



EXHIBITION POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC

UNIFORM GUIDELINES FOR POULTRY SHOWS IN NSW (BY- LAW FOUR)

A STATEMENT

The schedule for the show should contain the words:

“This show will be conducted under the standardised Uniform Guidelines of the Exhibition Poultry Association of NSW Inc.”

B ENTRIES AND EXHIBITORS

1. As a condition of entry, all birds must be the *bona fide* property of the exhibitor/s named on the entry form and any attempt to misrepresent (where detected) will result in the exhibit/s being disqualified with forfeiture of any awards already made, at the discretion of the officiating judge/s or show committee.
2. Birds exhibited must be clean and in good health.
Each exhibitor will be responsible for the condition of his/her bird/s as penned.
Any bird considered by the show committee to be carrying external parasites or showing indications of any form of **contagious or other transmissible disease** will be rejected and removed from the exhibition area immediately at the owner’s risk.

NB for the wellbeing of other exhibits, judges are directed not to handle suspect birds but to report such instances to the show committee for appropriate action.
3. No person will enter or pen an exhibit on behalf of a disqualified breeder/exhibitor and no entry will be accepted from any person under disqualification by any poultry club or kindred body.
4. No bird may be entered in more than one class and (as far as practicable) all exhibits within a given classification will be accommodated in similar sized adjoining pens or pens in close proximity. On the commencement of judging, birds that are entered in the wrong class will become non-competitive.
5. The show committee, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to refuse any entry or exhibitor without question and may restrict the number of entries to be accepted in accordance with available penning space.
6. All birds penned will be under the control of the committee for the duration of the show and will not be handled by persons other than the officiating judges or their stewards.
Use of judging sticks should be limited to official judges only. **Rule 6 will be strictly applied.**
However, where requested a member of the committee may grant special permission for the purposes of photography or other valid reason.
7. Any unauthorised person found to be removing any bird or eggs from a show pen (whether or not their property) will be dealt with as the committee sees fit. All eggs laid at the show will, except where previously claimed or authorised by the *bona fide* owner/s, be collected for disposal by the committee.

8. In the event of any disputation over the ownership, entry, judging, classification, disqualification or any other reason, the matter will be referred to a show disputes' committee for determination.

Where considered to be of a serious nature or contrary to the best interests of the poultry fancy, such instances and the decision taken by the committee will be reported to the secretary of the EPA of NSW Inc.

In circumstances where such disputes cannot be acceptably resolved at the local level, the matter may be held over and referred to the EPA of NSW Inc executive for arbitration and resolution in accordance with the provisions of the code of conduct for judges and/or sections B.3 and D.2 of the constitution.

9. The lodgement of a duly completed entry form and payment for any show will be taken as an acknowledgement that the exhibitor accepts and agrees to be bound by the show rules of the host club so far as the show is concerned.

It also is taken as an acknowledgement that the exhibitor indemnifies and absolves the poultry club, show society or kindred body staging the show (or officials thereof) from any blame or liability for any loss, damage or injury that may occur at the show.

During the course of the show the committee will exercise all care and attention to the wellbeing of exhibits, exhibitors and visitors but will not accept responsibility for any form of loss, damage, or injury whatsoever that may eventuate. In the interest of security, all penning and unpenning should be carried out under the supervision of appointed stewards.

C JUDGING

1. Unless otherwise stipulated, all judging will be open, however, where any exhibitor or other person is reported to be causing distraction to the judging by way of criticism, unnecessary comment, or other unacceptable behaviour, that person/s will be required to vacate the judging area immediately.
2. All judges are obliged to act responsibly and not under any circumstances allow themselves to be influenced by personal likes or dislikes nor be swayed by any exhibitor or other person. They should abide with the rule of absolute impartiality when making awards.
3. When comparing the merits of the birds presented, the only criteria to be considered is the accepted Standard of Perfection. Judges are therefore bound to base their decisions on conformity to the relevant recognised standard for the breeds or varieties being judged (in most cases, this will be the current edition of the Australian Standard of Poultry Perfection)
4. As a matter of principle, judges should not consider for placement in the awards any bird or birds that they have knowingly owned or had care of at any time during the four months prior to any show at which they are officiating. Exhibitors are also obliged to respect this principle and refrain from entering such birds.
5. Awards made at any show will be at the discretion of the official judges and relative to the merits of the birds presented. Birds considered to be markedly inferior for type, colour and want of condition may be either downgraded or passed regardless of any competition within the class.

Except for instances as provided for under clause B8 above, all judges' decisions will be final.

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