.2. Entry fees shall be paid not later than the time of benching of exhibits.
- 4.3. All entry fees shall be paid irrespective of whether the entry is benched or not. Any exhibitor failing to pay for all entries shall have the whole of their entries refused and shall render themselves subject to disqualification.
- 4.4. Cheques, Postal Notes, Money Orders and the like shall be made payable to the Club as indicated in the Show Schedule, and not to any individual officer of the Club.
- 4.5. The Show Sub-Committee shall have the right to refuse any entry with reasonable cause. Final decision is the prerogative of the Show Manager.
- 4.6. Disputes arising from Rule 4.5 of the Show Rules shall be heard by the Committee whose decision in the matter shall be final.
- 4.7. Regrouping of exhibits shall be at the discretion of the officiating Show Sub-Committee. Final decision is the prerogative of the Show Manager.
- 4.8. All entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor on the date of entry. Borrowing for the purpose of showing or sales for limited periods will render both parties liable to disqualification.
- 4.9. All birds competing shall be rung with a closed ring of the Club or of an organisation recognised by the Club unless otherwise stated in the Show Schedule. This ring must be issued or registered to the exhibitor. Birds may carry an additional split ring on the other leg. Birds may carry an additional closed ring of a different year (also complying with this Rule) on the other leg. The age of the bird (as defined in Rules 1.8 through 1.11 of the Show Rules) shall be determined using the year of the oldest closed ring on either leg.
- 4.10. All birds competing in Club shows must be bred by the exhibitor unless otherwise stated in the Show Schedule.
- 4.11. All unringed birds must be shown in old bird classes unless otherwise stated in the Show Schedule
- 4.12. In the case of Partnerships, rings shall be registered in the name of the Partnership and the Partnership shall be recognised as the breeder notwithstanding in which member of the Partnership's aviary the bird is bred.
- 4.13. Entries shall not be accepted from any person expelled or currently under suspension by the Club under clause 11 of the Constitution. Entries shall not be accepted from any person disqualified by any other society or body recognised by the Club.
- 4.14. Dealers may exhibit, but only in their own name, not as a bird shop or other trade name.
- 4.15. Unbroken cap birds shall not be exhibited.

### **5. SHOW DISQUALIFICATION**

- 5.1. Any improper show practice shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor adjudged to have done so shall have all his entries disqualified for that particular show.
- 5.2. The judge may disqualify any exhibit if, in his opinion, it is in breach of Rule 5.1 of the Show Rules. The disqualification must be in writing, signed by the judge, must specify the reason, and be lodged with the Show Manager or other authorised officer before completion of judging. The Show Sub-Committee or an authorised sub-committee of at least three competent independent persons must examine the exhibit and record their findings. The Show Sub-Committee shall notify the exhibitor in writing concerning the nature of the disqualification. The notice to the exhibitor shall be given before completion of judging, or, if absent, within reasonable

time as the Show Sub-Committee may determine. The exhibitor shall be permitted to examine all evidence and to answer the charge within such reasonable time as the Show Sub-Committee may direct. The exhibitor must be presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

- 5.3. Any exhibitor may lodge a protest with the Show Manager or other authorised official at any time up to 30 minutes before the advertised time of presentation of trophies, against any exhibit/exhibitor on the grounds of violation of any provisions of the Show Rules. The protest must be in writing, signed by the protester, must specify the particulars of the charge and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$2. This deposit shall be forfeited if the Show Sub-Committee decides the protest is frivolous, vexatious or unjustified, but otherwise may be returned to the protester. Upon acceptance of the protest the Show Sub-Committee shall promptly notify the exhibitor in writing concerning the protest. The Show Sub-Committee or an authorised sub-committee of at least three competent persons must examine the exhibit, if appropriate, and record their findings. If the Show Sub-Committee considers there is a case for it to proceed with the protest it shall inform the exhibitor who shall be permitted to examine all evidence and answer the charge within such reasonable time as the Committee may direct. The exhibitor must be presumed innocent unless proven guilty.
- 5.4. The Show Sub-Committee shall disqualify the exhibit and/or its exhibitor against which a protest has been duly lodged and upheld.
- 5.5. If an exhibit is disqualified, the Show Sub-Committee may also disqualify its exhibitor. Any exhibitor so disqualified shall forfeit all prizes awarded at the particular show.
- 5.6. Any exhibitor found by the Show Sub-Committee to have knowingly made a false entry for any exhibit at the particular show shall forfeit all prizes awarded there and may be disqualified. The Show Sub-Committee shall define whether such disqualification shall constitute entire disqualification of the exhibitor for the particular show.
- 5.7. The Show Sub-Committee shall have the right to refuse admission to any person during the show, and to have removed any person behaving offensively.
- 5.8. Any person making loud comments on the decision of the judges, if persisting after being cautioned by an authorised show official, shall be removed from the show and may otherwise be dealt with by the Show Sub-Committee.
- 5.9. Any disqualification under these Show Rules must be reported in writing within fourteen days of its imposition to the exhibitor and to other recognised official bodies.

## **6. STANDARD**

- 6.1. All shows and show schedules under control of the Club shall follow the guidelines and format of The Standard of the Australian National Budgerigar Council unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.

## **7. SHOW CAGES**

- 7.1. All exhibits shall be staged in standard show cages complete with drinker conforming to the specifications of the Australian National Budgerigar Council standard show cage.
- 7.2. Superseded standard cage designs of state and national bodies recognised by the Club may be used for exhibiting in lieu of that described in rule 7.1 of the Show Rules until such time as a notice of their non-acceptance is declared by the Club.
- 7.3. All exhibits shall be delivered to the Show complete with a drinker in place in the cage. This drinker may be empty or filled with clear water before commencement of judging or after completion of judging. The drinker contents may not be altered whilst any judging is in progress unless authorised by the Show Manager. The cage floor shall be evenly covered with sufficient mixed seed to last the duration of the show unless stated otherwise in the schedule. This seed is to be any combination of the various millets, plain canary and hulled oats. It cannot include whole oats, corn, milo (sorghum), sunflower, peas, safflower, rape (canola), linseed or any other seed considered to be foreign to an accepted budgerigar mixture unless stated otherwise in the Show Schedule.

## **8. LABELS**

- 8.1. Cage labels for each cage shall be issued to the exhibitor by the Club and must be affixed to the bottom left hand front corner of the cage unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.
- 8.2. Non-Standard Colour/Non-Standard Variety exhibits shall have an additional label affixed to the bottom right hand front corner of the cage unless otherwise stated in the show schedule. The exhibitor shall write a visual description of the bird on this label.

## **9. DISEASE**

- 9.1. Any bird having an obvious disease or complaint shall not be admitted to the show.
- 9.2. Any bird developing any disease or complaint during the course of the show shall be removed from the show bench by the Show Manager or his deputy.
- 9.3. Any bird having any defect which prevents it from maintaining its correct position on the perch shall not be permitted to compete.
- 9.4. The entry fee of any sick birds so described shall be forfeited.

## **10. DELIVERY OF BIRDS**

- 10.1. All exhibits shall be delivered to the exhibition or show not later than the time indicated in the schedule.

## **11. RISK**

- 11.1. Whilst the Club shall exercise all possible care for the protection and safety of the exhibits at all times, it shall not hold itself responsible for the death or loss by theft or otherwise of any exhibit.
- 11.2. Any bird entered in the wrong class may be changed at the discretion of the Show Sub-Committee to the correct class provided that judging of the affected classes has not been completed.
- 11.3. During the course of the show the whole of the exhibits, including the show cages shall be in the sole custody of the Show Manager and shall not be touched or handled by the owners or any unauthorised person under any pretext whatsoever. Should any exhibitor consider the safety of his exhibits requires prompt attention he may request any official of the Show Sub-Committee to give consideration to the matter and such official shall report to the Show Manager. The Show Manager may take whatever actions deemed necessary to ensure the welfare of exhibits, including but not limited to, watering of exhibits.
- 11.4. The Show Sub-Committee may cancel any show where environmental conditions exceed the Club's heat policy as set out in the Supplementary Rules or as otherwise stated in the Show Schedule.

## **12. JUDGING**

- 12.1. All officiating judges shall be bound by the Judges Panel Code of Ethics.

- 12.2. The decision of the judges shall be final on all questions of merit. The judge shall judge in accordance with The Standard of the Australian National Budgerigar Council unless otherwise directed by the Show Sub-Committee.
- 12.3. The judge may not withhold any award from the exhibit, unless he considers the bird to be wrong classed, diseased or in an unclean condition.
- 12.4. In the event of any misunderstanding arising or a mistake occurring, the Show Sub-Committee shall instruct the judges to rectify such misunderstanding or mistake and if he fails to do so, the Show Sub-Committee itself shall make the correction.
- 12.5. Judges shall complete the judges award slips as instructed by the Show Sub-Committee.
- 12.6. Selection of all awards shall be in accordance with procedure as laid down by the Show Sub-Committee.
- 12.7. No bird shall be permitted to compete in more than one class at the same show. However such exhibit may compete for several special awards (if eligible).

### **13. RINGS**

- 13.1. Rings issued prior to the Club's ring issue date shall not be recognised. Exhibitors with birds carrying other than Newcastle Budgerigar Club Inc rings must be aware that authenticity checks may be carried out on all major award winners, therefore requiring records to be kept by the issuing society or club.
- 13.2. Club rings shall only be issued to members of the Club.
- 13.3. Rings registered to a member of the Club may not be transferred to any other person unless such rings are sighted by the Ring Registrar before the rings have been placed on birds and the Ring Registrar's records adjusted to take note of the transfer.

### **14. SALE OF BIRDS**

- 14.1. Any exhibitor desirous of selling any exhibit during the Show, where special selling classes are not provided, shall advise the Show Secretary in writing, with the price required. Such price and notice that the exhibits are for sale may be placed on the cage by the Show Secretary after completion of judging. All sales of exhibits effected at the Show shall be subject to a commission rate to the Club of 10 percent of the sale price. Any exhibit sold shall remain on the bench until the end of the Show and then will be handed over to the purchaser by the Show Secretary or other officer deputised by him. All purchases must be paid for at the time of claiming and are thenceforth at the sole risk of the purchaser.

### **15. SHOW SEASON**

- 15.1. The show season shall be deemed to commence on the 1st day of January each year.

### **16. SHOW STATUS**

- 16.1. All exhibitors will be allocated a show status immediately upon the first occurrence of presenting birds for exhibition at a show run by the Club under the Show Rules. The show status allocated to the exhibitor shall be valid only at shows run by the Club or any other organisation who recognises the statuses of the club.
- 16.2. All non-members of the club shall compete at a status equivalent to the highest status they have ever held in any other budgerigar or avicultural society recognized by the club. The Show Sub-Committee shall have the final decision on the allocation of a show status to the non-member.
- 16.3. Any exhibitor under 17 years of age before the completion of the current show season shall exhibit as Junior status. All Junior exhibitors must be over 7 years of age, however in the case of partnerships at least one member must be over 7 years of age.
- 16.4. All Junior status exhibitors shall progress to Novice status at the commencement of the first show season after turning 17 years of age or the winning of six major awards, whichever occurs first. A Major award is considered to be Best Junior Award at a Newcastle Budgerigar Club Young Bird or Annual Show.
- 16.5. All exhibitors, except those classified as Junior status, showing in their first show season shall exhibit as Beginner status.
- 16.6. All Beginner status exhibitors shall progress to Novice status at the completion of their first show season. Any Beginner status exhibitor who first shows on or after the 1st day of August and before the 1st day of January of the following year shall remain Beginner Status for the season beginning on that same 1st day of January.
- 16.7. A Novice status exhibitor shall immediately progress to Intermediate status after 6 points from wins have been accumulated. The following will constitute a win.
  - (a) Champion or Best Opposite Sex or Reserve Champion in Status if sex is not a consideration.
  - (b) Best of Variety at a Variety Show or a Breeders trophy win.
  - (c) A bird selected to represent the State in the N.S.W. team.
 Points will be awarded for wins as follows.
  - (a) Newcastle Budgerigar Club Annual and Young Bird Shows
  - (b) BSNSW Annual Show
  - (c) BSNSW Branch Annual Shows.
  - (d) Associated Societies Annual Shows,
  - (e) State Selection,
  - (f) BSNSW Branch and Associated Societies Young Bird Shows,
  - (g) Variety Shows.
 Note: In any one Show any one Bird can only attain one point.
- 16.8. An Intermediate Exhibitor shall immediately progress to Open status after 15 points from wins have been accumulated. The following will constitute a win.
  - (a) Champion or Best Opposite Sex or Reserve Champion in Status if sex is not a consideration.
  - (b) Best of Variety at a Variety Show or a Breeders trophy win.
  - (c) A bird selected to represent the State in the N.S.W. team.
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  - (c) BSNSW Branch Annual Shows.
  - (d) Associated Societies Annual Shows.
  - (e) State Selection.

(f) BSNSW Branch and Associated Societies Young Bird Shows.

(g) Variety Shows.

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- 16.9. Members who attain their maximum allowable points for their Status (as described in Rules 16.7 and 16.8 of the Show Rules) during the current show season will retain their current lower status until the commencement of the next show season for the purpose of Club Table Shows only. At all other Shows during the current show season the higher upgraded status as determined by Rules 16.7 and 16.8 of the Show Rules shall apply.
- 16.10. Members who consider they have been unjustly graded or consider they are no longer competitive in their given status, may direct an appeal to the Show Manager ( giving full details in writing), for subsequent consideration by the Show Sub-Committee or Committee.
- 16.11. Exhibitors shall not be permitted to show in classes of any status lower than their own status.
- 16.12. Restricted status shall mean any status other than Open status.
- 16.13. If Restricted exhibitors exhibit in higher status classes at shows, where Restricted classes are provided, they shall be ineligible to return to their original Restricted status.
- 16.14. Exhibitors in Restricted status may exhibit birds in a higher status bird class without affecting their status if no such bird class is specifically provided for that Restricted status.
- 16.15. Any exhibitors, who consider their status is too high, may appeal in writing to the Committee for review.
- 16.16. The Show Sub-Committee or Committee shall have the right to alter the status of any exhibitor.
- 16.17. A member residing at the same address as another member with a higher show status may show at the lower status provided that both members have a fully paid individual Club membership type of Senior, Junior or Pensioner, and have separately registered rings. Persons abusing this rule or gaining unfair advantage due to this rule shall have the statuses of all involved parties reviewed by the Show Sub-Committee or Committee.
- 16.18. Members having a multi-person membership type (i.e. Partnership, Joint Juniors, Junior Partnerships and Family) must have a single status. Such a multi-person membership made up of members previously holding different individual statuses must exhibit together at the highest status of any of the individual members making up that multi-person membership.

## **17. ALTERATIONS TO SHOW RULES**

- 17.1. The Show Rules may be altered, rescinded or added to by the Show Sub-Committee or Committee. Any such revisions, unless considered to be of a minor administrative nature, shall be publicised to the general membership of the Club, and voted on by the members at a General Meeting at an appropriate time after such publication. A notice in the Bulletin shall be considered as sufficient publicity to members.
- 17.2. These Show Rules shall become effective from August 2019 and shall rescind all previous Show Rules.