SCHOOLS POULTRY INFORMATION BOOKLET 2020

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

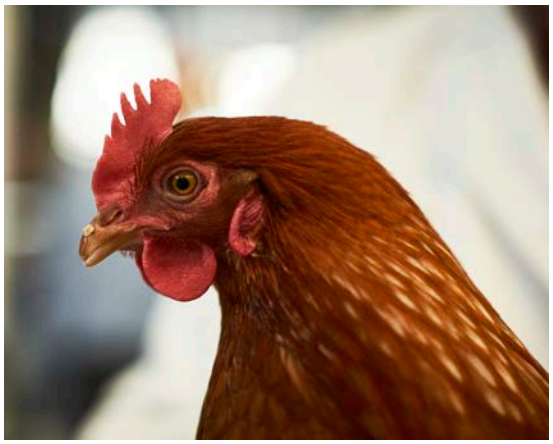
POULTRY COMPETITION

Conducted by RASV

The Royal Melbourne Show Poultry Competition, conducted by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV), is one of the most prestigious fanciers competitions in Australia, attracting more than 1,200 entries.

With a commitment to supporting youth development, the Schools Poultry Competition offers a unique hands-on educational experience for students and can assist with developing new skills, encouraging responsible behaviour and inspiring new interests.

Open to primary and secondary schools, connect with the RASV and be a part of this outstanding opportunity to include poultry in your 2020 curriculum.



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INTRODUCTION

The Schools Egg Laying Competition, conducted by The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV), gives students a hands-on experience raising and caring for young poultry, giving them an insight into what is required of producers in the modern commercial poultry industry.

PROJECT OUTLINE

The competition gives schools a great opportunity to raise commercial poultry from chickens through to laying pullets and compare their success against other schools and international commercial performance standards.

Each of the competing schools receives five (5) young Hy-Line Brown Commercial pullets in early June, which they will feed and care for. Schools will track the performance of the pullets through to delivery of their best three birds to the Royal Melbourne Show in September.

2020 ESSENTIAL DATES

DATE	ITEM
Monday 20 January	Entries Open. All schools are invited to submit their entries
Friday 3 April	Entries Close. All entry forms must be submitted by 5pm
June (Date TBC)	Five (5) birds are delivered to your school. Birds will be approximately 6 -10 weeks old and will already be vaccinated.
Friday 18 September	Schools deliver birds and posters to Melbourne Showgrounds. More information will be supplied closer to the date.
Saturday 19 September	Judging • Presentation of exhibits (birds) • Project Competition
Saturday 19 September	Egg Laying competition commences, RASV staff collect eggs daily and place in display cabinet.
Tuesday 29 September	Judging • Egg Laying Awards Presentation – Livestock Pavilion • Overall Winner announced • *Schools can collect their birds **after** presentation of the overall winner has been conducted*
Wednesday 30 September	Final day for Schools to collect their birds 10am – 12pm

POULTRY CARE

1. Preparing for the arrival of your birds

- Creation of a chicken coop or house that is no smaller than 1.5m x 2m in size.
- Coops or houses must be big enough for the chickens to live comfortably, flap their wings, move about freely and make a nest. Current poultry standards dictate a minimum of 0.37m^2 floor space per bird.
- Chicken coops must provide the basic protection and shelter with a floor, walls, a roof, doors and windows/vents. A perch 2.5 x 5cm wide is recommended.
- The floor of the henhouse/coop will be more comfortable for the pullets if bedding is used. It is recommended the bedding be 5 – 7cm in depth, choose non-toxic sawdust, wood shavings or woodchips. This will need to be raked out, composted and refreshed intermittently.

2. Feed

- Poultry must be given proprietary feed because it has all the nutrients they need in the right proportions.
- An automatic feeder is an easy way to offer food and birds can eat when hungry. They like a good breakfast and also a big feed at around 4-5pm.
- Treats should be occasional, nothing containing salt or lots of sugar. Grapes, watermelon rind, corncobs are healthy, favorite treats.
- Pullets require green food too, free time on the grass is ideal, however, if this is not suitable, tie up a bundle of fresh soft grass and hang in their house or yard and they will peck at it.
- Feed needs to be kept track of for the poster project, keep a paper record of how much is given so you can add a tally up for each week.

3. Care

- Boredom busters are good if chickens are confined to their house. Hang an apple or corncob at pecking height, alternatively, hang a plastic drink bottle with several small holes in the base, pour ½ cup of grain into the bottle. The hens peck at the bottle and the grain will fall naturally.
- Check your chicken's fortnightly for lice, wild birds introduce them into the environment. Lice live on the skin and can be seen scurrying away if you part the feathers. Pestene is a safe dust to apply.
- Henhouse/coop hygiene is critical for maintaining good health. Remove manure weekly and brush dust and webs off walls. No treats should be left on the ground overnight, bin them or rats may visit.
- Rodents will be in the area and suddenly turn up. Poultry coops are an easy food source and can be infested. Safe/secure baiting may be required.

4. Transporting your birds

- Poultry should be carefully loaded into clean cages or crates. The *minimum* standard cage and crate dimensions are *20cm wide and 25cm high per bird*.
- Cages/crates should have ridged floors and be designed to prevent any part of the bird protruding during travel.
- Cages/crates should be well ventilated and of sufficient height to allow birds to stand.
- Cardboard boxes are suitable, provided they meet the size requirements. Cardboard boxes should only be used once to ensure they provide a safe and sterile transport environment for the birds.

TASKS FOR SUBMISSION

1. Presentation of exhibits

Schools will receive five pullets that are approximately 6 - 10 weeks old. Schools are required to raise their birds to 27 weeks before selecting their **three best pullets** for competition in the Royal Melbourne Show.

Pullets must be of good health and be laying prior to their arrival at Melbourne Showgrounds on Friday 18 September. Judging of the three birds will occur on Saturday 19 September.

2. Egg laying

Each day through the Show, eggs will be collected and placed on display. Egg judging will occur on Tuesday 29 September, using standard egg judging criteria. The exhibit's ability to produce a uniform production of eggs to a commercial standard and egg quality form part of the judging criteria.

3. Worksheets and Poster

Each entry should be accompanied by an A1 poster that is capable of being mounted on a wall as part of the Schools Poultry display. The design and content on your poster will be at your discretion but must be neat and presentable.

RASV suggest that your poster should identify the school/team and present results on the:

- Chicken survivability
- Weight gain
- Number of eggs laid
- Diet information (measurements in grams)

Worksheets will be provided prior to delivery of birds to assist with tracking and calculation.

Each poster will be displayed for the duration of the Royal Melbourne Show and the lettering and other information should be of sufficient size and clarity for the public to read from a distance of up to 2 metres. Photographs, graphs and charts should be included wherever possible.

NON – COMPULSORY TASKS

4. Schools Poultry Film Awards

Schools have the opportunity to submit a video outlining what they do on a day to day basis to care for the pullets and prepare them for Show. Content could include but is not limited to: pullets arriving, feeding, cleaning, weighing, collecting eggs, general care of the animals and learning experiences.

All videos should be between **1 – 3 minutes long** and will be judged based on the creativity of the content. Film Award classes have a $50 cash prize available for 1st place. The videos will be judged by a representative of the RASV Marketing team.

Submission: Completed videos will be required to be delivered prior to **28 August 2020**. Final copies should be sent as a soft copy via email or a similar system.

Please note: the film awards are an additional class and the videos cannot be used in lieu of the poster.

The school must ensure that permission has been received for use of images from all participants in the video prior to submission of entry into the competition.

Example Poster (note: not a template, basic example)

JUDGING CRITERIA

Bird Judging

CRITERIA	WEIGHT OF POINTS
Evenness of selected birds	30
Overall health & freedom from parasites	10
Cleanliness and brightness of plumage	10
Condition of comb, eyes & lobes	10
Body weight vs. commercial standard for age	40
Overall Score	**/100**

Project Judging

CRITERIA	WEIGHT OF POINTS
Presentation:	
Visual clarity, ease of understanding	20
Presentation of key performance measures	20
Information:	
Chicken survival	20
Weight gain	20
Other performance/observations	20
Overall Score	**/100**

Egg Judging

CRITERIA	WEIGHT OF POINTS
Shell colour and colour uniformity	20
Egg size (expected for age) & uniformity	30
General shell appearance (stains, texture, shape)	10
Yolk colour	20
Albumen height	20
Overall Score	**/100**

RESOURCES

Royal Melbourne Show Schools Poultry Competition Resources

https://www.rasv.com.au/schools-poultry-competition/

The RASV website will be updated with information and worksheets for schools to access.

Agriculture Victoria – Transport and care of Poultry

http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/poultry-and-eggs/transport-and-care-of-poultry

Agriculture Victoria is a good resource for new and experienced poultry caretakers. It outlines the standards and requirements to achieve the best results for you and your poultry.

Australian Eggs

https://www.australianeggs.org.au/

Explore and learn about the journey of an egg from the farm to kitchen. Australian eggs provides a wealth of resources and detailed information about the egg industry.

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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

5.2 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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