

BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

SHOW REGULATIONS

The Show Rules have been updated and become operative on 19/1/2021. They are binding on all present members and all new members who join the Society after this date.

1. SHOW MANAGEMENT

- a) The Show Committee shall consist of a Show Manager, Show Secretary and Safety Officer.
- b) The Show Committee shall be appointed by the Show Manager following each Annual General Meeting.
- c) The management of all major shows staged by the Society shall be under the control of the Show Committee.

2. SHOWS

- a) A Breeders Show and Annual Show shall be held annually. Dates are to be fixed prior to January 1st.
- b) A Nest Feather Show may be held each year. It is a bi annual event between the BSSA (Budgerigar Society of SA Inc) and NEBS (North East Budgerigar Society Inc).
- c) Shows may be held in conjunction with the regular monthly night meetings. The exceptions are the January and December meetings.
- d) This Society may hold or participate in any other Shows as deemed appropriate. This includes inter-Club competitions.
- e) A Show will be cancelled if the forecast temperature for the day/night of the Show at 6.00pm (Channel 7) on the evening prior to the Show is 32 degrees or higher.

3. ENTRIES

- a) The Annual Show shall be open to all budgerigar exhibitors.

- b) The Breeders Show shall be open to all budgerigar exhibitors, with this clause ratified by the BSSA Executive Committee annually.
- c) All entries in any Show held by the BSSA must be rung with a recognised ANBC closed ring.
- d) Entry fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
- e) Entries shall be submitted on the official entry form.
- f) Entry forms together with entry fees must reach the Show Secretary by the closing date.
- g) After the closing date the exhibitor will be sent a label for each accepted entry. This label is to be affixed to the lower left-hand corner of the show cage.
- h) Entry fees of birds not exhibited shall be forfeited.

4. JUDGING

- a) Judging shall be in accordance with the ANBC Standard.
- b) All officiating Judges shall be bound by the BCSA Judges Rules.
- c) The decisions of the Judge shall be final on all questions of merit.
- d) A judge shall not withhold any award unless the exhibit -
 - Does not represent the variety in which it is entered
 - Is diseased in any way
 - Has a visible deformity
 - Has been subjected to any malpractice

5. EXHIBITING

- a) All birds must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor, and any person attempting to defraud the Society in any way, shall not be allowed to compete in any Show of the Society, without the special sanction of the Executive Committee.
- b) If birds are rung with rings purchased in joint names, then birds must be exhibited in the same manner at all shows of this Society.
- c) Each cage exhibited must be of a standard approved by the ANBC and this Society.
- d) The Show Manager may disqualify and mark any cage where he or she detects any tampering with either the cage or exhibit. No appeal against the decision will be entertained.

- e) All exhibits will be given the greatest care by the Show Committee, but all birds shall be exhibited at the sole risk of the exhibitor.
- f) During the Show all exhibits will be in the care of the Show Committee and shall not be touched or handled by the owner or any person under any pretence whatever, without the permission and presence of a member of the Show Committee.
- g) Exhibitors shall not be allowed to remove the exhibits until authorised by the Show Manager.

6. SAFETY OF EXHIBITS

- a) During benching of birds for exhibition, any birds presented showing obvious signs of sickness or disease will not be permitted on the show bench.
- b) The Show Manager, Bio Security or Security Officer will remove the bird from the show and have the bird isolated for later assessment. The owner will be advised by a Show committee member.
- c) During the course of the Show, any bird may be debenched should its condition have obviously changed from that when initially benched.
- d) The decision as to the benching of any exhibit shall be at the absolute discretion of the Show Manager, Bio Security or Safety Officer.
- e) No birds with the exception of those covered under clause 9(a), shall be handled without the express permission and presence of the owner.
- f) Poorly presented show cages which endanger the birds or are deemed unsanitary will not be passed for exhibition.

7. AGE CLASSIFICATIONS OF BUDGERIGARS

- a) NEST FEATHER - Juvenile birds still in full nest feather. These birds cease to qualify for nest feather classes with the appearance of the first adult feather, which is usually in the cap of the bird. Classes for nest feather birds may be staged at any time during the year of ring issue.
- b) BREEDER BIRDS - Breeder birds are in full adult feather. Classes for breeder birds may be held from 1st January in the year of ring issue until the 31st December.
- c) ADULT BIRDS - It is deemed that all breeder birds become adult show birds on 1st January in the year following the ring issue.

8. SHOW CAGES

- a) The show cage is defined in the current ANBC Standard.
- b) Drinkers will be plastic and fitted to all cage fronts. The position will be four spaces in from the left level with the perch.
- c) The seed shall be a mixture of white millet, jap millet and canary. No other seeds or additives are permissible with the exception of panicum.
- d) All exhibitors must now exhibit birds in the current ANBC show cage. Old show cages are no longer eligible to be used for a show.
- E) Chrome and Power coated show cage fronts can be used for BSSA Inc shows but show cages with powered coated fronts are compulsory for all other club and state shows.

9. PRIZE WINNERS

- a) All breeder birds winning a major award at any show of this Society shall have their ring numbers checked by the Show Manager and Ring Steward to ascertain they were bred by the exhibitor.
- b) In the event of any irregularity in respect to rule 9(a), the exhibits shall be disqualified and the awards adjusted.
- c) Trophies may be altered if necessary by the number of entries or exhibitors. This is to be at the discretion of the Show Committee.

10. PROTESTS

- a) All protests must be in writing, and accompanied by a deposit of \$20.00, to be forfeited if the protest is deemed unwarranted by the Show Committee.
- b) Protests are to be lodged with the Show Manager or Show Secretary not less than 60 minutes prior to the doors being opened to the public.
- c) Protests must be dealt with prior to the presentations of prizes and trophies.

11. EXHIBITOR STATUS

- a) **Junior exhibitor:** Must be under the age of 16 yrs. A Junior exhibitor would be advanced to the status of Novice upon reaching the age of 16 yrs or may be advanced earlier at the discretion of the BCSA if clearly warranted through show results.

- b) **Novice Section:** A member when first joining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society must show in the Novice Section and will remain in this section until such time as the member has gained 20 points from recognised shows with at least three different owner bred birds within a 3 year period. Once the points have been achieved the member will automatically be elevated to Intermediate Section on January 1st of the following year. A Novice can also apply to be promoted after 5 years if not promoted by points within that period. Promotion is to be conditional on an assessment of the overall competitiveness of their birds by BCSA nominated judges. The commencement of the five year period is retrospective to the commencement of the Status Movement Process in 2010.
- c) **Intermediate Section:** A member will enter this section through the status elevation process from the Novice Section or when re-joining the fancy at this level and will remain in this section until such time as the member has gained 30 points from recognised shows with at least three different owner bred birds within a 3 year period. Once the points have been achieved the member will automatically be elevated to Open Section on January 1st of the following year.
- d) **Open Section:** A member will enter this section through the status elevation process from the Intermediate Section. The member will remain in this section only if they continue to exhibit budgerigars at recognised shows. Points will be awarded for the purpose of Clause 6 below. If a member chooses to not show for a period of 3 years without good cause, that member forfeits the right to remain in this section and will be relegated to the Intermediate Section.
- e) **Request to revert to a Lower Status:** Beyond the Open Section ruling in 5. above, once advanced to Intermediate or Open, an exhibitor may only request a downgrading of status to Novice or Intermediate, respectively, if they have not won Major or Class awards accruing a total of 40 points over four years or if there are any other special circumstances.
- f) It is to be noted that a member moving from a recognised interstate body may be accepted by the BCSA at their existing or a recognised equivalent level. Some States have different 'Status' than the BCSA e.g. Victoria at the time of producing this paper has Champion, Open, Intermediate and Beginner status thus this would potentially equate to, in a transfer situation to

the BCSA, Champion and Open to Open, Intermediate remaining as Intermediate and Beginner to Novice.

CONDITIONS:

- g) A member, unless a Junior, when first joining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society must commence in the Novice Section.
- h) A former member when re-joining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society within a 3 year period will return to his or her previous status.
- i) A member when re-joining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society (and has not been involved in the fancy in this state or elsewhere) after a period greater than 3 years may enter at any section up to but not including that of his/her previous status subject to formal BCSA approval. 11. The points required to progress through to the higher status must be accumulated by a minimum of three different owner bred birds.
- j) Members are required to spend a minimum of 12 months in each section before progressing.
- k) Movement through the exhibitor status will only be effective on January 1st each year (except in the case of dissolution of a partnership). Any resulting elevation or demotion will be communicated in writing by the BCSA to both the member and the respective Club Secretary.
- l) The promotion comment "within a 3 year period" means that an exhibitor may be promoted in the second or third year if the allocated points are achieved. If the points are not achieved by the end of the third year, the first years points are 'dropped' and the process continues.
- m) Exhibitors living under the same roof shall not show at a status level lower than the highest level held by any person residing at the same address with the exception of Juniors who can exhibit as Juniors if residing with a Novice, Intermediate or Open exhibitor.

12. DEFINITIONS

- a) Major Awards - Being one of the major awards in the Breeders or Annual Show of the BSSA, or any other specialist Budgerigar Society.
- b) Major Award Showing Season - The period between 1st January and 31st December in any calendar year.
- c) ANBC - Australian National Budgerigar Council.
- d) BCSA - Budgerigar Council of South Australia.

13. QUESTIONS UNPROVIDED FOR

- a) Any matters which are not covered by these regulations, will be considered by the Executive Committee, and their decision shall be final.