

# Budgerigar Society of SA Inc

## Procedure for Stewarding

The BSSA Show manager will normally post out invitations to steward for a particular show during the year. This is done on a rotating roster with mainly the newer members being given the opportunity to steward. If given the opportunity to steward it gives you an insight into judging and to learn about the good and bad points of exhibition budgerigars but there is also many good and helpful hints to gain advantage of in the education of the show budgerigar.

1. If invited to steward at a particular show do not accept the position if you don't have any intention of keeping the appointment. Let the Show Manager know at the earliest opportunity that you can Steward or not, so that a replacement can be found.
2. On the day of the show make sure the Show Manager knows you are present and when called upon listen to any instructions given by the Show Manager at the Pre-Stewarding meeting.
3. Receive the folder containing Result Sheets from Show Manager when requested.
4. Check class numbers on cages presented for judging to ensure they are all the same. Check cages have drinkers and anything else that could be deemed as a Marked Cage
5. Count the number of benched birds in the class confirming or changing the number on the Result Sheet.
6. Wait for the Judge to give instructions on how to help get the class judged. Do not move cages unless instructed by your Judge.
7. Most important make sure all exhibits are judged in whatever class or section you are working in. Do not ask questions on the birds in the class until after judging.
8. Once the judge commences to view the birds the steward is to become a silent figure in the background unless he asks for assistance. If at any time a steward sees something that the judge may not have noticed such as Scaly Face, Mites, incorrect ring or 2 rings bring it to the attention of the Judge and the bird will be disqualified. Birds with Scaly Face, Mites or Double Rung are to be removed from the show bench by the Show Manager.
9. Record & confirm results with the judge once judging is completed in a legible manner. You may ask questions of a Judge when judging and recording has completed for that class. Place Second and Third Place cards on the correct cages. First Place cards can only be placed after Major Award, Intermediate and Novice Judging is completed by the Major Award Judge
10. Hand results initialled by the judge to the Show Secretary/Results Steward for data entry as soon as possible.

11. Present 1<sup>st</sup> placed birds to the Chief Steward on the staging out the front or to a steward who may be collecting birds to go out the front as indicated by the Show manager. Best Cock and Hen of each class placed together on front tables. Classes 1-30 on the LH table and Classes 31-Last Class on the RH table
12. Show cages are not to be placed on the floor or slid across the floor at anytime and do not handle birds unless instructed to do so by the Show Manager.
13. Return birds to their correct Classes on the Staging in the correct position once judged out for Major Awards, Intermediate and Novice Sections by the Major Award Judge and assist the Show Secretary/Results Steward with the allocation of tickets on show cages.
14. If at any time your opinion doesn't agree with the Judge after the Class is Judged, don't consult anyone else in the hall about it seek out the judge and talk to him and get the right answer. If you have any questions please direct them towards the Show Manager.

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