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ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

.....
**BEEF CARCASE
COMPETITION**
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The Royal Melbourne Show Beef Carcase Competition provides breeders with the opportunity to benchmark their stock and celebrate excellence in beef carcase breeding, with more than 600 cattle shown over 11 days of Show.

The competition has a specific emphasis on delivering an exceptional exhibitor experience, with the highest calibre of judges, exhibitor facilities and results technology.



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Victoria's premier hoof and hook competition returns in 2019 with a revitalised format and focus on meeting the demands of the modern Australian commercial cattle industry.



Highlights

Beef Carcase Processors

Livestock entered in the Royal Melbourne Show Beef Carcase Competition will be processed at Radford and Sons plant, Warragul and the Australian Meat Group (AMG) plant, Dandenong.

The change of processing facility has provided an opportunity to update the classes, and delivers new opportunities to promote and exhibit lighter weight animals with lighter weight carcasses attracting a premium price.

Carcases will be judged using the Australian Beef Carcases Appraisal System (ABCAS). As in the past, all exhibits must be Meat Standards Australia (MSA) accredited.

Classes will be as follows:

DOMESTIC CARCASE

Processed at Radford's

Yearling weighing 300kgs live weight & not more than 400kgs live weight. MILK TEETH ONLY.

HEAVY DOMESTIC CARCASE

Processed at Radford's

Yearling weighing 400.1kgs live weight & not more than 500kgs live weight. MILK TEETH ONLY.

EXPORT CARCASE

Processed at AMG

Steer / Heifer weighing 500.1kgs live weight & not exceeding 400kgs Carcase weight. MILK & TWO TEETH ONLY

Presentation of the Matthew George Young Stockman Award

This prestigious award is named after Matthew George, a young stockman who lived in the Lake Goldsmith Stockyard Hill area in Victoria all his life.

2019 marks the 10th anniversary of the Matthew George Award being presented at the Royal Melbourne Show. The award provides an opportunity for young breeders, aged 18 to 25 years, to undertake an overseas study tour of beef cattle breeding programs.

The award recipient will be recognised as a young ambassador for Australia's beef cattle industry. Applications open in July and further information is available on the Ballarat Foundation website.

Presentation: Sunday 22 September in the Livestock Pavilion.

What's New

To celebrate the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show Angus Feature we have introduced a new competition. The Angus Pure-bred steer/heifer competition includes additional classes at no extra cost. Judging will be held on Sunday 22 September with an independent judge allocated to officiate. Additional prizes will be up for grabs kindly organised by the planning committee of the Angus Feature Show. The full list of classes and prizes are outlined on page 5 of the schedule.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BEEF CARCASE EXHIBITORS

TIMETABLE

The timetable is subject to alteration and will be finalised once we have an indication of entry quantities for each breed. Refer to the timetable preceding this section.

ENTRY, BEDDING, LOCKER FEES

Detailed fee information can be found in the Regulations of Beef Cattle Competition. Enter online at www.rasv.com.au/beefcarcase to save!

- \$60.00 per head entry fee (RASV Members)
- \$80.00 per head entry fee (Non-Members.)
- \$25.00 Administration fee (Enter online and save)
- \$40.00 per head bedding fee
- \$100.00 per locker plus \$20.00 refundable key deposit. Refunds will be issued on return of key. Due to limited Accommodation Lockers, we reserve the right to limit allocation in an effort to accommodate all Exhibitors.
- \$50.00 per entry for Steer Bonanza (see relevant section in Awards for Beef Carcase Competition). This fee is an optional fee in addition to the standard entry fee and allows you to be eligible for the Steer Bonanza cash prize pool.

TRUCK PARKING AND SHUTTLE BUS

This year the RASV will be running a free shuttle bus service between the truck and float carparks and The Livestock Pavilion during designated arrival and departure times as listed on the timetable.

Truck Parking fees for this year will be:

\$70.00 full Show

CATALOGUES

Catalogue can be downloaded free of charge from

www.rasv.com.au/beefcarcase. Additional copies of the Catalogue may be purchased from the Superintendent's Office at the Royal Melbourne Show.

SAND IN THE LIVESTOCK PAVILION

Please note that sand will be placed on the pavilion floor to address cattle slipping. Please refrain from sweeping and removing the sand from the pavilion floor.

SAWDUST BEDDING FOR CATTLE - PRINCIPLES FOR GOOD MANAGEMENT

To achieve the best results from bedding cattle on sawdust, the following system of management is recommended:

- a) Pick up manure at every opportunity.
- b) Place hay in feeders and avoid feeding excessive amounts.
- c) Avoid water spillage in stalls.
- d) Regularly smooth out the bed with the aim of assisting drying.
- e) Consider using rubber matting for front half of bed.
- f) Do not dig out the wet patches.
- g) Do not disturb the bedding base.
- h) Keep the top of the bed loose.

Experience has shown that properly managed bedding will last a full Show with little need for top up bedding, particularly with some classes of livestock.

PAYMENTS TO EXHIBITORS FOR CARCASES

The RASV has engaged with Mulcahy Nelson Livestock to settle the sale of the carcasses from the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show. A 3% commission will be placed on the sale of each individual carcase.

Mulcahy Nelson will be issuing payments to all exhibitors on behalf of the processor AMG, Radfords and the RASV. Please note that payment will only be made via electronic funds transfer. Cheques will not be issued.

The RASV will provide Mulcahy Nelson with the EFT details you provided on your entry form. No payments will be made to third parties. All payments for carcasses will be paid to the bank account nominated to receive any competition prize money. All competition prize money will be paid by the RASV.

BREED REFERENCE

AA - Angus	LL - Limousin
AL - Australian Lowline	LH - Longhorn (Texas)
UU - Australian Red	MU - Maine Anjou
AU - Australis South Devon/Angus	MG - Murray Grey
BI - Bazadaise	PZ - Pinzgauer
BS - Beef Shorthorn	PC - Poll Charolais
BL - Belgian Blue	PD - Poll Devon
SB - Black Simmental	PH - Poll Hereford
BA - Blonde d'Aquitaine	PS - Poll Shorthorn
BF - Braford	SI - Poll Simmental
BB - Brahman	RA - Red Angus
BH - Brahmousin	RP - Red Poll
BG - Brangus	SL - Salers
BV - Braunvieh	SG - Santa Gertrudis
BU - British Blue	SV - Shaver Beefblend
BW - British White	SS - Shorthorn
CB - Charbray	SM - Simbrah
CC - Charolais	SH - Simford
DD - Devon	SC - Simindicus
DX - Dexter	SI - Simmental
DM - Droughtmaster	SD - South Devon
DU - Durham	SP - Speckle Park
GA - Galloway (including Belted)	SQ - Square Meater
GV - Gelbvieh	OO - Unknown
HH - Hereford	WY - Wagyu
HI - Highland	WB - Welsh Black

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION CODE

The Property Identification Code of the Melbourne Showgrounds is 3MWAG001.

JOHNE'S DISEASE STATUS

All exhibitors are advised to review changes to the Royal Melbourne Show Johnes Disease Mangement detailed in Special Regulation 34. Changes to Australian Johnes Disease Management are explained in further detail on the Animal Health Australia website.

PESTI VIRUS

Please note that all Beef Cattle, Beef Carcase and Dairy Cattle Exhibits must be tested for Pestivirus (Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus) and certified as Non-PI (Persistently Infected). Exhibitors must provide a signed veterinary certificate or laboratory report, listing animals and their identification upon entry

TIMETABLE

Friday 20 September

Arrival all exhibits 9:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday 21 September

School Teacher Meeting 9:00am

Sunday 22 September

School Teacher Meeting 8:30am
Discuss the evening Angus Judging

Weighing 9:00am - 10:00am

Borthwick Nominations Close 4:00pm
Nominations returned to Livestock office

Angus Feature Show Steer Classes 5:30pm

Matthew George Presentation 7:00pm

Youth in Steers BBQ 7:30pm
Proudly Supported by ABS Australia

Monday 23 September

Judging 2:00pm
Borthwick Trophy

Judging 2:30pm
Led Steer and Heifer Competition

Steer Exhibitor BBQ 7:30pm
Proudly supported by McLardy McShane Insurance and Financial Services

Tuesday 24 September

Judging 10:00am
School and College Paraders' Competition

Best Maintained Team Award 4:00pm

Steer Exhibitor Meeting 5:00pm
Halters are provided at meeting

Exhibitor Departure 6:00pm – 8:30pm
Exhibitors will be requested to replace their halters with RASV rope halters in preparation for Exhibits' departure

Animal Departure 9:00pm
All Exhibits will be loaded by RASV staff

Saturday 28 September

Beef Carcase Awards Presentation 5:00pm
Presented in the Livestock Pavilion

ENTRY

1 - CARCASE ENTRY

LED

Once weighed, Exhibits will be assigned to an Ordinary Class Heat. Exhibitors will be advised of their Heat prior to judging.

ORDINARY

LEDB01 - LED DOMESTIC (300KG TO 400KG) HEAT 1

Eligible Classes: 1

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDB02 - LED DOMESTIC (300KG TO 400KG) HEAT 2

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDB03 - LED DOMESTIC (300KG TO 400KG) HEAT 3

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDB04 - LED DOMESTIC (300KG TO 400KG) HEAT 4

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDC01 - LED HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG) HEAT 1

Eligible Classes: 1

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDC02 - LED HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG) HEAT 2

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDC03 - LED HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG) HEAT 3

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDC04 - LED HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG) HEAT 4

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDC05 - LED HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG) HEAT 5

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDC06 - LED HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG) HEAT 6

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDC07 - LED HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG) HEAT 7

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDD01 - LED EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER) HEAT 1

Eligible Classes: 1

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDD02 - LED EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER) HEAT 2

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDD03 - LED EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER) HEAT 3

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDD04 - LED EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER) HEAT 4

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDD05 - LED EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER) HEAT 5

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDD06 - LED EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER) HEAT 6

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

LEDD07 - LED EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER) HEAT 7

PRIZE: 1ST \$25, 2ND \$15, 3RD \$10, RASV SASH

SPECIAL

LED1S - CHAMPION DOMESTIC STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LEDB01 - LEDB04

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED2S - RESERVE CHAMPION DOMESTIC STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LED1S

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED3S - CHAMPION HEAVY DOMESTIC STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LEDC01 - LEDC07

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED4S - RESERVE CHAMPION HEAVY DOMESTIC STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LED3S

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED5S - CHAMPION EXPORT STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LEDD01 - LEDD07

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED6S - RESERVE CHAMPION EXPORT STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LED5S

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED7S - GRAND CHAMPION STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LED1S, LED3S, LED5S

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED8S - CHAMPION SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LEDB01 - LEDB04, LEDC01 - LEDC07, LEDD01 - LEDD07

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED9S - RESERVE CHAMPION SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE STEER OR HEIFER

Eligible Classes: LED8S

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

LED10S - BEST MAINTAINED TEAM

Awarded by the RASV Beef Cattle Committee to the Best Maintained Team (Non School Exhibitor or College). This award recognises and rewards the presentation of the cattle display to the general public.

PRIZE: 1ST RASV WALL PLAQUE

ANGUS FEATURE SHOW - PURE BRED STEER/HEIFER COMPETITION

To celebrate the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show Angus Feature, the beef carcass competition has expanded to include additional classes, exclusively for pure bred Angus steers and heifers - at no extra cost!

If you are exhibiting a pure bred Angus steer or heifer and would like to enter this competition, please indicate this during the entry process. Judging will be held on Sunday 22 September with an independent judge allocated to officiate this competition. All other winners will be determined from the official results of the beef carcass competition.

The Angus Feature Show planning committee have sourced some amazing additional prizes for this competition, they are as follows:

BORTHWICK TROPHY

BORTHWICK TROPHY REPRESENTATIVES
PRIZE: \$100 EACH SUPPORTED BY **ANGUS AUSTRALIA**

CONDITIONAL BORTHWICK PRIZES
If Angus are the highest scoring led team, each representative will receive an additional \$100 supported by **ANGUS AUSTRALIA**

If Angus are the highest scoring carcass team, each representative will receive an additional \$300 supported by **ANGUS AUSTRALIA**

CARCASE

HIGHEST SCORING DOMESTIC CARCASE
PRIZE: 1ST \$200, 2ND \$100, 3RD \$50 SUPPORTED BY **ANGUS VICTORIA STATE COMMITTEE**

HIGHEST SCORING HEAVY DOMESTIC CARCASE
PRIZE: 1ST \$200, 2ND \$100, 3RD \$50 SUPPORTED BY **ANGUS VICTORIA STATE COMMITTEE**

HIGHEST SCORING EXPORT CARCASE
PRIZE: 1ST \$200, 2ND \$100, 3RD \$50 SUPPORTED BY **ANGUS VICTORIA STATE COMMITTEE**

OVERALL HIGHEST SCORING ANGUS CARCASE
PRIZE: \$1,000 SUPPORTED BY **WOORABINDA PASTORAL CO**

PARADERS

ANGUS PARADERS SECTION
PRIZE: PRODUCT SUPPORTED BY **GCL SHOW SUPPLIES**

CHAMPION PARADER
PRIZE: PRODUCT SUPPORTED BY **GCL SHOW SUPPLIES**

LED

Once weighed, Exhibits will be assigned to an Ordinary Class Heat. Exhibitors will be advised of their Heat prior to judging.

The RASV Beef Cattle Committee reserve the right to deem a steer ineligible for competition if it does not show true Angus characteristics.

AFS01S - PURE BRED ANGUS LED DOMESTIC (300KG TO 400KG)

PRIZE: 1ST \$100, 2ND \$50, 3RD \$25 SUPPORTED BY **ANGUS VICTORIA - WESTERN REGION**
Eligible Classes: 1

AFS02S - PURE BRED ANGUS LED HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG)

PRIZE: 1ST \$100, 2ND \$50, 3RD \$25 SUPPORTED BY **RABOBANK**
Eligible Classes: 1

AFS03S - PURE BRED ANGUS LED EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER)

PRIZE: 1ST \$100, 2ND \$50, 3RD \$25 SUPPORTED BY **WILLIE & JOANNE MILNE**
Eligible Classes: 1

AFS04S - CHAMPION PURE BRED ANGUS STEER OR HEIFER

PRIZE: \$500 SUPPORTED BY **INCITEC PIVOT**

Eligible Classes: AFS01S, AFS02S, AFS03S

AFS05S - RESERVE CHAMPION PURE BRED ANGUS STEER OR HEIFER

PRIZE: \$250 SUPPORTED BY **INCITEC PIVOT**

Eligible Classes: AFS04S

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Exhibitors are required to nominate an Ordinary Class Heat based on the age of the Parader.

ORDINARY

SCH1 - PARADERS ENTRY

Parader born on or before 21 Sep 2011

JUNIOR

SCH-H1 - PARADERS HEAT 1, 12 YEARS AND UNDER

Parader born on or before 22 Sep 2006

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H2 - PARADERS HEAT 2, 12 YEARS AND UNDER

Parader born on or before 22 Sep 2006

SCH-H3 - PARADERS HEAT 3, 13 TO 14 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2004 and 21 Sep 2006

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H4 - PARADERS HEAT 4, 13 TO 14 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2004 and 21 Sep 2006

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H5 - PARADERS HEAT 5, 13 TO 14 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2004 and 21 Sep 2006

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H6 - PARADERS HEAT 6, 13 TO 14 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2004 and 21 Sep 2006

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H7 - PARADERS HEAT 7, 13 TO 14 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2004 and 21 Sep 2006

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH1S - JUNIOR CHAMPION SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE STEER OR HEIFER PARADER

Eligible Classes: SCH-H1 - SCH-H7

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT SUPPORTED BY GCL SHOW SUPPLY

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

SCH2S - RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE STEER OR HEIFER PARADER

Eligible Classes: SCH1S

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

INTERMEDIATE

SCH-H8 - PARADERS HEAT 8, 15 TO 16 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2002 and 21 Sep 2004

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H9 - PARADERS HEAT 9, 15 TO 16 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2002 and 21 Sep 2004

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H10 - PARADERS HEAT 10, 15 TO 16 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2002 and 21 Sep 2004

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H11 - PARADERS HEAT 11, 15 TO 16 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2002 and 21 Sep 2004

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H12 - PARADERS HEAT 12, 15 TO 16 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2002 and 21 Sep 2004

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H13 - PARADERS HEAT 13, 15 TO 16 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2002 and 21 Sep 2004

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H14 - PARADERS HEAT 14, 15 TO 16 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2002 and 21 Sep 2004

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH3S - INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE STEER OR HEIFER PARADER

Eligible Classes: SCH-H8 - SCH-H14

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT SUPPORTED BY GCL SHOW SUPPLY

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

SCH4S - RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE STEER OR HEIFER PARADER

Eligible Classes: SCH3S

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

SENIOR

SCH-H15 - PARADERS HEAT 15, 17 TO 18 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2000 and 21 Sep 2002

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H16 - PARADERS HEAT 16, 17 TO 18 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2000 and 21 Sep 2002

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H17 - PARADERS HEAT 17, 17 TO 18 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2000 and 21 Sep 2002

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H18 - PARADERS HEAT 18, 17 TO 18 YEARS

Parader born on or between 22 Sep 2000 and 21 Sep 2002

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H19 - PARADERS HEAT 19, 19 YEARS AND OVER

Parader born before 21 Sep 2000

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H20 - PARADERS HEAT 20, 19 YEARS AND OVER

Parader born before 21 Sep 2000

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH-H21 - PARADERS HEAT 21, 19 YEARS AND OVER

Parader born before 21 Sep 2000

Eligible Classes: SCH1

SCH5S - SENIOR CHAMPION SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE STEER OR HEIFER PARADER

Eligible Classes: SCH-H15 - SCH-H21

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT SUPPORTED BY GCL SHOW SUPPLY

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

SCH6S - RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE STEER OR HEIFER PARADER

Eligible Classes: SCH5S

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH

SPECIAL

SCH7S - THE BOTT - BURSTON PERPETUAL TROPHY

The Bott-Burston perpetual trophy plus an annual replica will be awarded to the Most Successful School or College Hoof & Hook Exhibitor, gaining the highest total number of points in the School & College Paraders. Live Steer and Heifer, and Beef Carcass classes (Refer to Special Regulations).

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT SUPPORTED BY **PATON LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT**



PRIZE: 1ST PERPETUAL TROPHY, RASV SASH

SCH8S - THE MARCUS OLDHAM COLLEGE TROPHY

Champion School and College Carcass
Eligible Classes: CARB, CARC, CARD

PRIZE: 1ST PERPETUAL TROPHY, RASV SASH, RASV WALL PLAQUE

The Marcus Oldham College Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring carcass entered by a School or College. The trophy will remain in the possession of the RASV and a replica will be presented to the winning School or College.

SCH9S - THE MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC TROPHY

The Melbourne Polytechnic Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring School or College bred and prepared carcass. The trophy will remain in the possession of the RASV, and a replica will be presented to the winning School or College.

Eligible Classes: CARB, CARC, CARD

PRIZE: 1ST PERPETUAL TROPHY, RASV SASH

SCH11S - BEST MAINTAINED SCHOOL OR COLLEGE EXHIBITOR

Awarded by the RASV Beef Cattle Committee to the Best Maintained School or College Exhibitor. This award recognises and rewards the presentation of the cattle display to the general public.
PRIZE: 1ST RASV WALL PLAQUE

CARCASS

Once processed, Exhibits will be assigned to an Ordinary Class.

ORDINARY

CARB - CARCASS DOMESTIC (300KG TO 400KG)

Eligible Classes: 1

PRIZE: 1ST \$300, 2ND \$150, 3RD \$50

CARC - CARCASS HEAVY DOMESTIC (400.1KG TO 500KG)

Eligible Classes: 1

PRIZE: 1ST \$300, 2ND \$150, 3RD \$50

CARD - CARCASS EXPORT (500.1KG AND OVER)

Eligible Classes: 1

PRIZE: 1ST \$300, 2ND \$150, 3RD \$50

SPECIAL

CAR1S - CHAMPION DOMESTIC CARCASS

Supported by Radford & Son

Eligible Classes: CARB

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH, TROPHY

CAR2S - CHAMPION HEAVY DOMESTIC CARCASS

Supported by Cardinia Meat Co

Eligible Classes: CARC

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH, TROPHY

CAR3S - CHAMPION EXPORT CARCASS

Supported by Australian Meat Group

Eligible Classes: CARD

PRIZE: 1ST RASV SASH, TROPHY

CAR4S - GRAND CHAMPION CARCASS

Eligible Classes: CAR1S, CAR2S, CAR3S

PRIZE: 1ST \$1,000, RASV SASH, TROPHY



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SUPREME SIRE AWARD

SSA01 - THE WELLCOM SUPREME SIRE AWARD
Supreme Sire Award – Recognising the Beef Industries ‘Best of the Best’



The Supreme Sire Award provides an opportunity for exhibitors to display the commercial traits of their herd and be awarded for showcasing high quality beef genetics. The \$10,000 award will be won if the same sire sires the Supreme Champion Beef Breed Exhibit and the Grand Champion Carcase. In any one year of the Royal Melbourne Show, the Grand Champion Carcase must be either entered, managed or bred by the exhibitor of the winning Supreme Champion Beef Breed Exhibit.

Regulations:

1. The exhibitor is responsible for notifying RASV prior to the Show if they have animals entered in the Beef Cattle and Beef Carcase Competitions indicating the Sire that may be eligible for the Award.
2. The Sire must be a fully registered animal with the applicable breed society.
3. For the Grand Champion Carcase animal to be eligible to compete for the award, the animal must be either:
 - a. Entered and solely owned by the exhibitor who wins the Supreme Beef Breed Exhibit
 - b. Co-owned in a partnership with the exhibitor who wins the Supreme Beef Breed Exhibit
 - c. Entered by a School or College, with the exhibitor who wins the Supreme Beef Breed Exhibit listed as the original breeder of that animal

In all cases, the exhibitor **must be either listed as a co-owner or recognised as the original breeder upon entry into the Beef Carcase Competition.**

1. The RASV will collect either hair or blood samples from Beef Carcase Exhibit(s) that have been entered into the award at the Showgrounds. This sample will be stored until the results of the Beef Cattle Competition have been finalised.
2. At the conclusion of Beef Cattle Interbreed, if the Supreme Beef Breed Exhibit has been nominated as eligible for the Supreme Sire Award, the RASV will collect either hair or blood samples to be used for DNA validation of the award.
3. In the event that the award appears won, the winning exhibitor is responsible for providing a verified DNA sample of the nominated Sire and the Dam(s) of the winning animals after they have been announced the winner of the Supreme Beef Breed Exhibit and Grand Champion Carcase.
4. For sires that have already been DNA Profiled, exhibitor must provide RASV permission to access the DNA profile if they own the profile, or arrange for the owning breed society to grant permission.
5. The RASV will arrange for DNA testing of all samples.
6. Any animal which is deemed unable to be DNA referenced will be ineligible for the competition.
7. The RASV and associated DNA testing company will decide upon the validity of the DNA test.
8. The \$10,000 bursary will only be provided to the exhibitor of the Supreme Beef Breed Exhibit and Grand Champion Carcase at the conclusion of the DNA test results.
9. In the event of the award being won, RASV will award prize money to the one winning exhibitor. The exhibitor who receives the Wellcom \$10,000 cash prize is at their own discretion, responsible for allocating funds to any third party involved in the breeding and preparation of the winning exhibits.
10. The \$10,000 bursary will remain in trust with the RASV until such a time as it is won by an exhibitor.

In an effort to ensure the integrity of the competition, the above listed rules may be subject to change prior to the close of entries into the 2019 Competition.

STEER BONANZA

Refer to the Special Regulations for further details.

BON01 - STEER BONANZA
PRIZE: 1ST - 3RD RASV SASH

THE BORTHWICK TROPHY

Refer to the Special Regulations for further details.

BORSEL - THE BORTHWICK TEAM - SELECTION
Eligible Classes: 1

BOR1S - THE BORTHWICK TEAM - LIVE JUDGING
Eligible Classes: BORSEL

BOR2S - THE BORTHWICK TEAM - CARCASE JUDGING

BOR3S - THE BORTHWICK TROPHY

The Borthwick Trophy is widely recognised as the most prestigious interbreed steer and carcase award in Australia. The conditions of the competition are as under:

- a) The competition to be between teams of three purebred steers. Heifers are not eligible for the Borthwick Trophy.
 - b) Steers to be led into the judging ring.
 - c) Each team to be representative of any recognised Beef Cattle Breed.
 - d) Each team to be selected from amongst the entries in the ordinary classes by a Breed Panel prior to live judging of these classes.
 - e) Each breed to be represented by one team only.
 - f) The results of both live and carcase judging will be considered in determining the winner of the Borthwick Trophy, with 25% of total points allocated for live judging and 75% of total points allocated for carcase appraisal. (Maximum points awarded by live judge - 100 points).
 - g) Points gained by the steers in the carcase judging (maximum 300 points) to be added to the points awarded alive.
 - h) The winner of the Borthwick Trophy will be the team that gains the highest aggregate points in both the live and carcase judging. (Maximum 400 points).
 - i) The Borthwick Trophy to be competed for in perpetuity, and the name of the winning breed to be engraved on it each year. The Trophy to remain the property of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited.
- A replica of the trophy will be presented to each of the Exhibitors of the winning team.

Past Winners:

1953 Angus; 1954 Angus; 1955 Angus; 1956 Hereford; 1957 Angus; 1958 Angus; 1959 Angus; 1960 Poll Hereford; 1961 Angus; 1962 Poll Hereford; 1963 Angus; 1964 Angus; 1965 Angus; 1966 Angus; 1967 Murray Grey; 1968 Angus; 1969 Poll Shorthorn; 1970 Poll Shorthorn; 1971 Hereford; 1972 Murray Grey; 1973 Murray Grey; 1974 Angus; 1975 Murray Grey; 1976 Murray Grey; 1977 Murray Grey; 1978 Galloway; 1979 Galloway; 1980 Galloway; 1981 Murray Grey; 1982 Angus; 1983 Hereford; 1984 Angus; 1985 Poll Hereford; 1986 Angus; 1987 Angus; 1988 Angus; 1989 Angus; 1990 Murray Grey; 1991 Charolais; 1992 Charolais; 1993 Murray Grey; 1994 Murray Grey; 1995 Murray Grey; 1996 Murray Grey; 1997 Hereford; 1998 Shorthorn; 1999 Angus; 2000 Murray Grey; 2001 Shorthorn; 2002 Shorthorn; 2003 Shorthorn; 2004 Murray Grey; 2005 Charolais; 2006 Charolais; 2007 Charolais; 2008 Charolais; 2009 Limousin; 2010 Simmental; 2011 Limousin; 2012 Limousin; 2013 South Devon; 2014 Angus; 2015 Simmental; 2016 Shorthorn; 2017 Shorthorn; 2018 Limousin

Eligible Classes: BOR2S
PRIZE: 1ST PERPETUAL TROPHY

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR SCORE

The feedback from your score sheet provides a great deal of information and can identify areas for future improvement. When preparing cattle for a competition, remember that high scores come from three main factors:

Meeting the weight, fat, sex and dentition specifications of the class
High yield of saleable meat - optimum fat cover and heavy muscling
High eating quality - young and well nourished, not stressed, with marbling as a bonus.

An "average" young animal will achieve a high score if it is fed well in the final six weeks, it is not excessively stressed in the 24 hours before slaughter and it meets the correct weight and fat specifications. Very high scores are possible by retaining these features and increasing saleable meat yield.

1. - Meeting market specifications

Key indicators: HSCW; sex; dentition; P8 fat depth; Meat colour; Fat colour.

Meeting the weight/fat target is the key starting point for achieving a high score. Achieving a weight and fat target is a complex combination of management and animal factors - frame size, muscling, genetics - and nutrition. Heavily muscled or large framed cattle require higher level of nutrition (and/or a longer time) to put on the same fat depth.

Optimal meat colour comes from cattle that are younger, have high levels of nutrition and low pre-slaughter stress (see meat quality). Ideal fat colour (firm and white) results from feeding a grain-based ration. Young, grass-fed cattle produce a creamy-white fat colour, which is highly acceptable for most markets. Deeper yellow fat is undesirable and comes with older, grass-fed cattle. Some feeds can change the characteristics of fat, for example, large amounts of lupins can produce fat that is soft and greasy.

2. - Improving saleable meat yield

Key indicators: Eye-muscle area (EMA), rib fat depth.

"Yield" is the weight of saleable cuts as a percentage of carcass weight. It is not to be confused with dressing percentage which is the ratio of carcass to live weight. High-yielding carcasses are heavily muscled with optimum fat depth.

Among cattle meeting market specifications and minimum quality requirements for grading, the greatest potential to improve your score is by increasing yield. CRC research confirms that high yielding carcasses contain significantly more beef.

Ensure fat depth is within the optimum specifications - this will maximize your yield points with the particular animal. Overfat carcasses require more trimming, resulting in lower yield.

To increase EMA points, and therefore yield, after fat depth is optimized, in future you will need to select a more muscular animal.

Consider these points:

Crossbreed, using high-yielding sire breeds

Select bulls for moderate frame and heavy muscling, either visually or with help from BREEDPLAN EBVs for higher yield and EMA

Heavily muscled cattle occur in most breeds, you don't have to use large European types

More muscular cattle usually put on less fat, especially if they are large framed - they may need more feed or longer preparation time to reach the target fat depth

Females from heavily muscled bulls are just as functional for breeding, as long as you avoid the extremes.

3. - Improving eating quality

Key indicators: pH, Ossification score, Tropical Breed Content, Hump height, Marbling, Meat colour

The above key indicators along with other factors such as hanging method and ageing combine to produce the final eating quality score. As some factors interact with others, it is not possible to allocate points independently to each factor.

A score of zero in this section means the carcass failed to meet one or more of the minimum requirements for grading. This does not mean the beef has no value, but does mean its value has been severely downgraded against the industry's minimum quality benchmark.

If you received zero in the eating quality section, use the individual feedback assessments to identify the reason. It may be pH over 5.7, meat colour over Chip 3, rib fat depth less than 3mm or inadequate fat distribution. Any of these factors will result in a complete loss of meat quality points, and should be given highest priority for correction in the future.

High pH or dark Meat colour are signs of pre-slaughter stress and low energy reserves at slaughter. Ensure as a minimum that nutrition is kept at a high level in the two weeks prior to slaughter, the animal has a quiet temperament and there is minimum handling and minimum time between farm and slaughter

Inadequate rib fat or fat distribution - feed a better quality ration with sufficient energy or feed for longer prior to slaughter

Once the carcass has met minimum grading requirements the best ways to maximize your eating quality score are:

Ensure optimum pH (5.4-5.6) and meat colour (1b to 1c) by building up energy reserves before slaughter (good nutrition, minimum stress, avoid mixing with strange cattle, minimise handling, minimum time from farm to slaughter)

Minimise the tropical breed content (hump height)

Do not use hormonal growth promotants (HGPs)

Increase marbling by using proven genetics (BREEDPLAN EBVs and GeneStar Marbling)

Ensure good growth, without setbacks, and a fat cover near the top of the optimum range

Aim for lower ossification score by faster growth for age

Apart from these animal factors, research by the Beef CRC and MSA has defined other significant factors that can be used to improve meat quality. These are either included in MSA grading requirements or the variable factors in the meat quality calculation. They include:

Minimising pre-slaughter stress by conducting necessary pre-slaughter assessments well beforehand (say 2 weeks), and transporting cattle direct to the abattoir for slaughter without delay

Ensuring chilling and electrical stimulation are operated by the abattoir to optimum specifications

Hanging carcasses by tenderstretch to improve the eating quality of most major cuts and reduce the need for ageing

Ageing cuts after slaughter to increase tenderness.

Further Information

Meat Standards Australia - www.msagrading.com

Beef CRC - www.beefcrc.com

NSW Department of Primary Industries - www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

It is important to remember that to receive Eating Quality points, carcasses must meet MSA minimum standards:

Minimum 3mm of Rib Fat

Adequate Fat Distribution

Ultimate pH below 5.7

Meat Colour of or between 1b and no greater than 3

CONDITIONAL PRIZES

RASV is pleased to advertise the following conditional prize money on behalf of each breed society. These prizes will be paid directly by each society to the eligible exhibitor/s.

Any breed society wishing to advertise their conditional prize money is invited to contact the RASV on (03) 9281 7444.

Exhibitors wishing to enquire about the listed prizes are advised to contact their relevant breed society directly.

ANGUS



VICTORIAN STATE COMMITTEE – ANGUS AUSTRALIA will provide trophies to the exhibitors and breeders of the winning team of the Borthwick Trophy provided it is won by the Angus Breed.

BEEF SHORTHORN



PRIZE: JOHN WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL TROPHY SUPPORTED BY THE BEEF SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIAN BRANCH).

Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Beef Shorthorn gaining the highest points for a carcass across all classes combined.

PRIZE: \$200 SUPPORTED BY THE BEEF SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (FEDERAL COUNCIL)

Awarded to the Exhibitor of any winning animal in the live judging provided it is a Beef Shorthorn or Beef Shorthorn cross and is the progeny of a registered Beef Shorthorn sire or dam.

PRIZE: \$200 SUPPORTED BY THE BEEF SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (FEDERAL COUNCIL)

Awarded to the highest scoring Beef Shorthorn or Australian Shorthorn or cross-bred steer or heifer carcass, where either the sire or dam is a registered Beef or Australian Shorthorn and provided that a minimum score of 75 points or more is achieved (highest scoring over all classes).

PRIZE: \$500 SUPPORTED BY THE BEEF SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (FEDERAL COUNCIL)

Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Champion Steer on Hoof and Hook combined. Prize money to a maximum of \$500 only.

BELGIAN BLUE



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY THE **AUSTRALIAN BELGIAN BLUE CATTLE SOCIETY.**

PRIZE: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25 – Hoof judging (per class) provided the exhibit is sired by a registered Pure Bred Belgian Blue Sire.

PRIZE: \$75 Grand Champion Steer or Heifer on the Hook provided the exhibit is sired by a registered Pure Bred Belgian Blue Sire.

PRIZE: \$35 Reserve Grand Champion Steer or Heifer on the Hook provided the exhibit is sired by a registered Pure Bred Belgian Blue Sire.

PRIZE: 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100 Hook judging (per class) provided the exhibit is sired by a registered Pure Bred Belgian Blue Sire.

PRIZE: \$200 Awarded to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Carcass provided the exhibit is sired by a registered Pure Bred Belgian Blue Sire.

PRIZE: \$100 Awarded to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Carcass provided the exhibit is sired by a registered Pure Bred Belgian Blue Sire.

BELTED GALLOWAY



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY THE **AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION INC.**

PRIZE: \$50 Awarded to the Exhibitor of the highest scoring pure or cross bred Belted Galloway carcass, provided the cross bred is entered as a Belted Galloway.

PRIZE: \$150 Awarded to each Exhibitor of pure or cross bred Belted Galloway carcasses provided the carcass gains 85 points or higher.

PRIZE: \$500 Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Grand Champion Carcass provided it is a Belted Galloway or Belted Galloway cross.

PRIZE: \$500 Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Grand Champion steer provided it is a Belted Galloway or Belted Galloway cross.

CHAROLAIS



THE FOLLOWING PRIZE IS SUPPORTED BY THE **CHAROLAIS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**

PRIZE: \$400 Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Grand Champion Carcass, provided such Exhibit is sired by a Charolais.

DEXTER



PRIZE: \$200 SUPPORTED BY **DEXTER CATTLE AUSTRALIA INC.**

Awarded to the Exhibitor of any winning animal in the live or carcass judging providing it is a Dexter or Dexter cross sired by a registered Dexter or from a Dexter mating

GALLOWAY



THE FOLLOWING PRIZE IS SUPPORTED BY **THE AUSTRALIAN GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION**

PRIZE: \$550 Awarded to the Champion Carcass provided it has a parent which is registered with the AGA.

HIGHLAND



PRIZE: \$600 SUPPORTED BY **THE AUSTRALIAN HIGHLAND CATTLE SOCIETY INC.**

Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Highland gaining both first place and 80 points or higher in any Carcass class, provided the sire or dam is a Highland and nominated on the entry form.

Winning first place entitles the exhibitor to apply to the AHCS by 31 October in the current calendar year for inclusion in the AHCS Carcass Competition.

LIMOUSIN



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY **THE AUSTRALIAN LIMOUSIN BREEDERS SOCIETY LTD.**

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Grand Champion Carcass provided it is sired by a Limousin.

PRIZE: \$150 Awarded to each Exhibitor of the Exhibits which win the Borthwick Trophy provided they are Limousins.

MURRAY GREY



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY **THE MURRAY GREY BEEF CATTLE SOCIETY.**

To be eligible to receive the prize money that the MGBCS is offering all winning steers/heifers must be by a registered Murray Grey Sire, as indicated on their entry form.

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the School exhibiting the Highest scoring Murray grey on hoof and hook combined.

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Highest Scoring Murray Grey School Carcass.

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Highest scoring Murray Grey Carcass

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Champion Light Domestic Steer

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Champion Heavy Domestic Steer

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Champion Export Steer

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Champion Light Domestic Carcass

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Champion Heavy Domestic Carcass

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Champion Export Carcass

PRIZE: \$1000 Awarded to the Grand Champion Carcass

PRIZE: \$1000 Awarded to the Grand Champion Steer

RED ANGUS



www.redangus.org.au

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY **THE RED ANGUS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.**

PRIZE: \$500 Awarded to the Exhibitor of a Red Angus or Red Angus sired crossbred animal that wins Grand Champion led steer, provided there are over 50 entries and has a RASA registered pedigree.

PRIZE: 1st \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$25 Awarded to the Exhibitor of a Red Angus or Red Angus cross steer, placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd on the hook.

PRIZE: \$1000 Awarded to the Exhibitor of a Red Angus or Red Angus crossbred animal winning Grand Champion Carcass, provided there is over 50 entries and has a RASA registered pedigree.

PRIZE: \$100 per exhibit Awarded to the Exhibitor(s) of Red Angus exhibits winning the Borthwick Trophy.

RED POLL



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN RED POLL CATTLE BREEDERS INC. (VICTORIAN REGION)

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Grand Champion Carcase, provided such exhibit is a pure-bred Red Poll by a registered sire.

PRIZE: \$200 for the Highest Scoring Pure Bred Red Poll or Red Poll Cross Carcase with 50% minimum Red Poll. Donated by A & F. Moya, Tiraslea Red Polls.

SANTA GERTRUDIS



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY THE SANTA GERTRUDIS BREEDERS (AUST) ASSOCIATION.

PRIZE: \$500 if there are greater than 50 head entered and \$250 if there are under 50 head entered, providing the winning entry is of predominantly Santa Gertrudis blood and showing Santa Gertrudis characteristics.

SHORTHORN



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY SHORTHORN BEEF (VICTORIAN BRANCH)

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion provided such Exhibit is a pure bred Shorthorn. Name of the sire and dam to be stated on the Entry Form.

PRIZE: \$100 Awarded to the exhibitor of a Shorthorn steer placing 1st in the live class provided such an exhibit is by a registered sire or dam.

PRIZE: \$100 Awarded to the exhibitor of a Shorthorn steer placing 1st on the hook provided such an exhibit is by a registered sire or dam.

PRIZE: \$250 Awarded to the exhibitor of the highest point scoring Shorthorn steer above a minimum of 80 points.

PRIZE: The **JOHN CRILLY MEMORIAL TROPHY** will be awarded to the breeder of the highest scoring purebred Shorthorn Carcase.

SIMMENTAL



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY SIMMENTAL AUSTRALIA VICTORIAN BRANCH

PRIZE: \$500 Awarded to the exhibitor of the Heavy Domestic Champion Carcase provided the winning Carcase is nominated on the entry form as Simmental, Simmental Cross, Simbeef (Minimum 25% or more Simmental) OR SimAngus.

PRIZE: \$200 Awarded to the highest scoring Heavy Domestic Simmental Carcase if not the winner, provided the winning Carcase is nominated on the entry form as Simmental, Simmental Cross, Simbeef (Minimum 25% or more Simmental) OR SimAngus.

PRIZE: \$500 Awarded to the exhibitor of the Export Champion Carcase, provided the winning Carcase is nominated on the entry form as Simmental, Simmental Cross, Simbeef (Minimum 25% or more Simmental) OR SimAngus.

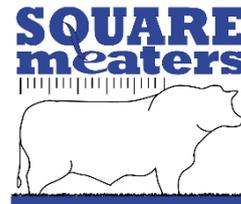
PRIZE: \$200 Awarded to the highest scoring Export Champion Simmental Carcase if not the winner, provided the winning Carcase is nominated on the entry form as Simmental, Simmental Cross, Simbeef (Minimum 25% or more Simmental) OR SimAngus.

PRIZE: \$1500 Awarded to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Carcase, provided the winning Carcase is nominated on the entry form as Simmental, Simmental Cross, Simbeef (minimum 25% or more Simmental) OR SimAngus.

PRIZE: \$1200 Awarded to the winner of the Borthwick Trophy, provided the winning Carcase is nominated on the entry form as Simmental, Simmental Cross, Simbeef (Minimum 25% or more Simmental) OR SimAngus.

PRIZE: \$500 Awarded to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion on the Hoof, provided the winning Carcase is nominated on the entry form as Simmental, Simmental Cross, Simbeef (Minimum 25% or more Simmental) OR SimAngus.

SIMMENTAL



THE FOLLOWING PRIZES ARE SUPPORTED BY THE SQUARE MEATERS CATTLE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD.

PRIZE: \$200 Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Grand Champion Live or Carcase animal provided it is a Square Meaters, sired by a Square Meater.

PRIZE: \$100 Awarded to the Exhibitor of the highest scoring Square Meaters Steer or Heifer

ON THE "HOOK" (MUST SCORE OVER 80 POINTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRIZE), PROVIDING THE ANIMAL IS NOMINATED AS A SQUARE MEATERS OR SQUARE MEATERS CROSS, EXHIBIT TO BE THE PROGENY OF A REGISTERED SQUARE MEATERS SIRE OR DAM.

AUSTRALIAN BEEF CARCASE APPRAISAL SYSTEM (ABCAS)



The Australian Beef Carcase Appraisal System ranks beef carcasses on their overall merit, and gives feedback to producers about compliance to market specifications, the yield of saleable meat and the potential eating quality of the meat.

ABCAS combines the extensive experience of the NSW Department of Primary Industries in carcase judging and evaluation with the advanced technology of the world's most comprehensive grading system, Meat Standards Australia (MSA). Practices to improve and optimise meat quality have come directly from research by the Co-operative Research Centre (CRC) for Beef Quality.

ABCAS focuses on the factors that producers can control. In commercial grading, MSA accounts for many factors that affect eating quality but which the producer cannot control, such as pre-slaughter management, livestock handling, hanging method, chilling and ageing.

As far as possible, carcase competitions and educational activities should be structured in accordance with MSA grading requirements to optimise meat quality and demonstrate best practice. Please note that although ABCAS provides grading information on all carcasses, in many competitions they will not be eligible for sale as MSA-graded beef, either because they do not meet MSA licensing conditions, or because they cannot meet requirements for pre-slaughter management (e.g. no mixing of different mobs of cattle, and direct delivery from farm to abattoir).

To assess market suitability, the basic specifications of a carcase are judged for compliance against the specifications of the appropriate market category.

1. - Compliance to Market Specifications (20 points total)

Most markets require carcasses to meet basic specifications of age (dentition), sex, weight and P8 (rump) fat depth. Dentition is usually checked in the live cattle, and is not part of the carcase assessment, while some markets specify only steers.

1.1 - P8 Fat Depth (10 points) is measured on the hot carcase at the P8 site, over the rump, and is the method of describing fatness in the AUS-MEAT national carcase description language. It is commonly used to set market targets and for payment of premiums and discounts. Optimum P8 fat depth is the range set for each class (Market Category) in the carcase specifications.

1.2 - Meat Colour (5 points) is recorded using AUS-MEAT standard meat colour chips in a range of 1a (very pale) to 7 (very dark purple). Colour strongly influences consumer appeal, with bright, pinkish colours in the range 1b to 3 being most acceptable to consumers.

1.3 - Fat Distribution (5 points) Ideally, a carcase will have a thin, even fat cover over all the important cuts, especially over the rump and forward along the backline. This contributes to eating quality by slowing the chilling rate, and reduces weight loss due to dehydration as the carcase chills.

Carcasses will lose points for inadequate cover, or for heavy, wastey deposits. Key areas for assessment of excessive fat deposits are the subcutaneous fat (especially over the ribs), intermuscular (seam) fat and internal fat in the cod, udder, ribs and brisket.

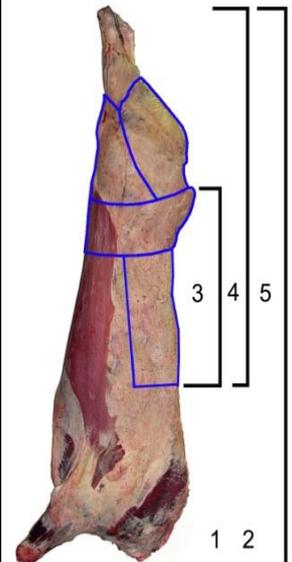
1.4 - Fat Colour is recorded for your information at the end of the eating quality section but has no direct impact on eating quality; excessive yellowing or softness may affect the saleability of the carcase. Fat colour is assessed on the internal seam fat at the quartered site using the AUS-MEAT chips and ranges from 0 (bright white) to 9 (very yellow).

There are no points allocated for fat colour but individual competitions may apply penalty points (max. 5) if a carcase exceeds Fat colour 3 or if a market specification for fat colour is set.

1.5 - Penalties may be applied to carcasses that:

- fall outside the specified weight range (usually 1 point per kg outside)
- Exceed Fat colour 3 or fall outside the specified fat colour range
- Show Secondary Sexual Characteristics (bull or stag)
- Fall outside specifications for dentition
- Exhibit obvious defects, e.g. bruising, blood splash, injection site damage.
- * Carcasses must have adequate fat cover over the highlighted areas to receive maximum points.

Points	Description
5	Meets minimum fat requirements with good even fat cover over entire body, without excess deposits of subcutaneous or seam fat.
4	Meets minimum fat requirements with good even cover over the butt.
3	Meets minimum fat requirements with fat cover over major primals, Cube roll, Striploin and Rump.
2	Lean carcasses or carcasses with uneven fat distribution. Also carcasses with some excess fat deposits or seam fat.
1	Fails to meet minimum fat requirements or over-fat carcasses with excessive fat deposits.
0	Extremely lean or extremely fat, wastey carcasses.



2. - Saleable Meat Yield (35 points total)

Saleable meat yield is the proportion of the carcass that is saleable as primal cuts and meat trimmings. It excludes bone and waste fat. High-yielding carcasses are preferred, and they are heavily muscled with a thin, even fat cover, but the fat depth and distribution must be adequate to meet quality requirements.

2.1 - Rib Fat Depth (15 points) is a good indicator of carcass yield with over-fat animals having lower yields. It is measured in millimetres at the quartering site (usually 10/11th or 12/13th rib). Optimum rib fat depth is the range set for each class (Market Category) in the specifications. To receive eating quality points, carcasses must meet the MSA minimum standard of 3mm at the quartering site.

2.2 - Eye Muscle Area (20 points) is a good indicator of the red meat content of the carcass. It is measured in square centimetres at the quartering site (10/11th or 12/13th rib) and points awarded according to the area measured in relation to the carcass weight. The larger the rib eye area in relation to the carcass weight the higher the points awarded.

3. - MSA Eating Quality (45 points, combined)

When Meat Standards Australia (MSA) grades a carcass, grading is based on the principles that:

1. The potential meat quality of an animal must be realised as far as possible by minimising stress between farm and slaughter, and by optimising chilling/electrical stimulation conditions during processing
2. There are known variable factors that affect the eating quality of individual muscles and adjustments are made for their effect.

The MSA Grading Model predicts eating quality of the muscles by different cooking methods. It applies all our current knowledge about the factors affecting meat quality - which muscles they affect, by how much, and what interactions there are with other factors. These have been defined by a large research effort and more than 439 000 consumer product tests, involving some 62 800 consumers. In the Australian Beef Carcase Appraisal System the MSA eating quality score is the average predicted MSA eating quality score of 11 major primal cuts, cooked by their optimum method. Scores have been scaled to deliver a maximum of 45 points for eating quality. If carcasses fail to meet MSA minimum requirements, they are below the benchmark standard for high quality table beef and will not receive an eating quality score.

3.1 - Ultimate pH is a measure of acidity / alkalinity levels of the meat. It is very important for keeping quality (shelf life) and is related to its cooking properties, colour and consumer acceptance.

After slaughter, the reserves of glycogen (energy) in the animals' muscles are converted to lactic acid, causing the pH to fall. As long as there is adequate glycogen present at slaughter, the pH will fall to within the normal range of 5.4 to 5.7. If there is not enough glycogen (due to stress or poor nutrition) then pH will remain above the acceptable limit of pH 5.70 and the meat is likely to be dark in colour, with poor keeping quality.

High pH meat is more difficult to cook to the right degree of doneness. At the same temperature as a cooked normal steak, it appears much rarer and if further cooked will lose its juices and become tough and dry.

- MSA rejects carcasses with pH over 5.70
- A slight downward adjustment is made to eating quality of all cuts from carcasses high in the acceptable 5.70 range.

To maintain high glycogen levels it is important to maintain a high level of nutrition and water prior to slaughter and minimise transport and handling stress.

Eating quality variables and their effect

In commercial grading, once cattle have been slaughtered and have met processor requirements for eligibility, the grader enters information about each carcass and the MSA Model predicts the eating quality of each cut (visit www.msagrading.com for further details). Predictions are scientifically based and validated by the extensive MSA consumer testing program.

Processor requirements include:

1. Meeting the MSA pH decline "window" - the rate of chilling and amount of electrical stimulation to optimise meat quality, determined by CRC research)
2. Cattle must be from a licensed producer / saleyard and must be accompanied by an MSA vendor declaration.
3. Direct consignment cattle must be killed the day after dispatch.
4. No mixing or drafting of different mobs of cattle.

Please note that the structure of some competitions may preclude the carcasses from commercial grading. In this case, the assessments are provided for education and feedback.

3.2 - Ossification (maturity) and Carcase Weight

Ossification score is a measure of physiological maturity of the beef carcass. Hot Standard Carcase Weight (HSCW) is used in conjunction with the ossification score to identify carcasses with greater weight for maturity - faster grown cattle have better eating quality.

As beef cattle mature the cartilage present around the bones of the spinal column gradually change into bone (ossify). The rate at which this occurs is reasonably predictable but is affected by factors such as sex and nutrition. The scale of ossification runs from 100 to 590.

Cuts from carcasses with lower ossification at the same weight are graded higher. Increasing ossification has a cut-by-cut effect with a high effect on some cuts (e.g. rump) and a low effect on others (e.g. oyster blade).

Ossification score is influenced by a number of other factors:

- Heifers tend to have higher ossification scores at the same age compared to steers
- Hormonal Growth Promotants (HGP) - treatment tends to increase ossification scores
- Nutritional setbacks or injury can increase ossification score, and this is not reversible.

Ossification score is assessed at three different locations on the sawn chine: the 5 sacral vertebrae (Tail), 6 Lumbar (back) and first 13 thoracic vertebrae (ribs).

3.3 - Tropical Breed Content (TBC) % and Hump Height

MSA data clearly shows that cattle with tropical breed content have a higher risk of delivering "unacceptable" beef to consumers. Research by the Beef CRC has found that these breeds do carry more genes associated with toughness, but if animals are well managed before slaughter and optimally processed, the differences are small. MSA research has determined that the major negative effect is toughening of the striploin, cube roll, tenderloin and oyster blade - all high value grilling cuts. The effect is smaller in the cuts with higher connective tissue such as brisket, topside, outside (silverside) and eye round.

The percentage of tropical breed content is taken into account by the grading model in combination with other factors. All cuts from 100% tropical breeds can still meet acceptable MSA consumer standards if the cattle are within age and fat limits and optimum eating quality interventions such as tenderstretch hanging, and ageing of cuts, are applied.

In crossbred cattle the hump height is an easily measured indicator of the percentage tropical breed content (TBC %). Animals of the same TBC can show different levels of visible traits such as hump, pizzle and ear length. Analysis of MSA data has confirmed that when adjusted for carcass weight, hump height can also be used to estimate the 'tropical breed effect' on eating quality. Hump height is measured in increments of 5mm on the hump muscle (M. Rhomboideus) on the animals' neck.

The tropical breed content (TBC) is supplied by the producer on the MSA Vendor Declaration or as the breed description on the competition entry form. Values are expressed as a percentage: 0, 12, 18, 25, 38, 50, 75, 100.

The grading model adjusts hump height for carcass weight and ossification, then checks this against the declared TBC% and applies whichever is the greater of the two eating quality adjustments.

3.4 - MSA and AUS-MEAT Marbling Score

Marbling is the intramuscular fat (IMF), which appears as fine flecks within the muscle. It is deposited unevenly throughout the body, increasing through the carcass towards the neck and decreasing towards the tail. As cattle fatten, deposits accumulate in all the main fat depots (under the skin, around the internal organs, between the muscles and inside the muscles) but some cattle have the genetic ability to favour the development of marbling within the muscles.

To maximise marbling, cattle must be on good nutrition, at least during the finishing stage, and well finished.

MSA research associates increased marbling to higher eating quality scores for many grilling and roasting cuts. The effect is greatest in the loin cuts (cube roll and striploin) but it is possible to achieve good eating quality without visible marbling.

The MSA grader assesses marbling on the exposed rib eye (eye-muscle) at the quartering site.

AUS-MEAT marbling is assessed on a scale of 0 to 6, reported in tenths within each score, and is based on the total amount of marbling within the eye muscle.

An MSA-specific marbling score is also given on a scale of 100 to 1190, in increments of 10, with emphasis on its fineness and how it is distributed. This is thought to relate more closely to eating quality.

3.5 - Sex

There are small differences in eating quality between steers and heifers, other factors being equal. Although small, the effect of sex is rather complex, with heifers having a lower eating quality in some muscles and higher in others compared to steers.

The biological basis for the sex effect is not clear at this stage.

3.6 - Rib Fat

In ABCAS, Rib fat depth is primarily used as an indicator of saleable meat yield, but it also plays two roles in eating quality. Firstly, MSA requires a minimum of 3mm of subcutaneous fat at the quartering site with even fat distribution required over the entire body. This fat cover helps avoid eating quality problems caused by a rapid or irregular pattern of chilling (see fat distribution). Secondly, fatter carcasses have slightly improved eating quality, over and above that associated with marbling and in this case a small upward adjustment is made to the grilling cuts.

3.7 - Other variable factors affecting eating quality

There are other factors affecting eating quality in the MSA model, but most are usually constant across competition groups, or are outside the producer's control. The factors include:

3.7.1 - Hang Method

Tenderstretch hanging (from the pelvis) has a number of significant advantages over the traditional hanging from the Achilles tendon (AT or hock), including:

- Significant improvement in eating quality from most of the major high-priced cuts
- A reduced need for post-slaughter ageing to improve eating quality
- Significant improvement in eating quality of tropical breed types
- Counteracts the negative eating quality effects of hormonal growth promotants (HGPs)

3.7.2 - Hormonal Growth Promotants (HGPs)

HGPs have a negative effect on eating quality, especially in the grilling cuts.

3.7.3 - Milk Fed Vealer (MFV)

Unweaned calves produce beef with better eating quality compared to weaned calves of similar age and fatness. The MSA model adjusts scores for all cuts.

3.7.4 - Saleyards

The extra stress of saleyard handling compared to direct transport from farm to abattoir has been shown to reduce eating quality. The MSA model adjusts scores across the carcass.

3.7.5 - Ageing

Storing beef carcasses or vacuum -packed cuts for up to 21 days at 0-1°C improves tenderness. Improvement is greatest in AT hung carcasses, in those with higher tropical breed content and those treated with HGPs.

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LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

EXPLANATION

WHEREAS The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Ltd has agreed to effect a Public Liability insurance for certain Animal Exhibitors at the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show, the following applies:

Insured Party:	Animal and Livestock Exhibitors participating in competitions and events
Period of Insurance:	From seven days prior to the Show until seven days thereafter.
Insured Activities:	All activities undertaken whilst within and from the confines of the event venue consistent with the Insured's livestock exhibit activity including setting up and removal
Description of Cover:	Insurance in respect of the Insured Party's liability to pay costs and compensation in respect of loss of or damage to third party property and death of or injury to third party persons caused by and arising out of the Insured activities, all subject to the RASV's policy terms, conditions, exclusions and warranties, etc.
Amount of Cover:	\$10,000,000 any one occurrence
Deductible:	\$10,000 any one occurrence
Geographic Limits:	At and from the event venue
Claims Payable:	Worldwide excluding claims made USA and Canada
Insurer(s):	Primary - \$10,000,000 Lloyds of London
Address:	Lloyds Australia Ltd., Suite 2, Level 21 Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000.
Policy Numbers:	PC0232616

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

1. The Insured Party must exercise reasonable care to maintain all premises, fittings and plant in sound condition.
2. The Insured Party must take all reasonable precautions to prevent injury and damage to persons and property.
3. The Insured Party must give immediate notice of an incident which may give rise to a claim or of receipt of advice of a claim.
4. The Insured Party must not make any admission, offer or promise in connection with any claim and must not at any time admit liability.
5. The Insured Party must make themselves aware of and comply with the following Notices:-

Duty of Disclosure: Before you enter into a contract of General insurance with an insurer, you have a duty, under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 as amended, to disclose to the insurer every matter that you know, or could reasonably be expected to know, is relevant to the insurer's decision whether to accept the risk of the insurance and, if so, on what terms.

You have the same duty to disclose these matters to the insurer before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate a contract of General insurance.

Your duty however, does not require disclosure of matter:

- * that diminishes the risk to be undertaken by the insurer
- * that is of common knowledge
- * that your insurer knows or, in the ordinary course of his business, ought to know.

Non-Disclosure: If you fail to comply with your duty of disclosure, the insurer may be entitled to reduce his liability under the contract in respect of a claim or may cancel the contract.

If your non-disclosure is fraudulent, the insurer may also have the option of avoiding the contract from its beginning.

Average Provision: The insurer will pay legal expenses in addition to the sum insured, if however, the total amount of the loss (less legal expenses) ultimately paid to the claimant(s) exceeds the sum insured then insurers will only pay (in addition to the sum insured) that proportion of the legal expenses as the sum insured bears to the loss.

Third Party Interests: This policy will only provide cover for your interest and does not cover the interests of any third party (e.g. financiers, lessors, etc) unless the interests of the third party are noted in the policy.

Waiver of Insurer's Rights: You must not enter into any agreement without the written authority of the insurer whereby any of their rights to which they become entitled as your insurer after settling or agreeing to settle a claim are prejudiced or limited in any way otherwise all benefit under the policy will be forfeited.

NOTE:

1. All enquiries to be referred to Arthur J Gallagher: Telephone No: (02) 9424 1888

CLAIMS

2. (a) No admission of liability or fault may be made in any form to a claimant. To do so may breach the policy conditions and enable insurers to avoid settlement.
(b) Any notice of a potential or actual claim must be referred immediately to Arthur J Gallagher.
3. Nothing herein shall be construed to alter in any way the scope of insurance policy, its terms, conditions or exclusions, issued by insurers.
4. RASV is not liable to the Insured Party in the event a claim is not paid or payable by Insurers unless RASV fails to take reasonable steps to advise that the cover is or is likely to be cancelled or not renewed.
5. RASV is not an Australian Financial Services (AFS) Licence holder. RASV is not providing financial product advice, has not considered the particular needs of the Insured party and no statement is intended to influence a person or persons making a decision in relation to any insurance cover. You should consider obtaining your own financial product advice from a person holding the appropriate AFS licence.
6. THIS INSURANCE ONLY APPLIES TO INSURED PARTIES ENTERING COMPETITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL REGULATIONS.
The details listed above are not comprehensive and are provided as an outline for the policy only. Extracts from the policy are available for inspection on request at RASV's Registered Offices during office hours

SPECIAL REGULATIONS OF THE ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW BEEF CARCASS COMPETITION

- The Regulations appearing in this Schedule form part of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria's (RASV's) General Regulations and conditions of entry to an Event at the Royal Melbourne Show (Show). In the event of any inconsistency between the General Regulations and these Regulations, the General Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless the General Regulations provide otherwise.

COMPETITION ENTRY

- Entries in the Beef Carcass Competition (Event) must be received at RASV's Administration Office, located at Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, 3032 by no later than the specified Entry Close date in the Important Information for Exhibitors section. Entries must be accompanied by all fees at this time.
- A National Vendor Declaration must accompany livestock travelling to the Showgrounds for the purpose of this competition.
- Steers and Heifers are eligible to compete in the Beef Carcass Competition.
- All Exhibitors must be Meat Standards Australia (MSA) registered beef producers. A MSA Vendor Declaration must be provided to RASV upon entry into the Melbourne Showgrounds. Any Exhibit that is not MSA registered will be disqualified from the competition.
- All cattle entered into the carcass competition must meet the minimum live weight of 300kg. Any animal that does not meet this requirement will be disqualified from the competition and will not be allegeable for processing at the abattoir.
- Heifers are ineligible to compete for the Borthwick Trophy.
- Each Exhibit must be tractable, and shall be led for Judging.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOOF and HOOK

- The live classes will be representative of the three Market Categories for the carcass appraisal, as follows:

Market Category		Live Weight Range (kg)	Optimum Carcass Weight (kg)	P8 (mm)	12/13 Rib (mm)
1	Domestic	300 to 400	160 to 230	6 – 10	4 - 7
2	Heavy Domestic	400.1 to 500	230 to 280	8 – 13	5 - 9
3	Export	500.1 and over	280.1 to 400	9 – 15	7 - 12

- Weight penalty points will be applied to carcasses dressing under 160kgs or over 400kgs (at the rate of one carcass point per kg) as these are considered to have limited market suitability.
- Carcasses will not be penalised for higher yields & will be judged in live weight classes.
- To be eligible for participation in the Competition, Exhibitors must participate in both the live (hoof) and carcass (hook) judging.
- All Exhibits will be weighed live, upon arrival at the Showgrounds.
- The live classes will be finalised once all Exhibits have been weighed, and determined on manageable numbers as deemed by the RASV (approximately 20 Exhibits).

- All Exhibits must be paraded live before the Judge to be eligible for judging on the hook.
- Only entries exhibited by a recognised School, College or TAFE (School) will be eligible for the Schools' competition and awards.
- School or College Exhibits denoted by (B&P) at the time of entry will be eligible for the Bred and Prepared trophy.
- All Exhibitors shall state with their entry:
 - breed, cross of breeds or mixture of breeds;
 - birth date if known, otherwise the month born, of each animal entered so far as this is known;
 - name and breed of the sire and registration ID if known; and
 - name and breed of the dam and registration ID if known.
- RASV reserves the right to reject or limit entries at their absolute discretion, at any time, and for any reason. In this regard, Exhibitors are advised that accommodation for Beef Carcass Exhibits may be limited. If entries exceed the quantity that can be suitably accommodated, it may be necessary for RASV to ballot entries.
- For the purpose of this competition, Exhibits that contain Hormone Growth Promotants are not permitted.
- An animal or carcass which, in the opinion of the Chief Steward, shows secondary sex characteristics will be deemed to be a bull and will not be eligible for an award.
- All Exhibits must be either polled or dehorned.
- All Exhibits must comply with the Property Identification Code and National Livestock Identification Scheme legislation of Victoria. Exhibits not appropriately identified by means of an electronic identification will be deemed ineligible.
- RASV reserves the right to insist that ineligible animals be removed from the Showgrounds at the expense of the Exhibitor upon request of the Chief Steward. In order for Exhibits to be slaughtered, and therefore eligible for competition, Exhibitors must provide a National Vendor Declaration
- Subject only to the General Regulations, the Chief Steward reserves the right to make such determinations and directions on any matter in relation to the conduct of the Beef Carcass Competition, as he/she thinks fit.
- The Chief Steward reserves the right to penalise, disqualify or make ineligible for an award any Exhibit in the Competition that is determined to be outside of acceptable specifications in regard to weight, eye muscle area, meat colour, fat depth, fat colour, fat distribution and marbling.
- All Exhibits shall be rung through the nose and at all times shall be led by such nose ring. This includes the unloading of livestock upon arrival at the Showgrounds.
- All Exhibits for the Competition are required to be housed as directed at the Showgrounds. Any proposed departure from this requirement by an Exhibitor must receive prior written permission from RASV.
- A complete timetable of arrangements for the Competition will be available prior to the Show. The timetable that appears in this Schedule is subject to change and will be finalised once an indication of entry numbers for this competition is obtained.

HEALTH DECLARATION

- All Exhibits must be declared free of Brucellosis and other notifiable diseases defined under the Victorian Livestock Disease Control Act (1994).
- As a condition of entry, all cattle Exhibitors are required to complete the National Cattle Health Declaration (Version 18/10/17).
- The National Cattle Health Declaration must be signed by the owner or the person responsible for the cattle who in doing so, accept personal responsibility for its truth and accuracy.
- Cattle entered must not be subject to quarantine or restriction with respect to any other notifiable disease.

JOHNE'S DISEASE

- Unrestricted entry, with all exhibitors required to complete the National Cattle Health Declaration (Version 02/05/18) and submit with entries.

35. Exhibitors may also need additional certification to move between zones or between States. Please check with the local veterinary authority.

PESTIVIRUS (BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHOEA VIRUS)

36. All cattle entered in the Beef Carcase Competition, must be tested for Pestivirus (Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus) and certified as non-PI (Persistently Infected). Certification of testing and proof of non-PI status is required in the form of a signed Veterinary Certificate or Laboratory Report, clearly listing animals and their identification. Animals previously tested and certified as non-PI animals are not required to be re-tested, however certification must be supplied with entries.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

37. All Exhibitors must comply with the Property Identification Code and National Livestock Identification Scheme legislation of Victoria, and must provide the Property Identification Code (PIC) for the property/properties where the cattle originate from on their Entry Form/s. Exhibits not appropriately identified by means of an electronic identification will be deemed ineligible.

JUDGING OF BEEF CARCASES

38. Carcases will be judged within the general parameters of the Australian Beef Carcase Appraisal System, incorporating carcase attributes relevant to Market Specifications and Meat Standards Australia (MSA) developed eating quality standards.
39. Carcases will be judged according to the following Schedule of maximum points:

1. Market Specification	20 points	3. MSA Eating Quality*	45 points, combined
P8 Fat Depth	10	Ultimate meat pH	Units
Meat Colour	5	Ossification Score	100 - 590
Fat Distribution	5	Tropical Breed Content	0 - 100%
Penalties	As required	Hump Height	mm
2. Saleable Meat Yield	35 points	AUS-MEAT Marbling	0 - 6
		MSA Marbling	100 - 1190
Rib Fat Depth	15	Sex	Male/Female
Eye Muscle Area	20	Total	100 ints

40. To receive eating quality points all carcases must meet MSA minimum standards, as follows:
- Minimum 3mm of rib fat;
 - Adequate fat distribution;
 - Ultimate pH below 5.7; and
 - Meat colour of 1b and no greater than 3.
41. Carcases will not be penalised for bruising should any occur.

ACQUISITION OF CARCASES

42. RASV reserves the right to arrange the sale of carcases over the hooks using a grid system. Each carcase that is sold by this method will attract a commission of 3% which is payable to settling agent nominated by the RASV.
43. A carcase settling agent will receive payment directly from the processor(s). Once received, the settling agent will forward all funds as directed by the Exhibitor. The settling agent will deduct the 3% commission and any state duty, transportation costs, charges and levies payable to third parties.
44. Payments for all carcases will be made into the bank account nominated for prize money and carcase payments by the Exhibitor upon entry. By entering the competition, the Exhibitor agrees that their nominated bank account details will be provided to RASV's nominated carcase settling agent to enable EFT payment.

ABSENCE OF EXHIBIT

45. Notwithstanding Regulations, Exhibitors may withdraw exhibits provided that written notification is given to RASV by 5:00pm on the nominated Withdrawal Date listed in the Important Information for Exhibitors. The full bedding fee will be refunded for each head of cattle withdrawn in writing by this time.
46. If an Exhibitor fails to show any Exhibit entered in the Show without having given notice in accordance with these Regulations, that Exhibitor may be prohibited from showing any further Exhibits.

PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY

47. Prize money as stated in the relevant Schedule and Catalogue includes GST, when applicable. By indicating that you are GST registered you are agreeing to receive a Recipient Created Tax Invoice for any prize money won, and for prize money to include GST. No money is allocated unless otherwise stated.
48. Prize money will be paid after the Show into the bank account nominated for prize money and carcase payments by the Exhibitor upon entry.
49. RASV reserves the right to increase, alter or delete special prizes or prize money.

AWARDS – LED CLASSES

50. Ribbons will be awarded for each of the ordinary classes for 1st to 6th place winners.
51. The highest placed School and College Exhibits from each ordinary class will then compete for the following awards:
- a) Champion School and College Steer or Heifer; and
 - b) Reserve Champion School and College Steer or Heifer.
52. The highest placed School and College Exhibits will be drawn only from the top five Exhibits in each live class, ie: 1st through to 5th place. If a class does not have a School or College exhibit amongst these top five, then no Exhibit from that class will compete for Champion or Reserve Champion Schools Steer or Heifer awards.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE PARADERS COMPETITION

53. Students from each School or College entering steers or heifers in the Carcase Competition may also enter the School and College Paraders Competition.
54. Paraders must be an enrolled student of a School or College and, if not participating as part of a School or College program, the student must provide written permission from their School or College to exhibit of their behalf.
55. Paraders can only compete for a School or College in which they are currently enrolled.
56. Exhibits paraded must be entered in the Beef Carcase Competition under the School or College under which it is entered in the Paraders Competition.
57. The number of students from each School or College is restricted to three for each steer or heifer exhibited (as opposed to entered). Points gained in this section contribute to the Most Successful School or College Exhibitor awards.
58. Each parader will be assessed for showmanship, animal/handler relationship preparation of animal, cleanliness of gear and suitability of animal.
59. A white coat or breed uniform recognised by RASV must be worn by the parader when parading his/her animal.
60. All animals paraded must comply with these Special Regulations especially with regard to the use of nose rings (clause 25???)
61. Awards will be presented to the paraders who best prepare an animal for the show ring, attention being given to the manner in which it is brought before the judges.
62. Classes will be arranged in suitable groups based on age.
63. Sashes will be awarded for each heat for 1st to 6th place winners.
64. A Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all entrants. RASV may choose to provide these Certificates after the completion of the Show.

MOST SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL OR COLLEGE HOOF AND HOOK EXHIBITOR

65. The Bott-Burston perpetual trophy plus an annual replica will be awarded to the School or College gaining the highest total number of points in the School and College Paraders, Live Steer and Heifer, and Beef Carcase classes based on the following:
- a) 3 points for - 1st;
 - b) 2 points for - 2nd;
 - c) 1 points for - 3rd;
 - d) 2 points for - Grand Champion;
 - e) 3 points for – Champion; and
 - f) 2 points for - Reserve Champion.

THE BORTHWICK TROPHY

66. The conditions of the Borthwick Trophy competition are:
- a) to be between teams of three purebred steers. Heifers are not eligible for the Borthwick Trophy;
 - b) steers to be led in the judging ring;
 - c) each team to be representative of any recognised Beef Cattle Breed;
 - d) each team to be selected from amongst the entries in the ordinary classes by a Breed Panel prior to live judging of these classes;
 - e) each breed to be represented by one team only;
 - f) the results of both live and carcase judging will be considered in determining the winner of the Borthwick Trophy, with 25% of total points allocated for live judging and 75% of total points allocated for carcase appraisal (maximum points awarded by live judge - 100 points);
 - g) points gained by the steers in the carcase judging (maximum 300 points) to be added to the points awarded alive;
 - h) the winner of the Borthwick Trophy will be the team that gains the highest aggregate points in both the live and carcase judging (maximum 400 points); and
 - i) the Borthwick Trophy to be competed for in perpetuity, and the name of the winning breed to be engraved on it each year. The Trophy will remain the property of RASV. A replica of the trophy will be presented to each of the Exhibitors of the winning team.

THE ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW STEER BONANZA

67. The Royal Melbourne Show Steer Bonanza is an optional 'opt-in' cash prize pool.
68. All steer and heifer exhibits eligible for the Beef Carcase Competition are eligible to enter.
69. Exhibitors must nominate on their entry form which exhibits they would like to enter in the Bonanza. Each entry is \$50 (incl GST). This fee is in addition to the standard entry fee. Full payment must be made upon entry.
70. Each exhibit may only be entered in the Bonanza once. An Exhibitor may choose to enter as many or as few of their exhibits as they wish.
71. An Exhibitor has the option to substitute their Bonanza entry with another of their exhibits already entered in the ordinary classes of the Beef Carcase Competition. The substituted exhibit must be entered under the same Exhibitor name.
72. Substitutions must be made to the Superintendent's Office no later than one hour after the completion of weighing. Regular announcements will be made throughout the Pavilion, and it is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure this deadline is met.
73. Entries in the Bonanza are not transferable between Exhibitors.
74. At the conclusion of carcase judging, the carcase results of all exhibits entered in the Bonanza will be ranked. The carcasses will not be grouped into classes prior to ranking.
75. The Bonanza carcase with the highest score will receive a cash prize of 50% of the total prize pool. The Bonanza carcase with the second highest score will receive a cash prize of 30% of the total prize pool. The Bonanza carcase with the third highest score will receive a cash prize of 20% of the total prize pool.
76. The total cash prize pool is inclusive of GST. If any of the winning exhibitors are not registered for GST, GST will not be paid.
77. If an animal is withdrawn from the Beef Carcase Competition after the close of entries, the Exhibitor may transfer the Bonanza entry to any of their exhibits that have not been entered in the Bonanza. If the Exhibitor has no exhibits that are not entered in the Bonanza, the Bonanza entry of the withdrawn exhibit will be forfeited, and is non-refundable.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply unless the context requires otherwise.

Agent includes any person, agent, association or corporation engaged by or on behalf of the Exhibitor and any person acting or purporting to act on the Exhibitor's behalf (including any person who is an invitee of the Exhibitor and regardless of whether the person is remunerated or not).

Assistant Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Assistant Chief Steward of a section.

Body includes any society, organisation or body within or outside Australia having similar objects to RASV and, without limitation, includes:

- Royal Agricultural Society of the Northern Territory Inc;
- Royal National Agricultural & Industrial Association of Queensland;
- Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of South Australia;
- Royal Agricultural Society of NSW;
- Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania;
- Royal National Capital Agricultural Society;
- Royal Agricultural Society of WA; and
- any breed association or society recognised by RASV.

Business Day means a week day on which banks in Melbourne are open for business.

Chief Executive Officer means a person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer of RASV.

Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Steward of a section.

Closing Date means the date and time set out in the Relevant Schedule after which entries for the Event will not be accepted by RASV.

Drug has the meaning set out in the Relevant Schedule.

Event includes competition and class and without limitation includes any event listed in a Schedule. Event also includes the period of bump-in and bump-out for the Event and the period of the Event competition.

Entry Form means an entry form (or online equivalent) supplied by RASV for an Event.

Event Participant includes judges, stewards, contractors, spectators, Exhibitors and all persons present at the Venue during the Event.

Exhibit means the animal, person or item entered into an Event by an Exhibitor.

Exhibitor means the owner of the Exhibit, and if the owner is less than 18 years of age, the parent or guardian of the owner who signs the Entry Form.

Inspector means a person described as such in the Regulations.

Judge means a person appointed by RASV to judge an Event.

Motor Vehicle includes a truck, trailer, horse float and stock transporter but does not include a caravan.

RASV means The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited (ACN 006 728 785).

Regulations means:

- (a) RASV's General Regulations For All Competitions;
- (b) the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out in the Relevant Schedule; and
- (c) the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out on the Entry Form for the Event.

Relevant Schedule means the Schedule which applies to the particular Event in which the Exhibitor has submitted or proposes to submit an entry in accordance with these Regulations.

Review Committee means a committee appointed under Regulation 12.5.

Schedule means a Schedule of events and prizes issued by RASV and without limitation, a reference to a Schedule includes a reference to the rules, regulations and conditions set out in the Schedule.

Show means the Royal Melbourne Show.

Showgrounds means the Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria and includes without limitation all areas owned, used, rented or leased by RASV.

Steward means a person occupying or acting in the position of steward.

Venue means the site or location at which the Event is held.

Veterinary Surgeon means a veterinary surgeon appointed by RASV.

1.2 Interpretation

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules apply unless the context requires otherwise.

- (a) The singular includes the plural and conversely.
- (b) A gender includes all genders.
- (c) If a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.
- (d) A reference to a person, corporation, trust, partnership, unincorporated body or other entity includes any of them.
- (e) A reference to a Regulation is a reference to a Regulation of these Regulations.
- (f) A reference to a Regulation, rule or condition of entry is to the regulation, rule or condition of entry as amended, varied, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by these Regulations.
- (g) A reference to a right or obligation of any two or more persons confers that right, or imposes that obligation, as the case may be, jointly and severally.

In the event of an inconsistency between the Regulations and a Schedule, the Regulations prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless otherwise provided.

1.3 Exemptions

RASV may, by notice in writing, exempt an Exhibit or an Exhibitor from one or more of the obligations or requirements contained in these Regulations.

1.4 Consents or Approvals

Where the doing of any act, matter or thing under these Regulations is dependent upon the consent or approval of a person or is within the discretion of a person, the consent or approval may be given or discretion may be exercised conditionally or unconditionally or withheld by the person in its absolute discretion and without giving or assigning any reason for it.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Requirements for Entering an Event

An entry to an Event must be:

- (a) submitted on an Entry Form;
- (b) acknowledged by a physical signature or electronic authorisation by the Exhibitor or, if the Exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, acknowledged by the Exhibitor's parent or guardian;
- (c) fully paid for as set out in the Relevant Schedule;
- (d) submitted before the Closing Date to RASV's Registered Office or electronic service; and
- (e) Any Exhibit entered into an Event must be disease free and in good health and condition.

2.2 Warranty

The Exhibitor represents and warrants to RASV that the information set out on the Entry Form is complete, accurate and not misleading in any way.

2.3 Rules and Regulations

An entry is subject to the:

- (a) Regulations; and
- (b) Relevant Schedule.

2.4 Entries Subject to Rules and Regulations

Upon submission of an entry in accordance with Regulation 2.1, the Exhibitor agrees to be bound by the rules, regulations and conditions referred to in Regulation 2.3 and to ensure that each Agent of the Exhibitor complies with those rules, regulations and conditions. An act or omission of an Agent of an Exhibitor may be deemed by RASV to be the act or omission of the Exhibitor.

2.5 Altered Entries

Subject to the discretion of RASV an entry may not be altered after the Closing Date.

2.6 Number of Entries

RASV may restrict the number of entries in any Event.

2.7 Limit on Entry Into Multiple Ordinary Classes

Subject to the Relevant Schedule, an Exhibit must not be entered in more than one Ordinary Class. Should any Exhibit be sought to be entered in more than one Ordinary Class, the Exhibit will only compete in the Ordinary Class in which the Exhibit's or the Exhibitor's name first appears in RASV's Catalogue unless RASV otherwise directs. For the purposes of this Regulation, Sweepstakes, Special Classes, Trophy Classes and Championships are not an Ordinary Class. 'Ordinary Class', 'Sweepstakes', 'Special Class', 'Trophy Class' and 'Championship' have the meaning given in the Relevant Schedule.

3. ENTRY AND NOMINATION FEES

The entry fee and, if applicable, the nomination fee, become the property of RASV on receipt by RASV and, without limitation, the entry fee and, if applicable, nomination fee paid in respect of an entry which is withdrawn or which does not satisfy the requirements for entry or conditions of eligibility will not be refunded.

4. DOCUMENTS FOR PRESENTATION WHILST AT THE SHOWGROUNDS

Animal Registration papers, AAR microchip papers, show-jumping performance cards and birth certificates, or certified photocopies thereof, are not required to be submitted to RASV or to accompany an Application for Entry. Such documentation will be required to be on hand whilst the Exhibitor and the Exhibits are on the Showground (if the Application for Entry specifies such documentation is required) and must be produced upon request for perusal by the Chief Steward or other RASV authorised person. Failure to produce such documents if requested will result in the Exhibit being ineligible for the Event.

5. OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS

5.1 Ownership on Entry

If ownership/Lessee of an Exhibit changes after the lodgement date of the Nomination Form, RASV must be notified in writing of the ownership/Lessee change no later than 14 days prior to the date of Exhibition. RASV may, if requested in writing by the purchaser/Lessee, and at its absolute discretion, amend the Nomination Form by endorsing thereon the name of the purchaser as the owner of that Exhibit.

6. EXHIBITION OF EXHIBITS

6.1 Grounds for not Exhibiting an Animal

The Exhibitor must not withdraw an Exhibit from an Event, and an Exhibit must be exhibited, unless a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon is lodged with RASV certifying that the Exhibit is unable to compete for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) the Exhibit, being an animal, has died;
- (b) the Exhibit, being an animal, is unfit to be exhibited due to injury or disease;
- (c) the Exhibit is ineligible for the Event; or
- (d) some other cause RASV considers reasonable.

6.2 Time for Withdrawing an Animal Exhibit

A certificate given under Regulation 6.1 must be given to RASV:

- (a) before the date for admission of the Exhibit to the Showgrounds (as set out in the Relevant Schedule), if the cause for withdrawal of the Exhibit occurs or arises before that date; or
- (b) otherwise, as soon as possible after the cause for withdrawal of the Exhibit occurs or arises.

6.3 Training or Preparing Exhibits or Exhibitors

Exhibitors must not enter into an Event that is to be judged by a person who has trained or prepared the Exhibitor or Exhibit within six months of the date of the Event.

7. EXHIBIT TICKET

Subject to the Relevant Schedule, RASV will issue an exhibit ticket for an Exhibit unless it otherwise determines. The Exhibitor or an Agent must produce the exhibit ticket upon a request from RASV or a Steward.

8. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS AND AGENTS

8.1 Compliance With Rules and Regulations

Where an Exhibit and/or Exhibitor and/or an Agent fail to comply with any of the Regulations, RASV may impose one or more of the following penalties on the Exhibit or Exhibitor or both of them:

- (a) disqualification;
- (b) suspension;
- (c) a fine;
- (d) order the Exhibit or the Exhibitor, his or her family, invitees and Agents be removed from the Showgrounds; or
- (e) any other penalty.

Without limiting the above, RASV may forfeit an award, and upon forfeiture, the Exhibitor must return any ribbon, money, prize card or other evidence of that award to RASV within seven days after receiving notification of the forfeiture. Nothing in this Regulation limits Regulation 9.

8.2 Compliance with Directions

- (a) The Exhibitor and/or Agent must fully comply with the directions and requests of RASV. Without limitation, directions and requests of RASV may apply to the Exhibit, the Exhibitor, the Agent, the conditions of the Event, the conduct of the Exhibitor, the conduct of the Event, the conduct of the Agent, the decision of the Judge, or the award of prizes.
- (b) Without limiting Regulation 8.2(a), upon a request from RASV, an Exhibitor and/or Agent must make a statutory declaration in the form and with respect to matters RASV in its discretion requires.
- (c) Without limiting Regulation 8.2(a), upon a request from RASV, an Exhibitor and/or Agent must submit his or her Exhibit for inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon.

8.3 Statements

The Exhibitor and/or Agent must not make a statement regarding an Exhibit, which in the opinion of RASV, is fraudulent, false, erroneous, misleading or deceptive or likely to mislead or deceive.

8.4 Tampering

An Exhibit must not be or have been tampered with or otherwise improperly dealt with by an Exhibitor.

8.5 Unacceptable Behaviour

RASV is committed to providing a fair and equitable Venue for all participants, free from all forms of harassment, bullying and violence. The following behaviours will not be tolerated and may result in the event participant/Exhibitor being removed from the competition Venue and/or disqualified from the competition and formal procedures initiated:

- (a) violence;
- (b) bullying;
- (c) harassment;
- (d) sexual harassment;
- (e) unlawful discrimination;
- (f) victimisation.

Persons breaching acceptable standards of behaviour may be banned from entering future RASV Events and/or the Venue.

8.6 Animals and Livestock

Unless RASV gives prior written approval, pets, animals or livestock other than Exhibits must not be brought onto or permitted to enter or remain on the Showgrounds.

8.7 Mutual Recognition

RASV may recognise, act upon and enforce any penalty imposed by a Body on an Exhibit or Exhibitor or Agent at any time.

8.8 Further Proceedings

RASV may conduct further proceedings in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibitor, an Exhibit, an Agent, a potential Exhibitor, or a potential Exhibit, and impose any suspension, fine, disqualification, withdrawal or forfeiture of an award, handicap, reprimand, warning or any other penalty, irrespective of whether a Body has already imposed a penalty on the Exhibitor or the Exhibit or Agent, or on the potential Exhibitor or the potential Exhibit.

8.9 Reciprocal Arrangements

RASV may enter into reciprocal arrangements with a Body in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibit, an Exhibitor, an Agent, a potential Exhibit or a potential Exhibitor.

8.10 Smoking

Melbourne Showgrounds is a completely smoke-free venue (effective 1 September 2016). Exhibitors, staff, patrons and contractors wanting to smoke will need to exit the venue to do so.

9. POWERS OF RASV IN RESPECT TO CONTROL OF THE EVENT

9.1 Power to Refuse to Accept an Entry, Exhibit or Exhibitor

RASV may refuse to accept an entry for an Event, an Exhibit or an Exhibitor or any of them.

9.2 Power to Cancel or Alter

RASV may:

- (a) alter the Closing Date for an Event, or the Closing Date for receipt of any particular entry;
- (b) remove any Exhibit from the Showgrounds or cause any Exhibit to be removed from the Showgrounds;
- (c) amend an entry for an Event to, without limitation, substitute an alternate competition or class for the competition or class in which the Exhibit is or was entered;
- (d) alter the conditions of any Event;
- (e) refuse to display an Exhibit;
- (f) rule that an Exhibit or Exhibitor may not compete or is ineligible to compete;
- (g) alter the date, time or place on or at which any Event is scheduled to take place or to be judged;
- (h) alter the Judge scheduled to judge any Event; or
- (i) cancel any Event.

The rights set out above apply notwithstanding:

- (a) RASV's acceptance of an entry for an Event;
- (b) inclusion of an entry for an Event in the Event Catalogue;
- (c) the issue of an exhibit ticket to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event; or
- (d) the issue of any other document to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event.

10. ILLNESS OF AN ANIMAL

10.1 Animal Health Status

If the Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor detects or suspects any illness amongst any of their Exhibits whilst the Exhibits are at the Showgrounds, the Exhibitor must:

- (a) report this fact immediately to the representative of RASV responsible for the applicable livestock section (the Superintendent);
- (b) ensure that the Exhibit(s) concerned is/are contained within the space allocated by RASV for the Exhibit(s), unless advised otherwise by the Superintendent or a member of RASV veterinary panel on duty; and
- (c) where feasible to do so, contain soiled bedding from the Exhibit(s) concerned within the space allocated by RASV for the Exhibit(s).

The Exhibitor may engage or consult a private veterinary surgeon in respect to the illness only after the above action has been taken and only after first consulting with a member of RASV veterinary panel on duty.

10.2 Treatment Upon Illness or Injury

If an Exhibit is ill or injured, a Veterinary Surgeon may in his or her discretion attend to or treat the Exhibit. The Veterinary Surgeon may do so even in the absence of authority from the Exhibitor, or contrary to that authority.

10.3 Destruction or Removal

Where, in the opinion of a Veterinary Surgeon, an Exhibit should be destroyed or removed from the Showgrounds:

- (a) the Veterinary Surgeon or any other person approved by RASV may destroy or remove the Exhibit from the Showgrounds, or both; or
- (b) RASV may require the Exhibitor to immediately destroy or remove the Exhibit from the Showgrounds or both.

All costs and expenses incurred by RASV pursuant to this Regulation must be reimbursed by the Exhibitor to RASV. Nothing in this Regulation limits Regulation 9.2.

10.4 Necropsy

If an Exhibit dies while at an Event, RASV may require that a necropsy be conducted on the animal. The Exhibitor must allow for the immediate release of the body to RASV if requested by RASV.

10.5 Veterinary Surgeons

Where an Exhibitor wishes to engage or consult a veterinary surgeon who is not appointed by RASV, the Exhibitor must first inform the representative of RASV responsible for the applicable livestock section. A Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge and RASV itself is not required to have regard to or to consider any opinion of a veterinary surgeon so engaged or consulted by the Exhibitor, and a decision of a Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge or RASV is final regardless of whether or not the Exhibitor has engaged or consulted a veterinary surgeon not appointed by RASV.

11. JUDGING

11.1 Interference

The Exhibitor and Agents of the Exhibitor must not consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or attempt to consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or do any other thing which may influence or interfere with the Judge's freedom of choice or judgment unless it is expressly authorised by the Relevant Schedule.

Unless with the permission of RASV, no Exhibitor or Agent of an Exhibitor may occupy the position of Judge or become in any way identified with the judging or handling of Exhibits in any class in which that person or that person's employers, family members or associates are interested. This does not apply to Stewards.

11.2 Indications of Ownership

The Exhibitor, any Agent of the Exhibitor and the Exhibit must not be equipped with or wear or display anything indicating the ownership of the Exhibit before or during judgment of the Exhibit unless it is expressly authorised by the Relevant Schedule.

11.3 Decision

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Regulations, the decision of a Judge as to the merits of the Exhibit and the Exhibitor or either of them will be final, and the Exhibitor may not protest or appeal the decision.

11.4 Prizes

Subject to the Relevant Schedule, a Judge may in his or her opinion:

- (a) award a second or third prize in place of a first prize;
- (b) withhold a prize where a prize should not be awarded;
- (c) where there is a tie for any placing in an Event, award subsequent placings so that the next placing will be the number of Exhibits already placed plus one (for example, if two Exhibits tie for first place, award a third for the next placing);
- (d) where all the prizes offered in an Event have been awarded and a further Exhibit is of sufficient merit to deserve a prize make a reserve number of the further Exhibit; or
- (e) give commendations where they are deserved.
- (f) award an Exhibitor more than one prize in any class where more than one entry is permitted.

11.5 Disqualifications

Where an Exhibit or an Exhibitor is disqualified and the applicable award is forfeited, RASV may (but is not obliged to) promote the Exhibit next in order to that prize, whether the Exhibit next in order was awarded a prize or a reserve number. Exhibits next in order, whether awarded a prize or reserve number, may also be promoted to the prize next in order.

11.6 Prize Cards

The Exhibitor must ensure that prize cards awarded for an Exhibit are displayed with the Exhibit while it is on exhibition.

12. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

12.1 Restricted to Class

Protests and appeals may only be made by Exhibitors with Exhibits in the class to which the protest relates.

12.2 Protest to Stewards

The Exhibitor may protest to the Chief Steward of the relevant section in relation to conduct, judging or any other matter relating to an Event. A protest must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in the Relevant Schedule and be received by the Chief Steward within 24 hours after the conclusion of the applicable Event.

12.3 Appeal

The Exhibitor may appeal against:

- (a) a decision made by RASV pursuant to Regulations; or

- (b) a decision of the Chief Steward or if the Chief Steward delegates the person to make the decision to the Assistant Chief Steward, the decision of the Assistant Chief Steward in relation to a protest under Regulation 12.2.

12.4 Form of Appeal

To be an appeal for the purpose of Regulation 12.3 an appeal made by the Exhibitor must be:

- (a) in writing setting out in reasonable detail the grounds for the appeal;
- (b) addressed to:
The Chief Executive Officer
The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032;
- (c) accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00 (or such other amount as is notified from time to time by RASV for the purpose of this Regulation 12.4(c)); and
- (d) received by the Chief Executive Officer by 5 p.m. on the Business Day which is 10 Business Days after the day on which the decision the subject of the appeal was made.

12.5 Review Committee

If an appeal is made in accordance with Regulation 12.4, the Chief Executive Officer must appoint a Review Committee comprised of three people, being persons who were not part of, and who are independent of, the committee or personnel who made the decision the subject of the appeal.

Within a reasonable time after receipt by the Chief Executive Officer of an appeal complying with Regulation 12.4, the Review Committee will meet to consider the appeal.

12.6 Proceedings of the Review Committee

In considering an appeal, the Review Committee must:

- (a) give due consideration to the grounds of appeal submitted by the Exhibitor, and to any other evidence submitted by the Exhibitor;
- (b) give the Exhibitor an opportunity to make oral representations to the Review Committee; and
- (c) in its discretion, call for and hear expert opinion.

12.7 Notification of Review Committee's Decision

The Chief Executive Officer will notify the Exhibitor of the Review Committee's decision within 48 hours after that decision is notified by the Review Committee to the Chief Executive Officer. The decision of the Review Committee is final and the Exhibitor will not have any right of appeal in respect of the Review Committee's decision.

12.8 Forfeiture of Deposit

Where an appeal is upheld by the Review Committee, the deposit referred to in Regulation 12.4 will be refunded to the Exhibitor when or within a reasonable time after the decision of the Review Committee is notified by the Chief Executive Officer to the Exhibitor. Where an appeal is not upheld by the Review Committee, the deposit referred to in Regulation 12.4 will be retained by RASV.

13. ACCOMMODATION

13.1 No Obligation to Provide Exhibit Space or Accommodation

- (a) RASV is not obliged to provide space for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor. For the purposes of these Regulations, "accommodation" includes provision of a space for a person to sleep.
- (b) Where RASV, in its discretion, allocates space for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor, only the allocated areas may be used, and only for the purpose designated by RASV.
- (c) The Exhibitor and any Agent of the Exhibitor must not negotiate, on-sell or reallocate assigned lockers, stables or penning to others. The sale, hire and allocation of lockers, stables and penning will only be processed and assigned by the Competition Coordinator prior to the Show commencing or the Superintendent's Office Staff during the event period.

13.2 Personal Effects

RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss or damage:

- (a) suffered by an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor using space provided for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor; or

- (b) caused to personal belongings, equipment or property which is brought onto the Showgrounds by an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor.

14. FIRE REGULATIONS

14.1 Flames

The Exhibitor and any Agent of the Exhibitor must not smoke, cook, or heat water by any means whatsoever or use any device involving naked flame in or near any animal pavilion, stall, pen or locker.

14.2 Electrical Interference

The Exhibitor and any Agent of the Exhibitor must not:

- (a) subject to Regulation 14.3, use mains powered electrical devices in or near any animal pavilion, stall, pen or locker or any Exhibit.
- (b) alter or interfere with any electrical wiring, switch, plug or socket whatsoever on the Showgrounds.

14.3 Exceptions

Nothing in Regulation 14.2(a) prohibits the use of main powered electrical appliances which are, in the opinion of RASV, essential to animal care, or the use of a light-bulb in a locker if the light-bulb is fitted in the socket provided.

15. VEHICLE PARKING

15.1 Loading and Unloading

With the prior consent of RASV, Motor Vehicles of an Exhibitor or an Agent of an Exhibitor may enter the Showgrounds or any area under RASV control, for the purpose of loading or unloading only. Motor Vehicles must not remain on the Showgrounds, or any area under RASV control, and must be removed immediately upon completion of loading or unloading.

15.2 Caravans

Caravans of an Exhibitor or an Agent of an Exhibitor must not enter or remain on the Showgrounds, or any area under RASV control, for any purpose, unless in accordance with the prior written consent of RASV.

15.3 Tow Away

Any Motor Vehicle or Caravan entering or remaining on the Showgrounds, or any area under RASV control, in contravention of the Regulations or of any other parking rules or restrictions, may be removed from the Showgrounds, or any area under RASV control, by RASV and stored. Any costs incurred by RASV pursuant to this Regulation must be paid by the Exhibitor.

16. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

16.1 Release

Entry to, remaining on and using the Showgrounds or any part of them by an Exhibitor is entirely at the risk of the Exhibitor and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Exhibitor releases RASV (which term includes in this clause RASV's officers, employees, members, contractors and agents), from all claims, demands and liabilities of every kind resulting from any accident, damage, injury or illness occurring at the Showgrounds and, without limitation, the Exhibitor acknowledges and agrees:

- (a) RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness to or caused by any Exhibit;
- (b) RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness to or caused by any Exhibitor or any Agent;
- (c) RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss or damage to a Motor Vehicle or any of its contents whilst it is on the Showgrounds or in any car park under RASV's control; and
- (d) without limiting Regulations 16.1(a) and 16.1(b) above, RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness resulting from the sale, treatment, failure to treat, destruction, disposal or other dealing with any Exhibit, or for any loss, damage or injury to any personal belongings, equipment or property brought onto the Showgrounds by any person.

16.2 Indemnity

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Exhibitor indemnifies and keeps indemnified RASV and its officers, employees, members, contractors and agents from and against all actions, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, expenses and liabilities including without limitation, consequential loss and loss of profits for which RASV is or may be or become liable in respect of or arising from:

- (a) loss, damage, injury or illness to any person in connection with the Exhibit or the relevant Event;
- (b) without limiting Regulation 16.2(a), loss, damage, injury or illness to any other Exhibit or Exhibitor, or any Agent of any other Exhibitor, or to the property of RASV, or its members, or to the general public, or any member of the general public, caused or contributed to or by any act or omission of an Exhibit of the Exhibitor or by the Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor; and
- (c) without limiting Regulation 16.2(a), loss, damage, injury or illness to the Exhibit, or to the Exhibitor or any Agent of any other Exhibitor caused or contributed to by an act or omission of an Exhibit or by the transportation, feeding, housing or exhibiting of an Exhibit.

16.3 Removal from Showgrounds

Without prejudice to any other provision in these Regulations, where RASV, its officers, employees, members, contractors or agents removes an Exhibit, or causes an Exhibit to be removed from the Showgrounds, the Exhibit is removed or caused to be removed entirely at the risk of the Exhibitor. The person or persons removing the Exhibit will be deemed to be the agent of the Exhibitor, and his or her acts and omissions will be deemed to be the acts and omissions of the Exhibitor.

17. ANIMAL OWNER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE

RASV may arrange owner's liability insurance cover for Exhibitors of Exhibits that are animals, and, if RASV does so, the Exhibitor is bound by the terms and conditions of this insurance and by applicable duties of an insured under the Insurance Contracts Act (1984). Details of owner's liability insurance cover arranged by RASV are set out in the Relevant Schedule.

18. INFORMATION HANDLING

RASV is bound by the National Privacy Principles of the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)* and other applicable laws governing privacy.

18.1 Collection of Personal Information

- (a) RASV 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 contact details, credit card details, qualifications, results of the Exhibitor's entry into the relevant Event and any reprimand, fine, disqualification, 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, reprimands, fines, disqualifications, withdrawals of awards or penalties imposed.
- (c) Personal information is collected for the purpose of administration of Events and the Show, as well as related purposes including, without limitation, promoting the Events and the Show, maintenance of records of information relevant to qualifications for future events, maintenance of health and safety records in relation to Events, applicable insurance cover for Events and making claims under RASV's insurance for incidents which involve an Exhibitor and occur during an Event.
- (d) Personal information may also be used for the purpose of informing Exhibitors about other events and services. RASV may send an Exhibitor publications and information about other events and services unless the exhibitor indicates to RASV that the Exhibitor does not want to receive such publications or information.

18.2 Sharing of Personal Information

- (a) RASV may share information which has been collected by RASV under Regulation 18.1 with other organisations and service providers to assist in administering the Events and the Show, including co-sponsors of Events and health service providers, indemnity or insurance providers or other Bodies, or any entity that may subsequently administer the Event.
- (b) RASV may also publish winners details on its websites or publications or disclose information about an Exhibitor to the media for the purpose of publishing articles on the Exhibitor's participation in the Event, unless the Exhibitor has requested that the Exhibitor's personal information not be published or disclosed for these purposes.
- (c) RASV may also disclose information if otherwise required or authorised by law.

18.3 Photography

- (a) The Exhibitor and any Agent acknowledges that they and their exhibits may be photographed or filmed while at the Venue and that images may be used by RASV for marketing and promotion.

18.4 Access and Correction

- (a) An Exhibitor may contact RASV if the Exhibitor has a complaint or a query about the information handling practices of RASV.
- (b) An Exhibitor may request that RASV remove any personal information about that Exhibitor published in connection with an Exhibit or an Event from RASV's publications. RASV 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 access, correct or update personal information using My RASV at www.rasv.com.au
- (d) An Exhibitor may request RASV to provide access to any personal information held by RASV 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.
- (e) An access request must be made in writing, addressed to:
The Company Secretary
The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited
Melbourne Showgrounds Epsom Road
Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032

19. AGENTS

Any person acting or purporting to act as an agent of an Exhibitor is deemed to have given RASV a warranty of his or her authority to so act, and RASV is not required to make any inquiry as to that authority.

20. GOVERNING LAW

These Regulations are governed by the laws of Victoria.



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