

General Show Regulations

Competitors And Exhibits

For the purpose of these regulations, Society shall mean the Berwick and District Agricultural and Horticultural Society Inc., or any Officer connected therewith.

Grounds shall mean the Show Grounds controlled by the Society, & Show shall mean Exhibition of any exhibit within the Grounds of the Society, on those days advertised as being the Days of the Show, of the said Society.

ENTRIES:

1. Entries are accepted either by electronically or written entry forms supplied by the Society on or before the advertised closing date. Written entry forms to be lodged with the Secretary, PO Box 442, BERWICK, VIC 3806. The Executive Officer reserves the right not to accept entries received after this date, or if incorrectly submitted.
2. Entry Fees will be specified in the Schedules. The correct entry fee must accompany each entry or submitted electronically or the entry may not be accepted. Cheques, Money Orders or Postal Notes, should be crossed & made payable to the Berwick and District Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc.
3. The Committee shall have the power to reject any entry without being called upon to disclose their reason for so doing.
4. The Lodging of an entry, either written or electronically, shall bind the Exhibitor to the rules & conditions set out herein & the signature of any Exhibitor on the Society's entry form shall be an acceptance of these rules and conditions. Any Exhibitor who supplies any incorrect information to any Officer of the Society or otherwise misleads the Society, shall render themselves liable for disqualification for such term as the General Committee may see fit.
5. In the event of the Show being cancelled Entry Fees will not be refunded.

6. PRIVACY

By completing an Entry Form, either written or electronically, an exhibitor will be supplying the Berwick and District Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc (Berwick and District Show Society) with 'personal information (things like your name, address, phone number, email address etc). Without this information the Society will not be able to administer your entry.

EXHIBITORS, COMPETITORS AND EXHIBITS:

7. A "Novice Exhibitor", is one who has not won a 1st Prize at any Agricultural Society Show in the same or similar class.
8. All produce exhibited must be grown, manufactured & be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor, unless specified otherwise.
9. Any Animal with a notifiable or contagious disease will be excluded from the Showgrounds.
10. The Society accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to an Exhibit or injury to an Exhibitor, or the property of a Society Patron, whilst travelling to, or whilst exhibiting at, or travelling from a function organised by, the Society.
11. Each Exhibitor must enter their exhibit in the proper class (as per the entry form received from the Secretary, stating Section, Class & Exhibit number) in which it has been entered. The Stewards reserve the right to move an Exhibit which in their opinion is entered in an incorrect class, & enter it in the correct class.
12. Animals may be expelled from the Showgrounds if, in the opinion of the Officers of the Society, they are deemed to be causing a nuisance or danger to members of the public.
13. No Judge shall be an Exhibitor in the class, section or department in which they are judging.
14. All horses, cattle, sheep or goats, exhibited at the Show may be subject to an examination of their mouth by a Veterinary Surgeon, & should the state of dentition indicate that the animal is too old for the section in which it is entered the Stewards will have the power to disqualify the animal & report the matter to the Committee.
15. Any prize or prizes awarded at the Show & left unclaimed for more than six months shall be forfeited.
16. The Showgrounds will be open to Exhibitors and Competitors at 6.30am on both days of the Show, or at those times set down by the General Committee.
17. The Committee shall, without assigning a reason;
 - Cancel a class or event
 - Alter the Judging time of an event.
18. All Competitors compete at their own risk.
19. Exhibitors, whilst at the Show, work within the Occupational Health and Safety legislation of the State of Victoria.

20. DUTY OF CARE

All competitors have a "Duty of Care" to avoid exposing themselves or other people to situations that could lead to injury. This "Duty of Care" extends to the prevention of damage to property.

21. DIRECTION

Competitors must comply with any reasonable request by a Berwick Show Society representative.

22. HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORTING

Competitors must notify the Secretary's Office immediately of any hazards detected or incidents. Hazards or incidents are any situation that could result or has resulted in:

- (a) The injury, illness or death of any person or animal
- (b) The damage, destruction or loss of property.

23. PUBLIC LIABILITY

Exhibitors showing their animals are required to have Public Liability Insurance.

24. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- Competitors should supply their own "Safety Switch" (RCD) for installation at each power outlet they use.
- Extension cords must be earthed and all electrical appliances must be earthed or double insulated. Appliances must be in a sound working order.
- The use of double adapters is strictly prohibited. Power boards must be fitted with current overload protection.
- Radiant electric or gas heaters are prohibited.
- Light sockets must not be used for any other purpose than for lighting.
- No naked flames permitted.
- All Exhibitor electrical items, including leads must have a current safety compliance tag.

IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR INCIDENT EXHIBITORS ARE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM DESIGNATED BERWICK SHOW SOCIETY WARDENS

DISPUTES:

25. At the conclusion of an event, in the event of a tie, the prize money will be equally divided between the tied competitors, eg: when two competitors tie for 1st place, the prize money for 1st & 2nd place will be divided equally between the tied competitors.
26. All disputes shall be determined by a disputes Committee, consisting of President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President & Immediate Past President together with the Chairman of the section concerned, who shall have power to disqualify any Exhibitor from the section or class for the period of the Show in which the dispute shall arise.
27. The Dispute Committee shall report on all such disputes & the action taken, to the General Committee of the Society, who shall have the power to impose such penalty or disqualification for such term as they see fit.
28. Any protest against a Judge's decision must be made in writing within one hour of the making of an award by the Judge, whose decision is being disputed, & such writing shall be handed to the Secretary accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00 which shall be forfeited if the appeal is considered to be frivolous.
29. The decisions of the Disputes Committee shall be final, provided always that an Exhibitor may appeal to the General Committee upon lodgement of a further deposit of \$10.00 to be forfeited if the Committee considers such appeal to be frivolous.
30. In the construing or interpretation of these rules or anything arising therefrom, the Disputes Committee shall be the determining body.

JUDGING:

31. The Judges may award a 2nd or 3rd prize instead of 1st prize, or may withhold a prize altogether where there is only one exhibit, or where the exhibits are not considered worthy.
32. The Judge's decision shall be final & no appeal shall lie, except as set out in Rules 17, 25-30.
33. One or more of the Committee or a Steward appointed by the Committee will attend the Judges in each section. It will be their duty to see that no obstruction is offered the Judges & that the space allotted to any section is not encroached upon. They will communicate with the Disputes Committee and ticket the winning exhibit.

GENERAL:

34. The right to hold sideshows or amusements remains the Society's property & shall be left to approved persons upon application in writing & upon such terms & conditions as the Society shall deem fit, & no such sideshow or amusement shall be admitted to the Showgrounds without the written permission of the Secretary.
35. Gambling is strictly prohibited within the Showgrounds, & any person found offending in this regard shall be removed forthwith & given in charge of the Police.
36. Selling of Raffle Tickets & or seeking donations by any person is not permitted unless written permission from the Society Secretary is granted.
37. Any person jumping fences or disturbing exhibits or interfering with exhibits will be prosecuted & removed from the grounds.
38. The Public will be admitted to the Ground on payment of the fee determined from time to time by the Committee.

39. EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Management information including a map showing Emergency Assembly Points is held by all Exhibit Supervisors and at the Secretary's Office. Competitors should familiarise themselves with these plans.

40. FIRST AID

First Aid is located near the Secretary's Office.

41. EMERGENCY FACILITIES

Fire fighting and other emergency equipment must not be removed or used for any other purpose. Missing or unserviceable equipment should be reported to the Secretary's Office immediately.

42. WASTE DISPOSAL

All waste, including liquids, must be disposed of responsibly. Storm drains must not be used for the disposal of waste. All areas must be kept in clean and tidy order.

43. SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

Care must be taken to minimize hazards and obstacles.

44. SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted inside buildings, within 10m of a building entrance, around combustibles, during public performances or while handling hazardous materials.

45. ALCOHOL

No alcohol or glass is permitted to be brought into the Showgrounds.

46. DOGS

On Show Days dogs belonging to the General Public are not allowed into the Showgrounds unless they are 'special needs' dogs. Dogs belonging to Exhibitors are allowed into the Showgrounds except in restricted areas i.e. Cattle Section, Food Court and must be on a leash at all times

47. DRONES

The use of drones is not permitted on the showgrounds.

48. WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

With legislation which came into effect on 1st August 2017, regarding Working with Children, all persons working at Berwick Show including Judges, Stewards, Volunteers are required to provide a current Working with Children Card.

The Berwick & District Show Society is affiliated with the Victorian Agricultural Show Ltd.