

# **GENERAL COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATION for HAWKESBURY SHOW**

The following Rules and Regulations are to be read in conjunction with rules and regulations for specific sections set out in individual Schedules.

## **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

- All exhibits must be entered in the name of the owner, or in the case of livestock the owner or registered lessee, who shall, if requested by an HDAA official, make a Statutory Declaration as to ownership.
- No exhibit may be entered by, or in the name of, any person disqualified by any recognized kindred Club or Society.
- Every exhibit must be entered in its proper class, otherwise it may be excluded from competition for prizes.
- The judge's decision will be final and without recourse. Exemptions: protest rights, if applicable, are detailed in individual section schedules.
- No steward, being an exhibitor in the section of which he/she is a steward, shall be present with, or near the judge or judges, or wear his/her official ribbon in their presence, when that exhibit is being judged. Any steward offending under these conditions will, on protest (if upheld), render his/her exhibit liable to disqualification.
- No exhibitor will be permitted to be with a steward or judge during the time of judging, unless by special request of the stewards, and the exhibits of any person infringing this rule shall be disqualified.
- Any person annoying, disputing, insulting or interfering with a judge, steward or official whilst in the execution of their duty shall render them liable to police notification and Agricultural Societies Council of NSW and/or to be expelled from the Showground, and no liability shall be incurred by any such judge, steward or official.
- Exhibitors, and their attendants, shall carry out the instructions of the stewards in the performance of their duties.
- The Committee may receive, for exhibition only, and not for competition, if space permits, any exhibit not specified in the Schedule.

A breach of these regulations may result in forfeit of any prize which may have been awarded to that exhibit, a fine to be determined by the Committee, and/or refusal to accept further entries from that exhibitor for a period of time to be determined by the Committee.

## **ENTRIES**

- Entry applications must be made in writing on the official entry form, or on-line if applicable, correctly executed and accompanied by the stated entry fees and any other required documentation.
- All 'non – livestock' exhibits that are judged prior to the commencement of public admission to the Show must be delivered to the appropriate area of the Showground by the date stated in the Schedule for the section of entry. Exhibitors shall be deemed liable for fees for all entries made, whether or not the entry is exhibited.
- In the event of a protest based on misrepresentation of age, documented proof of age must be produced if requested and, if misrepresentation is proven, exhibit will be disqualified. The decision of the Committee, or its representative, will be final.
- The Committee reserves the right to, without giving reason for doing so, refuse or cancel any entry.
- The Committee reserves the right of adjudication on any questionable entry, or any point not provided for in the Rules and Regulations of the Association, and of making any alteration which may be deemed necessary.
- The decision of the Committee on all points referred to it for adjudication shall be final without recourse.

## **ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBITS**

- Exhibitors, or their agents, must, if requested by the stewards, identify their respective exhibits to enable classification and numbering before submission for judging. Arrangement of exhibits will be under the direction of the relevant steward(s).

## **DISEASES OR DANGER**

- Should there be any reason to suspect that any exhibit is either diseased or dangerous the Committee reserves the right to refuse participation of the entry in competition and / or removal from the Showground.
- For livestock entries, the completion of all documentation requirements as per the relevant Schedule(s) will be taken as confirmation that the animal specified is free from all disease as far as is known by the exhibitor. Should an infectious disease be spread through or by any exhibit, the exhibitor shall be held responsible.

## **CONTROL OF EXHIBITS**

- Exhibitors shall, under direction of the stewards, arrange their exhibits and no exhibit shall afterwards be removed without the sanction of the stewards.
- Members of the Committee and stewards shall, at any time during the currency of the Show, have the power to enter space allotted to an exhibitor, and give directions as regards the exhibits as they may think fit. Exhibitors shall not attach to any exhibit ribbons or prize cards not actually won at the Show then being held, or remove any official placard or ribbon from any exhibit.

## **PROTESTS**

- In general any protest shall be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary's office with a \$50.00 protest fee within one hour of such incident taking place. Protest upheld will be returned the Protest Fee. Protest dismissed will forfeit the Protest Fee. Refer individual Schedules for specific section requirements.

## **ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY**

- The Association (HDAA) provides for the welfare and treatment of animals on the Showground. The expectations and requirements are for the care of animals and if exhibitors breach these conditions HDAA may take action if required through ejecting the involved exhibitor and/or reporting the incident to the RSPCA for appropriate action. An exhibitor or attendant of an animal exhibit must use all reasonable steps to ensure that the exhibit is housed and cared for in accordance with the Animal Welfare Policy. Please be mindful that there is public patrons watching you and your animals throughout the day. Animal Welfare is a human responsibility that encompasses all aspects of animal wellbeing. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Proper housing • Management • Nutrition • Responsible care • Humane handling, and • Veterinary treatment

## **PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY**

- Prize money will be paid each day of the Show and on each working day after the Show up until May 31 on the production of the Prize Card. Prize money not claimed by May 31, will be forfeited to the Association.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

- The Committee shall take all reasonable care for the safety of exhibits, but the Association shall not be held responsible for any accident, loss, incorrect delivery or damage that may occur to, or by, exhibits during the Show. It shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Association harmless, and indemnify it from any legal proceedings arising from such accident, loss, incorrect delivery or damage.
- The Association reserves the right that should it, for any reason whatsoever, cancel or abandon any competition at the Show or the Show in its entirety, it shall be entitled to refund all or any entry fees and to return any entries received and incur no claim for damage, loss or otherwise in regard thereto.

## **WILFUL INFRINGEMENT OF REGULATION OR BY LAW**

- In the event of a wilful infringement by an exhibitor of any of the foregoing Regulations or By-Laws, it shall be in the power of the Committee, upon proof of same, to prohibit such exhibitor from exhibiting and competing at any of the Society's Exhibitions in the future.

**END**